Church of Strawberry Arizona

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Flag Testimony

In 2008 Dan & I had just been married and we moved to Strawberry, a very rural area of Arizona. They have one of the oldest running rodeo in the adjoining town of Payson, although about 19 miles from us. For some reason we decide to go to the rodeo. We’ve been working hard to get unpacked and needed a break.

This is what happened when we went to the rodeo. You’ll notice upon entering Payson it is a very patriotic town. We decided after walking around some to go and sit in the stands to watch the parade of horses and people doing their thing prior to the main event. The stands were very crowded, and as the stands were filling-up we had a “very noticeable circle” of empty seating around us although everyone else was sitting shoulder to shoulder.

The main event was almost really to begin and I leaned over to Dan and ask him if he was prepared to remain sitting when they played the american national anthem? He looked at me and paused for a minute, we never thought about that before we sat down, and now that I think about it we never thought of walking out…interesting. We stood out like a sore thumb…a big hole around us. This cowboy comes out on this big white horse and carrying a large American flag running round the showground while they begin to play the anthem. Everyone stood-up except us…we were ready to be tapped on the shoulder to prod us to stand-up. Nothing happened we just sat still and watched everyone around us stand for the anthem and it was over and everyone sat back down.

We just looked at each other never spoke a thing… as we learned later the Lord told both of us while the anthem was playing he made us invisible. We didn’t speak of it until we got back to the truck. I told Dan the Lord told me we were invisible, and he said same thing, Lord told him the folks couldn’t see us.

We have a brother in the Lord who has lived here all his life and we told him the story. His remark was no way…. you guys could of sat through the national anthem in this town...in his words that would have been caused an uproar and you guys would have been given some very unpleasant stares and problem kicked out of the rodeo as he was shaking his head!