

Chasing the Train

During his two years in the army, David Brenner made the most of his posting in Europe by traveling at every opportunity. To heighten his sense of excitement, he often showed up at a train station and bought a ticket to wherever the next train was going.

One day, he purchased a ticket for Rome, and since the train was scheduled to leave immediately, he raced across the station, but still arrived at the track just as the train was pulling away. He chased after it as fast as he could run!

Standing on the platform of the last car was a well-dressed man who motioned for Brenner to hand him his bags. Brenner quickly tossed him his smaller bag and then his larger suitcase. By this time, he was growing weary from running, but then he looked into the man's face. The smirk he was wearing quickly told him that the man on the train had offered his help not altruistically, but criminally. If Brenner didn't make it on board, this man had brand-new clothes and gear.

Brenner kicked up his heels, and running as never before, he managed to grab the railing by the entrance to the last car. With all the strength he could muster, he swung himself aboard.

As was true of David Brenner, adversity sometimes comes to rob you. Instead, let it motivate your faith to be even more daring.

--Beecher Hunter