

## **Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Morning**

**Laugh it off:** Q: What did the owl say to the other owl? A: Whooo are youu? - - - Every night, Tom, a bird lover stood in his backyard hooting like an owl. One night an owl called back. For a year, Tom and his owl hooted back and forth. Tom logged each 'conversation.' Just as Tom was sure a breakthrough in inter-species communication would occur, his wife chatted with their neighbor. 'My husband spends his nights calling out to owls,' laughed Tom's wife. 'That's odd,' the neighbor said. 'So does my husband.' ...

**God's Comfort: Proverbs 22:24-25** 24 Do not make friends with a hot-tempered person, do not associate with one easily angered, 25 or you may learn their ways and get yourself ensnared. **Psalm 111:1-8** 1 Not to us, Lord, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. 2 Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?" 3 Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. 4 But their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. 5 They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. 6 They have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell. 7 They have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk, nor can they utter a sound with their throats. 8 Those who make them will be like them, and so will all who trust in them.

### **Pray daily - God is easy to talk to:**

Father, clear my sleepy head and fill my mind with expectation. Awake my slow body and energize my heart with love in action. Ignite my spirit and set this day on fire with promise. Make the ordinary extraordinary. Engage me, show me your kingdom alive. Help me to see that every waking moment is full of promise because of you. Amen.

**National Day Today (April 17):** Blah Blah Day, Blue & Green Day, Ellis Island Family History Day, Ford Mustang Day, Cheeseball Day, Haiku Poetry Day, Nothing Like a Dame Day, Orthodox Good Friday.

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## Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Noon

**Laugh it off:** Wanda's dishwasher broke. She called a repairman and told him, 'Key is under mat. Fix dishwasher, leave bill, and I'll PayPal you. Also, Spike, the bulldog won't bother you. But, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!' Next day the repairman arrived and saw the biggest, meanest bulldog he'd ever seen. But the dog lay on the carpet and watched the man work. The parrot, however, drove him nuts with yelling, cursing, and name calling. Finally the repairman yelled: 'Shut up, bird!' To which the parrot replied, 'Get him, Spike!'

**God's Comfort: Acts 2:29-33** 29 29 "Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.

**Historical Perspective (April 17):** 1897 - Thornton Wilder born - Novelist, playwright. 1923 - Harry Reasoner born - Newsman "Sixty Minutes". 1950 - Pedro Garcia born - Baseball player. 1961 - Bay of Pigs invasion. 1964 - Jerrie Mock first woman to fly solo around the world. 1964 - Ford Mustang unveiled. 1967 - "The Joey Bishop Show" debuts on ABC. 1970 - Johnny Cash performs "A Boy Named Sue" at White House.

**Writing for Fun: What Happens Next:** Using 100 words, write what happens after this.



**Sample:** Trevor was cutting it up on the bench. The jokes Rudy told kept them loose. The coach had assigned him left

field. "You've got the strongest arm on the team," he said. Trevor knew what that meant. "Throw em out at home." He did it once last year and he was going to do it more than once this year. "Take the field," said the coach. Trevor jogged to left, turned, and faced home. The batter hammered the first pitch. It rocketed straight to Trevor who easily caught it and just as easily threw it to the pitcher. Trevor smiled. He was ready.

**How did we get here:**

# Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Supper

**Laugh it off:** David went to an auction and bid for a parrot. He really wanted the bird and got caught up in the bidding. He'd bid and get out bid and bid and get out bid. Finally, after bidding much more than he planned, David won the bid. As he paid for the parrot, he said, 'I hope this parrot can talk. I'd hate to have paid this much only to find out that he can't talk!' 'Don't worry.' said the auctioneer, 'He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?'

**God's Comfort: Matthew 6:5-8** 5 "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard

because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**Quotes/Other Wisdom:**

"In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock." - Thomas Jefferson

"Whenever you are confronted with an opponent, conquer them with love." - Gandhi

"If there is no struggle, there is no progress." - Frederick Douglass

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