

Monday April 27th - Coping with Covid - Morning

Laugh it off: A man notices people in his shed stealing things. He phones the police. He's told there is no one in the area to help, but someone will be sent as soon as possible. The man hangs up. A minute later he calls the police again. 'I called you a minute ago about people in my shed. You don't have to hurry. I've shot them.' Within five minutes a half a dozen police cars swarmed the area along with an armed response unit. The burglars are caught red-handed. An officer says, 'You said you'd shot them.' The man says: You said no one was available."

God's Comfort: Prov 22:10, 11 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will leave; Yes, strife and reproach will cease. 11 He who loves purity of heart, And has grace on his lips, The king will be his friend. **Psalms 127:1-2** Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain. 2 It is vain for you to rise up early, To sit up late, To eat the bread of sorrows; For so He gives His beloved sleep.

Pray daily - God is easy to talk to: Good morning Lord! This is the day that you have made, I will rejoice and be glad in it. With gratitude, I thank you for preserving my life for one more day. With gratitude, I thank you for your ultimate gift of love for me, in the form of your son and the sacrifice of his life on my behalf. Because of this overwhelming gift that I often cannot comprehend, I humbly submit to you. So teach me your ways that I may rely on your faithfulness. Teach us to number our days and to use our time wisely. Amen.

National Day Today

(April 27): Babe Ruth Day, Mantanzas Mule Day, Morse Code Day, National Devil Dog Cakes Day, National Prime Rib Day, Tell a Story Day, Woody Woodpecker Day, World Tapir Day.

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Laugh it off: The doctor asked Ed, ‘What caused you to be unconscious?’ Ed explained, ‘My wife pointed out the couple next door and said, ‘Do you see that couple? How devoted they are? He kisses her every time they meet. Why don't you do that?’ I told her, ‘I would love to do that, but the problem is.....she won't let me.’”

God’s Comfort: Acts 5:18-20, 27-32 18 They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. 19 But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. 20 “Go, stand in the temple courts,” he said, “and tell the people all about this new life.” . . . 27 The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. 28 “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.” 29 Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! 30 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. 31 God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. 32 We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Historical Perspective (April 27): 1805 - Marines captured Derna, on the shores of Tripoli. **1822** - Ulysses S. Grant born. **1861** - West Virginia secedes from Virginia. **1880** - Electrical hearing aid patented. **1891** - Composer Sergei Prokofiev born. **1900** - Walter Lantz born-created Woody Woodpecker. **1927** - Coretta Scott King born. **1947** - "Babe Ruth Day" at Yankee Stadium. **1965** - "Pampers" patented. **1983** - Nolan Ryan struck out 3,509th batter

Writing for Fun: Tell A Story Day. Using 100 words to tell a story about your life.

Sample: One Saturday when I was 12, I left for a Little League Ball Game. Dad and a friend were working on the finicky lawn mower. When I returned 2 hours later, they were still at it with no luck. I’d heard stories of people forgetting the obvious like “no gas”, so I cheerfully asked, “Did you check to see if it was out of gas?” Dad, on his knees, turned to me, forcefully put the wrench on the concrete, and through clenched teeth with measured words growled, “Yes Jim, we checked the gas.” It was one of the two times I saw my Dad furious.

How did we get here:

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Laugh it off: 'Doctor,' Carole pleaded, 'Every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. When I get under the bed, I think there's somebody on top of it. You gotta help me.' 'Put yourself in my hands' said Dr O'Hara, the psychiatrist, 'See me three times a week for two years and I'll cure your fears.' 'What do you charge?' 'A hundred dollars per visit.' 'Let me think on it,' she said. Six months later the doctor saw Carole in the store. 'Why didn't you come back?' asked the psychiatrist. 'For a hundred buck's a visit? A bartender cured me for ten dollars,' smiled Carole. 'How did he do that?' 'He told me to cut the legs off the bed.'

God's Comfort: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 4 Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.[a] 5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. 6 These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. 7 Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. 9 Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Quotes/Other Wisdom:

"Wise men talk because they have something to say; fools, because they have to say something." - Plato

"We must use time as a tool, not as a couch." -John F. Kennedy

"Simplicity is the keynote of all true elegance." - Coco Chanel

"Someday you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again." - C.S. Lewis

Games: Flower Names Word Search

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AMARYLLIS
ANEMONE
CARNATIAN
DAFFODIL

DELPHINIUM
FREESIA
GARDENIA
GLADIOLUS
HYACINTH

LARKSPUR
LIATRIS
LISIANTHUS
ORCHID
RANUNCULUS

SNAPDRAGON
SOLIDASTER
SUNFLOWER
SWEET PEA
TIGER LILY