

Friday, July 17th - Coping with Covid - Morning

Laugh it off: I did not realize how bad of a driver I was until my GPS said, "In 400 feet, do a slight right, stop, and let me out." -- I got excited when my son joined the cross-country team. But then I learned they don't cross the country and are back home in a few hours.

God's Comfort: Prov 9:10-12 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. 11 For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life. 12 If you are wise, your wisdom will reward you; if you are a mocker, you alone will suffer. **Psalms 18:30-32** As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. 31 For who is God besides the Lord? And who is the Rock except our God? 32 It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.

Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to: O Lord my God, teach my heart this day where and how to see you, where and how to find you. You have made me and remade me, and you have bestowed on me all the good things I possess. And still I do not know you. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek you. For I cannot seek you unless you teach me, or find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in my desire. Let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you. Let me love you when I find you. St. Anselm.

National Day Today (July 17) Disneyland's Anniversary, Peach Ice Cream Day, Tattoo Day, International Day for Criminal Justice, Emoji Day, Wrong Way Corrigan Day, Yellow Pig Day.

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Friday, July 17th - Coping with Covid - Noon

Laugh it off: My husband was waterskiing when he fell into the river. As the boat circled to pick him up, he noticed a hunter sitting in a duck boat in the reeds. My husband put his hands in the air and joked, “Don’t shoot!” The hunter responded, “Don’t quack.”

God’s Comfort: Matthew 23:1-7 1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: 2 “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. 3 So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. 4 They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them. 5 “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries[a] wide and the tassels on their garments long; 6 they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; 7 they love to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to be called ‘Rabbi’ by others.

Historical Perspective (July 17) 1762 - John Astor born. **1821** - Spain ceded Florida to U.S. **1867** - Harvard School of Dental Medicine - First U.S. dental school. **1899** - James Cagney born. **1912** - Art Linkletter born. **1917** - Phyllis Diller born. **1920** - Sinclair Lewis finished "Main Street." **1934** - Donald Sutherland born. **1935** - Diahann Carroll born. **1941** - Joe DiMaggio hitting streak ends against Indians. **1955** - Disneyland opened – Anaheim. **1997** - Woolworth Corp (117 yrs) closed last stores. **1954** - Newport Jazz Festival. **1954** - Angela Merkel born - German Chancellor. **1967** - Gladys Knight & the Pips record "I Heard it Through the Grapevine". **1968** - Beatles’ "Yellow Submarine," premiered.

Writing for Fun: Use 100 words write a story that takes place in a waiting room.

<p>Sample Mystery: “What kind?” the man asked. He sat down next to a woman holding a rabbit. “Australian Lop-eared,” she said looking at his cat. “Yours?” she asked. “Tabby, the best kind,” he said. His voice had a catch to it. She looked at him and asked, “Is she okay?” He said, “Don’t know. Listless, won’t eat.” “I had a cat like that. It was vitamins. I hope that all it is with your Tabby.” “Thanks,” he said, “I hope so. So, how’d you end up with an Australian Lop-eared?” “It’s a long story,” she said. He smiled, “I’ve got time.”</p>	
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Friday, July 17th - Coping with Covid - Supper

Laugh it off: The flight attendant on our trip was handing out plastic pilot wings to some kids. As I stepped forward, she jokingly offered me one, but I passed. Pointing to the Airborne wings on my Army uniform, I explained, "The last time someone gave me wings, I had to jump out of the airplane."

God's Comfort: Genesis 22:9-13 9 When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. 10 Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. 12 "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." 13 Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord it shall be seen.

Quotes/Other Wisdom:

"After all is said and done,
more is said than done."

Aesop

"It does not do to leave a
live dragon out of your
calculations, if you live
near him." - J. R. R.

Tolkien

"When in doubt, don't."

Benjamin Franklin

Game - Word Search.

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