

Tuesday, June 16th - Coping with Covid - Morning

Laugh it off: I am known as a stickler for good spelling. So when an associate e-mailed technical documents and asked me to “decifer” them, I had to set him straight. “Decipher is spelled with a ph, not an f,” I wrote. “In case you’ve forgotten, spellchecker comes free with your Microsoft program.” A minute later came his reply: “Must be dephective.”

God’s Comfort: Prov 29:20-22 20 Do you see someone who speaks in haste? There is more hope for a fool than for them. 21 A servant pampered from youth will turn out to be insolent. 22 An angry person stirs up conflict, and a hot-tempered person commits many sins. **Psalm 1:1-6** 1 Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, 2 but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. 3 That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither - whatever they do prospers. 4 Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. 5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. 6 For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to: Dear Jesus, You are the sovereign ruler, the mover of mountains, the victor of impossible victories. You are Lord over earthquakes and tsunamis, over nations in turmoil and terrorist plots, over starving children and fleeing refugees and prisoners tortured for their faith. You speckled the sky with stars and set the earth spinning like a top. You own everything, control everything. Your hand allows each mind to think and teaches each heart to beat. There is nothing you cannot do. So I pray, even though it seems impossible, Give us peace. Amen

National Day Today (June 16): Global Bloomsday, Fresh Veggies Day, Day of Family Remittances (Remittances are wages sent back home by migrant workers), Day of the African Child, Ladies Day (Basketball), Fudge Day, Sea Turtle Day.

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Tuesday, June 16th - Coping with Covid - Noon

Laugh it off: Our booking office has three phones. One day during lunch, I was answering all three. It was a constant repeat of “May I help you?” or “Will you hold?” I guess I got confused because I surprised one man on the other end of the line when I answered his call with, “May I hold you?” -- I can't believe I got fired from the calendar factory. All I did was take a day off.

God's Comfort: Matthew 18:12-14 12 “What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? 13 And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. 14 In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish.

Historical Perspective (June 16): **0455** - Rome sacked by Vandals. **1858** - Abraham Lincoln - Slavery issue must be resolved - "A house divided against itself cannot stand." **1884** - First U.S. roller coaster - Coney Island. **1883** – NY Giants - baseball – First ladies' day. **1890** - Stan Laurel born. **1904** - "Ulysses" by James Joyce published. **1917** - Katherine Graham born – Washington Post. **1938** - Joyce Carol Oates born. **1952** - "Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl" published in U.S. **1961** - Rudolf Nureyev defects **1963** - Valentina Tereshkova - First spacewoman. **1970** - Phil Mickelson born – Golf. **1971** - Tupac Shakur born- Rapper. **1985** - Willie Banks - Triple jump record - 58 ft, 11-1/2 in. **1962** - Isley Brothers release "Twist and Shout." **1999** - Phil Collins - Hollywood Walk of Fame star.

Writing for Fun: - Use 100 words and write a piece using this character: Man/woman in early twenties, imaginative, poor background, lives in a country cottage, and tends to work too hard.

Sample Character: “Keith, please join the party,” Angela called. “Coming,” Keith replied and clicked off the computer. *Angela was right, he did work too hard. Still trying to bury his fear of reliving his childhood poverty, he thought.* “Thanks for the reminder, Dear,” he said and kissed Angela. He meant it. He had worked awfully hard to not work so hard since they purchased the country cottage. His third book, “Imagination Beats Stagnation,” confirmed his prominence as the country’s preeminent creative thinker. Now if he could just come up with a good idea for their anniversary next month, he’d be all set.

Your Character:

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Laugh it off: Q: My memory is so bad it caused me to lose my job. I'm still employed. I just can't remember where. -- Sometimes I feel like there isn't much difference between my commute to work and the Oregon Trail. -- "Meet my coworker, the Boy Who Cried ASAP."

God's Comfort: Genesis 12:1-5 1 The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you. 2 "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." 4 So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. 5 He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

Quotes/Other Wisdom:

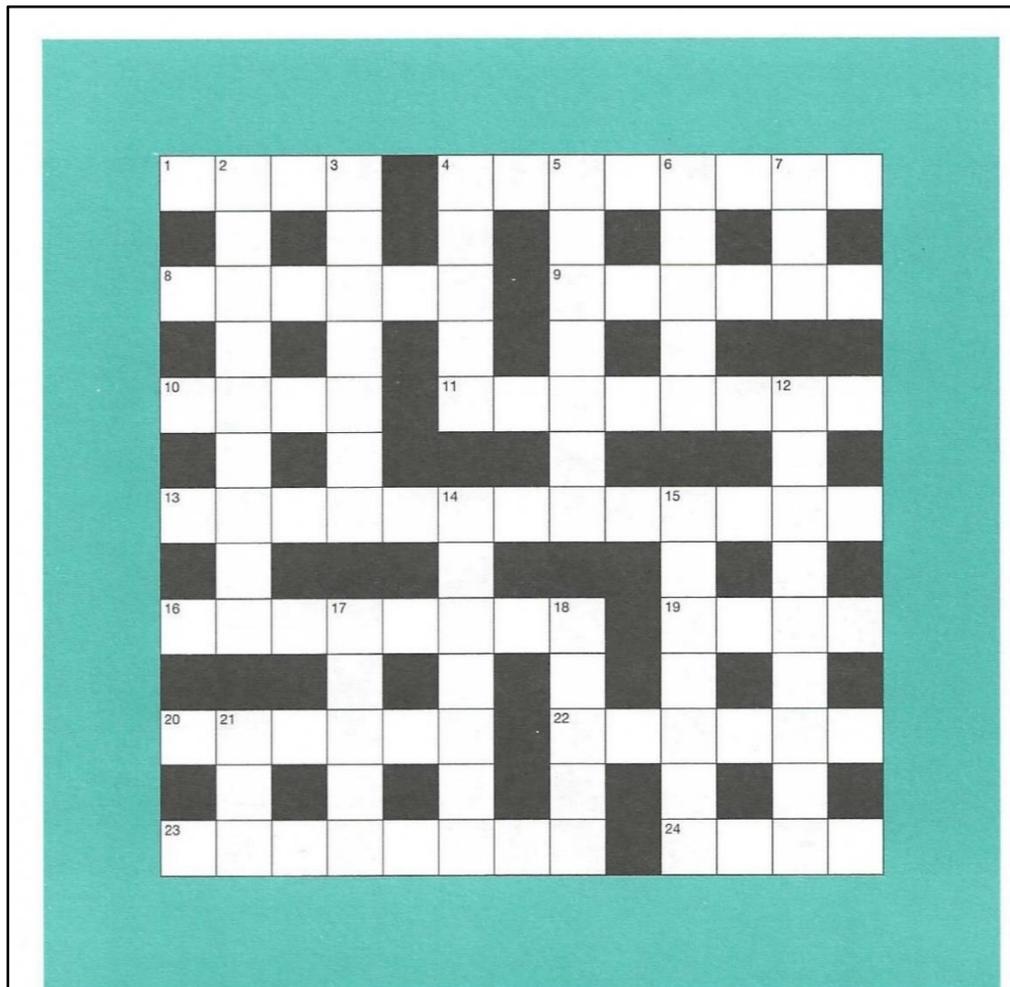
"The Gospel is like caged lion. It does not need to be defended it simply needs to be let out of its cage." – Charles Spurgeon

"There are two kinds of people: those who say to God, 'Thy will be done,' and those to whom God says, 'All right, then, have it your way.'" - C. S. Lewis

Game - Crossword

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ACROSS

1. Festival; celebration
4. Fragrant
8. Spoken
9. Filled with excitement
10. Stout pole on a ship
11. Ladies' man
13. Very memorable
16. Bug
19. Bell sound
20. Sold
22. Hidden hacking software
23. Strongly scented purple flower
24. Segments of the week

DOWN

2. Revelation
3. Official trade ban
4. Holy memento
5. Down payment
6. Citrus fruit
7. Born
12. Without pay
14. Protected
15. Humanlike robot
17. Unaffiliated record label
18. Go-ahead key
21. Pilot's prediction (inits)