## Wednesday, June 17th - Coping with Covid - Morning

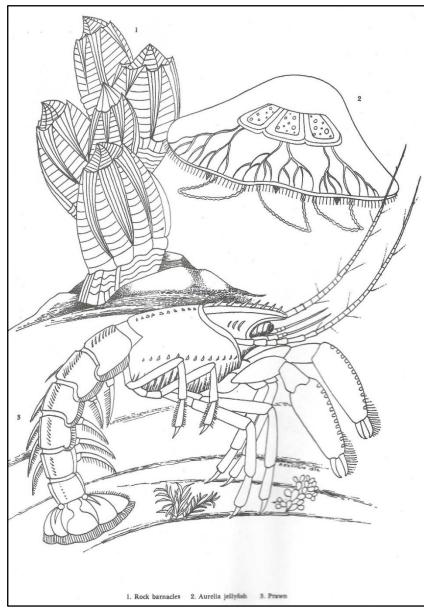
Laugh it off: Ever had a JIB (job interview breakdown)? These people have: • "I was so nervous at a job interview, when he asked me what I wanted to be in five years, I said, 'Race car driver.'" • "The guy asked me to tell him a little about myself, and I literally forgot who I was." • "I got asked about punctuality and I went on about how it was good to speak clearly and politely, and it was nice to use proper grammar in speech and writing."

**God's Comfort: Prov 29:23-25** 23 Pride brings a person low, but the lowly in spirit gain honor. 24 The accomplices of thieves are their own enemies; they are put under oath and dare not testify. 25 Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is kept safe. Psalm 2:1-6 1 Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles." 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. 5 He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, 6 "I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain."

**Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to:** Dear Jesus, Even now, in the midst of the darkness, I believe you are at work. I believe you have the power to fashion something new and beautiful out of our disastrous ruins. Give me patience as you work. Don't let me rush so quickly into peace that I fail to learn from the chaos. If you're revealing ugliness in my nation and world so that I can begin to address it and transform it, don't let me be content to simply sweep it under the carpet. I want more than a temporary cease-fire of my own making. I want true peace, lasting peace. Amen

National Day Today (June 17): Eat All Your Veggies Day, National Apple Strudel Day, Stewarts Root Beer Day, World Day to Combat Desertification & Drought.

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# Wednesday, June 17th - Coping with Covid - Noon

**Laugh it off**: To resolve conflicts between management and staff, I brought both sides together and asked employees to jot down key words on a flip chart. One participant complained about management's tendency to interfere and wrote the word nitpicking. A manager leaped to his feet to ask, "Shouldn't there be a hyphen between nit and picking?"

**God's Comfort: Matthew 18:15-19** 15 "If your brother or sister[b] sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. 16 But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' 17 If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. 18 "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. 19 "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Historical Perspective (June 17): 1703 - John Wesley born. 1856 - Republican Party - First national convention. 1861 - Abraham Lincoln sees demonstration of hydrogen balloon. 1882 - Composer Igor Fedorovich Stravinski born. 1942 – Yank published. "G.I. Joe" first used in Dave Berger comic strip. 1943 - Newt Gingrich born. 1944 - Republic of Iceland established.
1946 - Barry Manilow born. 1950 – First Kidney Transplant -Dr. Richard H. Lawler – Chicago. 1963 - Greg Kinnear born. 1969 - Boris Spasky wins chess championship. 1964 - The Supremes release "Where Did Our Love Go." First number one hit. 1980 - Venus Williams born.

Writing for Fun: - Use 100 words and either preface or continue this thought, "After five years, he just happened to be walking down her street?

Sample Preface: Cora, ducked back behind	Your Preface or Continuation:
the corner of her house forcing the trash can	
out of the way. It was Mike, she was sure of	
it. No one else walked like he did. She had	
changed her name, gotten a new Social	
Security Number (don't ask), and ditched	
him by putting three states between them.	
How did he get here? She peeked out and	
back for a second look and the confirmation	
steeled her brain and chilled her heart. She	
reached for the automatic always holstered	
under her shirt. After five years, he just	
happened to be walking down her street.	
Right!	

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# Wednesday, June 17th - Coping with Covid - Supper

**Laugh it off: Q:** As a Speech therapist, I was working with a preschooler on body-part identification and the "k" sound. To that end, I had him use Play-Doh to make a sculpture of me. "Is that my neck?" I asked, trying to get him to repeat the word. "No, that's your chin," he said. He added more Play-Doh. "Is that my neck?" I asked. "No, that's your other chin."

**God's Comfort: Genesis 12:12-20** 12 They also carried off Abram's nephew Lot ... 13 A man who had escaped came and reported this to Abram the Hebrew. ... 14 When Abram heard that his relative had been taken captive, he called out the 318 trained men born in his household and went in pursuit as far as Dan. 15 During the night Abram divided his men to attack them and he

routed them ... 16 He recovered all the goods and brought back his relative Lot and his possessions, together with the women and the other people. ... 18 Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, 19 and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. 20 And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything.

### **Quotes/Other Wisdom:**

"Whatever disunites man from God, also disunites man from man." Edmund Burke

"God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners." Soren Kierkegaard

"God is a verb, not a noun." R. Buckminster Fuller

### Game- Number Fill-it-in.

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