

## **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Morning**

**Laugh it off:** September is Be Kind to Editors and Writers Month. These newsroom quotes prove, they need all the sympathy they can get. -- First editor: "They just sent in a correction on the obit." Second editor: "Is she still dead?" -- Editor to reporter writing political trend story: "We'd better run it today. It might not be true tomorrow." -- City editor assuring a reporter: "It might get you arrested, but it won't get you fired." -- Metro editor, commenting on parade floats made from newspapers: "Can't do that with the Internet."

**God's Comfort: Prov2:1, 9-11** 1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, . . . 9 Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. 10 For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. 11 Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. **Psalms 7:1-5** Lord my God, I take refuge in you; save and deliver me from all who pursue me, 2 or they will tear me apart like a lion and rip me to pieces with no one to rescue me. 3 Lord my God, if I have done this and there is guilt on my hands - 4 if I have repaid my ally with evil or without cause have robbed my foe - 5 then let my enemy pursue and overtake me; let him trample my life to the ground and make me sleep in the dust.

**Pray Daily – God is easy to talk to:** Dear Jesus, I want to hate what is wrong and hold tightly to what is good. I want to love others with genuine affection and to take delight in honoring them. Help me to not be lazy in doing this, but to work hard and serve you enthusiastically. I rejoice in the hope you give. Help me be patient in trouble and to keep praying. When God's people are in need let me be ready to help them and always prepared to practice hospitality. Let me be your hands and feet. Amen.

### **National Day Today (June 26)**

Beautician's Day, Drive Your Corvette to Work Day, Forgiveness Day, Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking, Day in Support of Victims of Torture, Roses Day, Canoe Day, Chocolate Pudding Day, Eat at a Food Truck Day, Take Your Dog to Work Day.

### **Coloring Page.**

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## **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Noon**

**Laugh it off:** While at the space shuttle program, my job included ordering supplies. One of the engineers requested a new dictionary. Following regulations, I asked him why he needed it. I expected his answer to be "My old copy is lost," or "The cover is falling off." Instead he said, "My current edition defines spaceship as an 'imaginary aircraft.'" He got his new dictionary.

**God's Comfort: Matthew 20:1-30** 20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius[a] for the day and sent them into his vineyard. 3 "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' 5 So they went. "He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. 6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' 7 "'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. "He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

**Historical Perspective (June 26):** 1819 - Bicycle patented. 1819 - Abner Doubleday born. 1844 – President John Tyler - First to marry in office. 1870 - Atlantic City opens first section of boardwalk. 1892 - Pearl S. Buck born. 1925 - Charlie Chaplin – "The Gold Rush" premiered. 1927 - Coney Island Cyclone roller coaster opened. 1933 - The Kraft Music Hall debuted. 1948 - Berlin Airlift begins. 1964 – The Beatles release "A Hard Day's Night". 1974 - Derek Jeter born. 1974 - Marsh supermarket - First use of bar code - Juicy Fruit gum. 1997 - Supreme Court allows indecent material on Internet. 2000 - The Human Genome Project and Celera Genomics Corp. - created working draft of human genome.

**Writing for Fun:** Your book is "Bad Company." Use 100 words to start the book.

**Sample Bad Company:** I knew "Bad Company Corrupts Good Morals," long before I read it in 1 Corinthians 15:33, long before I knew how to write verse nomenclature, and long before Jesus gripped my soul. It's not a cliché. It's a fact. It's not prattle. It's true. Bad company is like quicksand to good morals, sucking them down into its bottomless pit never to surface again. I wanted to start this story with, "Call me Ishmael," but that was already taken, and you would have recognized it. I think I'll start with, "I was a friend of Cain."

**Your Bad Company:**

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# Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Supper

**Laugh it off:** My friend had been pounding the pavement in search of a job with no luck. Frustrated, she asked her dad to look at her résumé. He did not get much further than the first line of her cover letter before spotting the problem. "Is it too generic?" she asked. "I doubt it," he said, "Especially since it's addressed 'Dear Sir or Madman.'"

**God's Comfort: Genesis 17:9-14** 9 Then God said to Abraham, "As for you, you must keep my covenant, you and your descendants after you for the generations to come. 10 This is my covenant with you and your descendants after you, the covenant you are to keep: Every male among you shall be circumcised. 11 You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you. 12 For the generations to come every male among you who is eight days old must be circumcised, including those born in your household or bought with money from a foreigner—those who are not your offspring. 13 Whether born in your household or bought with your money, they must be circumcised. My covenant in your flesh is to be an everlasting covenant. 14 Any uncircumcised male, who has not been circumcised in the flesh, will be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant."

## Quotes/Other Wisdom:

"No person is your friend who demands your silence or denies your right to grow." - Alice Walker

"Remember that the most valuable antiques are dear old friends." - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

"Friends are the siblings God never gave us." - Mencius

## Game- Novelists Word Search.

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AUDEN	JOYCE	SEWELL
BENNETT	LEASOR	SPARK
BUCHAN	MARSH	SPILLANE
CONAN DOYLE	MARTEL	STEINBECK
COREY	ONDAATJE	SWIFT
CORNWELL	ORWELL	WOOLF
ELTON	SAYERS	YATES

*It's no use going back to yesterday,  
because I was a different person then.*  
Lewis Carroll