

## **Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Morning**

**Laugh it off:** I checked into a hotel and ordered a 5 a.m. wake-up call. The next morning, the phone rang at 5:30. “I asked you to call at 5 a.m.!” I admonished the desk clerk. “What if I had to close a million-dollar contract this morning? You would have cost me the deal!” “Sir,” he said, “if you were closing that type of deal, I doubt you’d be staying in this type of hotel.”

**God’s Comfort: Prov 25:16-18** Have you found honey? Eat only as much as you need, Lest you be filled with it and vomit. 17 Seldom set foot in your neighbor’s house, Lest he become weary of you and hate you. 18 A man who bears false witness against his neighbor Is like a club, a sword, and a sharp arrow. **Psalms 141:8-10** But my eyes are upon You, O God the Lord; In You I take refuge; Do not leave my soul destitute. 9 Keep me from the snares they have laid for me, And from the traps of the workers of iniquity. 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, While I escape safely.

**Pray daily - God is easy to talk to:** Dear God, please spread out your hands in blessing over all people; the happy and the sad, over the courageous and the weak. Shepherd them in your love, in the great grace you have given through Jesus Christ. Lift our hearts above what is transitory, for you have given us something eternal to live by. Help us every day so that we can reach the goal you have set for us, for many others, and finally for all peoples of the earth. Amen.

### **National Day Today (May 15):**

Dinosaur Day, International Day of Families, Kangaroo Care Awareness Day, NASCAR Day, Bike to Work Day, Chocolate Chip Day, Defense Transportation Day, Nylon Stockings Day, Pizza Party Day, O. Henry Pun-Off Day, Peace Officers Memorial Day, Straw Hat Day.

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## Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Noon

**Laugh it off:** I had my credit card stolen the other day, but I did not bother to report it because the thief spends less than my spouse. -- I'm currently boycotting any company that sells items I cannot afford. -- That awkward moment when you leave a store without buying anything and all you can think is, "act natural, you're innocent". -- Every day I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work.

**God's Comfort: Matthew 12:18-21** 18 "Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles. 19 He will not quarrel nor cry out, Nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench, Till He sends forth justice to victory; 21 And in His name Gentiles will trust."

**Historical Perspective (May 15):** 1856 - Lyman Frank Baum Born - The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. 1930 - First female flight attendant. 1937 - Madeleine Albright born 1938 - Guy Lombardo records "Ride, Tenderfoot, Ride." 1940 - Nylon stockings go on sale in US. 1964 - Smothers Brothers perform at Carnegie Hall. 1969 - Emmitt Smith born - Football player. 1990 - Vincent Van Gogh's "Portrait of Doctor Gachet" sells for \$82.5M. 1998 - Sonny and Cher get star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

**Writing for Fun:** Nylons changed to Pantyhose and rotary phones changed to cell phones. Use 100 words and describe a change during your life that particularly impressed you.

**Sample Change in My Lifetime:** Non-stick pans and microwaves improved food quality and reduced kitchen work. Since nothing sticks to the pan pancakes look better and clean-up can be as easy as wiping with a paper towel. Reheating leftovers is equally easy. Two minutes in the microwave – Done! Gone is the practice and knowledge of greasing a pan so food would not stick, making cleanup easier. Gone is the practice and knowledge of using saucepans on the stove to reheat leftovers. Remember adding liquid and constant stirring to prevent burning? I still reheat Mac and Cheese in a saucepan with milk added, but I don't miss the scouring pad.

**Your Change in Your Lifetime:**

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# Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> - Coping with Covid - Supper

**Laugh it off:** I saw a sign that said, "Watch for children" and I thought, "That sounds like a fair trade". -- I won \$3 million on the lottery this weekend so I decided to donate a quarter of it to charity. Now I have \$2,999,999.75. -- The boy that used to bully me at school still takes my lunch money. On the plus side, he makes great Subway sandwiches.

**God's Comfort: Genesis 2:4-7** 4 This is the history of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, 5 before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; 6 but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

## Quotes/Other Wisdom:

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." -Frederick Douglass

"Practice does not make perfect. Only perfect practice makes perfect." - Vince Lombardi

Be alone, that is the secret of invention; be alone, that is when ideas are born." - Nikola Tesla

## Games: Gold Rush

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