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YEAR 2022 SUMMER PARABLES IN LIFE

1 July 2022 7:34 AM

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Loved the 2000 to 2018 music festivals experiences that God gifted me with ops to go to, to praise Him with 1,000s of other worshipers thru ALL sorts of music! Missed 2016 due to heart problems from spider bite; but 1 year canceled by flooding rains (both ALIVE & CREATION EAST) + Weather with a Big W affected many years. We've had some BAD storms that God protected us in, incl. the infamous "Tent-sailing-above-Baptism-Pond winds. So: I enjoyed as an "older lady" rocker teaching camping-newbies how to weigh down corners of their small tents with water bottle packs & coolers when a "big 'un" with winds was predicted.... Ephesians 6:10-end, God tells US how to PREPARE for the Storms with a Big S in our lives... We'll muddle thru-- thanks to Him still-- if we're only partly prepared-- like about weighing down camping tent corners ADDED to multiple tent stakes... BUT... >>

..... our Storms are far more fearsome when we haven't prepared as God warns us-- incl. with Fervent prayers against Satan our Enemy (Eph. 6:18) & God's Bible Word sWord... PHOTO = reminder of ANOTHER storm in our life >> CREATION 2021 Music Festival NEVER HAPPENED-- Canceled for 2nd year because of COVID... And storms like this may return: YET GOD..

YET GOD: Answers our fervent prayers. Helps. Saves. As He promised.

Easy LINK to God's Promises of Help >>

https://www.blueletterbible.org/nlt/eph/6/10/p1/s_1103010

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PHOTO: There's no such thing as a GREEN THUMB.. Just get to know your plants & Love them

After watching the video "Intelligent Trees" about how a forest's residents "communicate" to each other, I even more enjoy one of my jokes to friends that I began

10 years ago: Not only do I NOT have my mom's green thumb, but when I walk into a store's garden center, all the house plants cringe and declare, "We've HEARD about you! Don't pick ME!" ... Really, though:

My dad *scolded* me one day when I said Mom had one. He retorted "Green Thumb NOTHING. Your mother works HARD to get the gardens looking like that."

And it's not "mere luck" to be able to tell others about Jesus: Yes, He answers prayers for wisdom-- but it's good for us to WORK to study scriptures and practice out loud what to say ABOut our Dear Lord: "**Always be prepared to share...**"

2nd Peter 3:15

2 July 2022 7:18 PM

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PHOTO: If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

John 14:23

What's WRONG with people that they can't SEE what we ALWAYS do with friends and family -- **When we know what THEY like, we ENJOY (LOVE) doing it...** Why? To give them Pleasure. **Does God deserve any Less ????**

2 July 2022 7:30 PM

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Can't believe how many even in churches are saying "It's over" and "we're getting back to normal". Of COURSE we *hope* so. But repeatedly in the Old Testament, there's a 3-step history: (1) God WARNS to OBEY me. (2) God WARNS to HONOR Me by obeying Me "**or else**". (3) God finally does the promised **OR ELSE**..... Like Jeremiah 18.... Obviously people aren't taking seriously Jesus's description--- Matthew 24 and also Luke 21 including verse 11's plural word "plagues" -- about increasing birth pangs... always leading to an Event.

2 July 2022 9:25 PM

Parable of a Computer Virus

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Psalm 19: 12-13 New Living Translation. "How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? **Cleanse me from these hidden faults.** Keep your servant from deliberate sins! **Don't let them control me.** Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin."

A few years ago, I asked a son to un-install the Tom Tom **GPS** off my laptop: This Defective unit was always reporting "Searching for a GPS signal" -- even in middle of big city. I figured I knew how, but hey--- he's our family genius when it comes to tech

stuff!... So we're chatting as he works, til suddenly he stops & says "What the.....?"... then: "WHAT the...???"... then "**WHAT THE...???**" :) >> Turns out:

Tom Tom installs ITSELF as a NETWORK-- **almost like a virus would do**-- and even after un-installation the normal way, it leaves parts of itself HIDDEN except to experts who can "seek & Destroy" ...

PARABLE: We can TRY to remove all the viruses of Sin from our lives-- and THINK we've done it! But pieces of Sin stay hidden in us.

Only Jesus the Expert sees it & destroys it-- but not until we ASK Him to "un-install" what's harmed us... **We may THINK we know how, but.... nope.**

I love the Psalmist's heart for Seek & Destroy of his sins: "How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me..." -- Psalm 19:12-13a. Why David's urgency to write this hymn "for the choir director"?... As Romans 1 end says, David saw (verse 1): "The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship!!!"

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3 July 2022 8:37 AM

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Would a loving parent tell a child THAT'S OK when the child does something repeatedly warned was DANGEROUS to that child? Of course not. We GRIEVE if the child is grown and we can warn ONLY with words, no more teaching of Consequences-- and see our loved child rush into things like drugs + being with evil people//...

How will GOD respond if we in churches "let people choose death" and say NOTHING to them? Answer is SCARY: Ezekiel 33.....

God SAYS >>>

- (1) Warn people with His COMPLETE Word of God: Bible, and
- (2) Stop praying 99% For HEALINGS --- and barely praying to our ONLY SAVING POWER for Wisdom on what/ how to speak and help incl. from Satan's temptations!!! >>>

We don't have to say "I don't know" what will happen if we are QUIET and don't Warn people -- ALREADY, we SEE it:

The ENTIRE reason for all these church splits when stronger personalities override the Right (righteous) demands of others that God MEANT what He said and it's foolish to think we're "more compassionate than God" if we tell people, "Oh that's OK - Just do what you feel right because hey, God loves you and surely won't really punish when we do what He said to not do"..... DID YOU KNOW??>>

Ephesians 6:10-end Weapons of our warfare wasn't written for individuals only but especially for EACH "CHURCH" (actually, the **ekklesia**, *fellowship of believers including those going to synagogues*). So sad-- for GOD TOO who does NOT want anyone Lost from Him forever -- 2nd Peter 3:9 --- that He who is Holy WILL do precisely what HE repeatedly warned... and that WE esp in CHURCHes should be warning-- **Speaking the Truth in LOVE** -- Ephesians (also written to churches) **4:15**.

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3 July 2022 10:43 PM MIDI NOTES WORLD MAP played as MUSIC

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PHOTO from a Recording program "Drawn" with MIDI notes for piano.

This makes me laugh EVERY time I hear this-- first posted in 2018. For those who aren't familiar with what photo is showing: Using a Music Studio Recording program such as ProTools, Logic, or even Garageband >> (1) Someone created an Art Map of the world showing continent outlines by putting what is called MIDI notes on the music staff as shown... (2) Then the MIDI notes were "assigned" an instrument that's in the program library -- Honky Tonk piano, here.... (3) Then the PLAY button was pressed-- and THIS is the sound that came out -- and the sound >>

(4) was "bounced" to create a music file such as .MP3 or .WAV so that You can hear it-- and laugh! Scott Joplin would laugh at its Ragtime sound, too! Fascinating! >>
) Art Meets Music, literally!

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3 July 2022 11:58 PM

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A rather SAD 4th of July Independence Day post topic:

About the Independence to **REBEL**

against our God who gave us all the Blessings and Freedoms (and SURVIVAL against multiple enemies) in America >>>

Psalm 2, God mocks nations who think they're in control. Sadly, the same is true of individuals: I finally gave up and un-friended someone who repeatedly was mis-teaching on my page by deliberately singling out one verse when literally in the middle of a huge section of Jesus's sentences that (in context) said the opposite of what he KEPT saying even after I pointed out his error....

I like to hear others' ideas to consider, but have no interest in staying on FB constantly so I can catch errors on my own page before the writer mis-leads someone. Ezekiel 33 = God's command like Ephesians 4:15 to Speak the Truth in Love. Whether or not others listen.

The 2015 post **below** shows another OFTEN PARTLY QUOTED scriptures -- Never warning that our nation (any nation) as a whole CANNOT BE saved if it doesn't do ALL that God has said in His FULL Bible passage, 2nd Chronicles 7:14 and on including the "Bad PROMISE" also.... >>

3 July 2015 -- **UPDATED SEVEN YEARS LATER:**

Roe V Wade overturned

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NOTE THE CHANGE from 2015 to now, 2022... THANKING GOD! ONLY HE could have worked THE Vote that led to changes in the Supreme Court balance....

YET: HE *will* allow Americans their choice to vote to override those who DO HONOR God and His Good, Love-inspired Word about what is Right-- or what is EVIL.... ORIG 2015 post: >>>> Amid discussions of American flags in churches, we're moving toward a national discussion of how appropriate it is to sing GOD BLESS AMERICA when our [2016 Supreme Court Justices] representation is 5/9ths what God calls Anathema.

Those who love to quote God's promises in 2nd Chronicles 7:14 (If My people pray...) never keep quoting God's ALSO Promises in vss 19-20, >>

"BUT if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods, and worship them, 20 then I will uproot them from My land which I have given them; and this house which I have sanctified for My name I will cast out of My sight, and will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples." ... Not hard to see which verses increasingly best describe America.

4 July 2022 8:52 AM

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From the Very Start, WEATHER has been in God's Plan, in His creation... and in His *COMPASSION* for us humans... Genesis 3:8, "They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the Cool of the Day."

The word for DAY, YOM, comes from an old root word for HOT day. With Caring, God came in the COOL when His created man and woman would enjoy chatting with Him... Early morning full of shadows, bird songs, locusts starting to chirp (already?! Nowhere near August-- the old sign that school would start soon!).....

So just take a few minutes in His cool (double meaning of Fascinating!) nature, if you get more FREE time in today's Leisurely Holiday (pun intended! :) the Holiday that MARVELS at His OTHER compassion >>>>

..... **Giving us in America an entire Nation where we can FULLY WORSHIP -- in freedom-- the God Who protected our family's generations for 3 centuries THRU many an attack of War..... AND guided Columbus to "find" America in 1492 in *precisely* the SAME YEAR that Jews were guaranteed to be MuRDERED if they did not leave Spain within a FEW days..... God Planned America and gave us this GIFT.... Thanking Him--- in awe at His Compassion.**

4 July 2022 9:01 PM

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Hadn't read Declaration of Independence for awhile. Checked it after reading friend's excerpt- to be sure the piece had been typed correctly, in context. And went "whoa.... what's happening today compared to then?!" Still reeling in astonishment at all the people claiming our country's forefathers didn't really believe God was empowering

America to have FREEDOM. Why? Well, repeatedly God declared He freed Israel from Egypt "that they may serve Me." ... Our Declaration of Independence is useful to re-read. Happy July 4th! (Posted in 2014 ... Needed MORE, these 8 years later.) From source, U.S. Archives: TOP level link includes Bill of Rights and Constitution >> <https://www.archives.gov/founding-docs>

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4 July 2022 10:42 PM

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First fireworks I ever saw (besides sparklers... and that 1 Roman Candle that my dad who then was about 35 decided was NOT his best idea ever) was age 12. (We lived in countryside.) Dad decided to drive us all the way to Fort Lee, some high school there. We didn't even know enough to take blankets (and didn't own chairs) : Had to stand because Mom wouldn't let us get our clothes dirty! .. Still remember the fascination-- But most of all had never before been in a CROWD of people-- and that part was pretty scary.... I wonder what children thought of finding themselves in the crush of a crowd at the Crucifixion.... Never thought of that til now.... Must've been horrible memories for all their lives....

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5 July 2022 5:25 PM

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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PHOTO: Child weeping and weeping.... Credit Healthline.com

On June 27 of 6 years ago, when I began driving 6 hours home after 6 days in a music festival's campground, I first heard Texas legal news on radio. SUDDENLY I had a memory of my 3rd daughter that made me weep for many miles. >>>

All of my children had times when they were unhappy of course, and I was sad with them. But this child: Ahhh, from toddler thru teen years, when she sorrowed over something-- usually a mean thing someone did, even if not to Her self.... she wept with a Such grief that was inconsolable... her heart completely broken. Even this minute, I weep to remember how she'd mourn...

And I weep to think >>> **Surely this is how our God of Deep Compassion grieves** over tiny babies ripped from the Safe Room He'd designed for each to be cherished & comforted by a mother's heartbeat. May we never stop grieving over what's called "normal". May we never stop sorrowing with mothers-to-be & seeking ways to *HELP*...

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6 July 2022 5:00 PM

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As I weeded my back little square bee balm garden this AM, water dripped off my nose: and "I don't sweat". Annoying, but I didn't stop-- because I found little mounds of LUSH GREEN sprigs of blades growing in this patch. I *DO* need more grass in back yard. I

DO dig up clumps and re-plant in bare spots. But not THESE blades. Why? Because they're "Sticky Bur" plants (one R)... Photos show what lovely greenery turns into: Misery for any human, dog or cat that passes by & gets Velcro-like sharp balls stuck to clothes/ fur....

HOW did I know? I've **studied** warnings written Plant Info articles And remember the misery when I goofed before and left the plants grow up.... **Parable:** Sin also hurts us. **Oh, NOT at first.** It looks as harmless as pretty green grass. But if we let it stay... AND it hurts even if we're ignorant-- or forget past lessons. James 1:5, God gives us wisdom when (if) we ask. But wisdom includes studying the warnings already written in His Book-- and not forgetting the lessons of pain that sin caused us OR others, in the past.

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6 July 2022 8:36 PM

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COMMENT ADDED to my cartoon post's comments:

RELATED to June 29 thread of comments inserted after my simple EASTER HUMOR photo post --- by an Anti-missionary... Article speaks specifically of Jewish persons but that is NOT completely true--- includes "former Christians" who have been deceived into thinking that Jesus said things that He clearly did NOT -- including to end God's Good laws --- which is clearly evidenced by fact that Pharisees had to hire FALSE witnesses. These persons now spin circles of arguments that are not logical yet so full of words that unwary listeners could indeed be fooled---

like by a "hawker" at a county fair who talks so fast that innocent people are conned into losing their money.

Article describes what an anti-missionary is: Basically a person who pretends to agree with beliefs but slips in repeated confusing pieces of scripture studies that are often not even related to the key topic....

POST: add this to the thread of comments for June 29 Easter cartoon....

<https://ffoz.org/discover/theology/faith-strengthened.html>

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7 July 2022 9:03 AM

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I had a "Marsha Marsha!" in my H.S. (Brady Bunch TV joke)... She'd ****always**** gotten straight A's since Grade 1, and teachers ***admitted*** they didn't want to break her record. Even when she admitted that her big brother did much of the work on her science project-- including the idea. (Marsha won Regional First Place, too.) Do you remember in school when the popular kids smiled at teachers, pretended to like them, and seemed to always get A's in classes like Literature where the grade wasn't "right or wrong" but depended on the teacher's feelings about the words"?... Where can we find PEACE amid a such a "normal" world, where "The Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grease"...

"Cheaters Always Win" ... and "It's OK to bend the truth a bit" --

.... and where those who believe this & more **Seem to always be Popular, Prosperous, and Peaceful** with themselves & their "smarts"?

Lovely, Peaceful answer in Jeremiah 17:10, 9 >> GOD KNOWS. And He gives PEACE BEYOND "normal" to those who honor Him anyway... "But I, the LORD [YHWH], search ALL hearts + examine secret motives. I give all people their due rewards, according to what their actions deserve."

We ...

don't have to FRET ___ ___
Trust God and REST in His
Peace ___ ___ in

Just do our best ___ ___
Justice that LETS us have
HIM.

A peaceful waltz for our hearts in 3/4 time.

7 July 2022 9:09 AM

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PHOTO: Tombstone style sign describes what happened; see comment

Went by a church sign today that said in large letters: Freedom Was Not Free.... I hope, pray, that one day people will not be remembering this with the nostalgia of missing our days when we could this and that and t'other in Freedom in America without being hounded for our beliefs OR thwarted on all sides by people trying to silence us if we won't admit they're right and we're wrong..... Ohhh, wait.... that last thing.... It's not in the future anymore, is it?

COMMENT: Photo's Stone marker tells what happened to the 56 signers of Declaration of Independence in 1776 They pledged their lives, their fortunes & their sacred honor. IT WAS NO IDLE PLEDGE ---

- 9 died of wounds during the Revolutionary war
- 5 were captured or imprisoned
- wives and children were killed, jailed, mistreated, or left penniless
- 12 had their houses set afire and burned to the ground
- 17 lost everything they owned.

YET -- NO SIGNER DEFECTED -- Their honor, like their nation, remained intact.

8 July 2022 3:48 PM

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I make it no secret that I *love* Calvin & Hobbes comic strips by Bill Watterson. Only 10 years of them, 1985 into 1996, so I have to re-read AND re-read... Yet often find something JOYFUL that I'd missed (or forgotten) before..... We find the same when we read God's Word. We're zipping along the "passage of the day" thinking to ourselves, "I remember this"-- and suddenly God SLAMS on our Mental Brakes to SEE something GREAT, IMPT, COMFORTING...

Psalm 57:10 for me today >>

my poem/ song lyric one day in 3/4 waltz time:

GREAT is God's / LOVE __ / Reaching to / HEAVEN, __
Can-NOT be / MEASURED__ even/ by skies ab- /ove. __

As 6-year-old Calvin said: "There's TREASURE EVERYWHERE", In God's
Creation... In God's Word.

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8 July 2022 4:21 PM

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2 PHOTOS showing divisions of book of Isaiah similar to entire Bible's.

I love God's math patterns. **(1) LIKE the one** that Isaiah with 66 chapters (same #
books in Bible) splits in "tone" AFTER Isaiah 39, from the WOE of coming exile, to the
JOY of Isaiah 40 ---

the "Old" Testament ending with Book 39 of MALACHI telling of WOE (and 400
years of SILENCE from God afterward since they wouldn't listen anyway) and the
Bible's Book 40 >> Starting the "New" testament telling of the Birth of THE
Messiah **and**

(2) LIKE Isaiah 66 being parallel to the Bible's Book 66 >> Revelation-- of The End
Times to come..... Ahhh, SUCH Cool patterns make us consider whether God inspired
not just the authors who wrote His words but even the "Bible makers" in their decisions
on **where to split books, assign verse numbers** (especially all the great 3:16
passages in Bible), and etc.....

Proverbs 25:2, Treasures to seek out from Him!

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9 July 2022 12:36 AM

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

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My childhood was in the countryside of a southern state. There, "Racism" wasn't a word
I ever heard. School integration was "law" but somehow our region barely did it. My dad
told me only in 1995 soon before he died that the reason he started coming home by 7
PM, early from work, was that he'd been warned that there were threats of a burning
cross on our lawn because he spoke out against Prejudice-- a word I DID know & saw
done to my friends when I was a child.... ****THUS**** >>

About 2 years ago, someone I was talking with disagreed with me about
something (don't remember what) & suddenly tried to "win" by accusing me of being a
racist. Without thinking, I just BURST out laughing at him-- so hard I couldn't talk for a
few minutes. Finally I replied,
"Maybe you should go re-check out my music website and Facebook pages",
and I walked off -- but then started laughing again at the puzzled look on his face that
he hadn't made me mad.....

Some people just can't figure out that "race" differences are a Joy to see all the variety God has in His world, and only FOOLS think God won't punish them for using it as an EXCUSE for the hatred in their hearts.

9 July 2022 8:42 AM

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What EASY thing can we do? See comment below....

"Nothing HONORS God more than a BIG dream that is WAY BEYOND our ABILITY to accomplish it. Why? Because there is no way we can take credit for it." --- Mark Batterson, "The Circle Maker" page 43 (END Quote)..... SURE-- We can dream "pretty big" -- Yet Ephesians 3:20 is God's SUPER-COOL promise--- That He answers Prayers that *HE* inspired (Romans 8:26) with our Evidence: Goals FAR BEYOND "what we can even dream to pray"..... including songwriting & recording, incl. serving Him to help people in need -- such as

- .** Publicity via social media & meeting people
- ** Mundane "boring" yet needed tasks like weeding
- ** Hard labor such as Habitat for Humanity hammering
- ** Love Labor /reading to children in homeless shelter
- ** Mind Labor / using your Business knowledge to help people develop resume and work attire for new jobs... and even to practice Job Interviews before they go
- ** Speech Labor / ENCOURAGING people anywhere God guides you--- incl. to young mothers losing Hope in their ability to cope with family difficulties .

God's List of your Possibilities NEVER is Limited! EVEN IF your church doesn't organize ways to serve God between Sunday noon and the next Sunday 9 AM.... Pray Ephesians 3:20. God answers ABUNDANTLY (John 10:10 Life Abundant!) >>>> For *HIS Glory: Verse 3:21.

COMMENT - 9 July at 11:47 AM

What EASY things can ***you*** do?

Write notes, make short phone calls. PERHAPS GOD'S TIMING to see this TODAY >>

I never watch stuff like Night Gallery (Rod Sterling) but my husband left TV on station that was showing final 15 minutes today-- and I was amused to see ZsaZsa Gabor as the mean lady. Old man for "THE PAINTED MIRROR" acted so realistic that I looked him up: Movie/ TV veteran Arthur O'Connell (b. 1908). Called "as countrified as the American Gothic painting."

WHAT HE DID in 1968:

Visited wounded solders IN Vietnam "by the 100s". Went to an Evacuation Hospital IN Vietnam to EVERY ward - could not heal but he CHOSE to do this:

"On every ward he would ask the patients if they wanted him to call their families when he got back to the states, and give them a message from them. Arthur would write down all their names, who he was to call, phone number and message, and the date and time he talked with the patient. He made a tremendous impression on them and boosted their morale in such a way, that he surely contributed to their healing process." .. SOURCE: IMDB;.com

10 July 2022 6:57 AM

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Photo I made:

**How can Same moment be sad, nostalgic, lonely yet not,
peaceful with a rough edge of "I wish"...?
YET: God. Comfort that HE knows.**

10 July 2022 12:56 PM

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PHOTO: Some people FIND fault like there is a REWARD for it.

After all God's lovely cool rains yest (D.C. region), I was really lovin' looking at my flowers first thing today... Deck full. Back yard Bee Balm (etc) garden... front wildflowers. YET: What did my attention FOCUS on? The single spot where I started thinking, "WHY does my portulaca look scraggly?" ... EVER NOTICE: You make a Facebook post, or a comment in a Bible Studies group you like, & there's always a couple of people who feel they MUST criticize ONE point related to what you wrote. Doesn't matter how much you researched & crafted to keep your words "pruned" to be easier to read--

These **know-it-all-and-want-you-to-know-that** people will hack at a single point & distract from your entire idea-- often because you did NOT include every single related scripture in your short message. (And often their mis-direction to your readers is wrong.) **CONCLUSIONS:**

1. **We need to KEEP praying for WISDOM for ourselves** -- James 1:5 promised answer from God -- LEST we too (or instead) are the Critical Spirits
2. **Like the flowers in a garden:**

Some Facebook critics need pruning from our attention... or weeded even if we enjoy the Main Garden grouping. ... It makes me SAD though, when I finally, prayerfully, conclude to un-friend any one: I *do* like to hear different ideas (given respectful of my page ownership) both to gain info and so that I can re-check that I don't need to adjust my ideas...

3. :) ... **Portulaca ANSWER:**

After all the rains and water sitting at bottom of portulaca pot >> This plant needs direct sunlight to bloom and isn't too picky about its growing conditions--- as long as it's dry. OOPS. I knew that but forgot Mom's teachings from years ago. ! :)

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11 July 2022 7:57 AM

<https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/5022505461210474>
Heading to the distant church an hour early, I got to see a 'new' splendor along this frequent route: I'd seen its pretty art before -- A subdivision sign with black background behind the letters. But now as sunrise light struck the black, it SPARKLED like shimmering diamonds-- Full of glittering mica rock specks.... //... Too often, I haven't noticed other beauty in 'common' things around me... including in some people. God gets all the More Amazed Praise, how He loves us even when we're dark & dull.... and He calls us to see the Beauty in others as He does. (2016 original post)

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12 July 2022 6:14 AM

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2 quick thoughts to consider....

(1) Radio announcer ended talk with caller, "Bless you for that." Then he began saying, "We don't bless people enough. We should be going thru our day blessing people we meet.".... Welllll..... We really can-NOT bless anyone. This is another example of Christianese shorthand for "May God bless you"... which should be more shorthand for "May God give you blessings if that's His Will".... So of course we don't ask God to bless either evil or "simple" sins (like pride) with success....

But Radio Guy's point was well-meant: We spend too many thoughts frustrated or angry at others & hoping God will thwart them.... instead of praying for "enemies" as Jesus said. Instead -- letting angry thoughts wrap around in our head 'til they begin choking our praise, even our thanks and our love for God.... (as Satan whispers, "God could've stopped that hurt from happening to you").

(2) 2nd Thessalonians 3:13 sounds tiring- telling us to keep doing Good. The earlier letter, 5:17, gives the key: PRAY constantly! YET: How compassionate our LORD is to repeatedly, understandingly encourage us to keep on keeping on!! My favorite words of reassurance from Him include 2nd Corinthians 1:4 (comfort others as He comforts you) & Hebrews 12:3 (Jesus endured more than us... He understands our weariness on all topics. ... incl re churches).

Related quote>>> "It becomes a HABIT that we say thoughtlessly, 'God bless.' Well, that's better than a lot of OTHER things we could say, but we want to be able to put our whole self into our blessing. That is something we need to be thoughtful about. We don't just rattle off a blessing. It's a profoundly personal and powerful act."

---- Dallas Willard, "The Right Way to Give Someone a Blessing -- Use the Bible's words. And make it personal." Christianity Today, January-February 2014

>> **LINK:**

<https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2014/january-february/right-way-to-give-someone-blessing.html?fbclid=IwAR14FZA8bVFi5Y86HaYTTMClccypvr1LqghfvynT9f7I9SICBQIVF1YaLA8>

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Reprint of 2014 post. Added NOTE:

Wow has media "News" worsened even more in the past 8 years...
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PHOTO: Calvin & Hobbes (Bill Watterson) TV show telling how
mother bird feeds babies by regurgitating food- his reaction

Ever notice how many children's picture books give disgustingly informative science facts? Kids seem to think 'the gross-er the better!' One Fact makes me t gag every time: Many bird species eat seeds or worms... and throw up into their babies' open beaks. {gross GROSS ewww}. Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) reports **this is a way of passing on gut bacteria to help digestion** til birdlings grow up to get their own food.. //.. .

REGURGITATED NEWS: I used to get all my 'world news' from TV & listening to opinions. Now I find it fun- much like chess- to find many sources & draw my own conclusions.. But Regurgitation is still gross INCLUDING by people who love pre-digested News so they don't have to study whether it's good for them.

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13 July 2022 10:29 AM

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a parable re "Church Worship" >> I got a small battery operated CD player to put in the front seat of my NEW-ish (2019) van whose designers **foolishly decided**-- like almost **EVERY** other maker-- **that drivers** who bought great personal CD libraries **no longer care about playing their CDs**-- Fast Access to groups of FAV music, where "skip" or "repeat track" is super easy with one touch while driving.. SURE, I LIKE the new features available for Bluetooth, steaming, etc. But why can't Makers provide Both? CD players don't require much room and Sales are STILL booming-- Proving people WANT access while driving..... Similarly:

It's irksome when churches have suddenly "thrown out" all the old hymns in favor of "new music" (often same "popular radio" songs over and o'er) -- >>

What's so hard about Worship services that are **BLENDED**... including both styles? Especially when SO many churches (like car makers) "just decide what people want" and Declare what they want to do instead of providing Options.

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PHOTO: Snapshot of my desktop Post It Notes full of scriptures, courage e.g. "Nothing honors God more than a big dream that is WAY BEYOND our ABILITY to accomplish it. Why? Because there is no way we can take credit for it." -- Mark Batterson, "The Circle Maker", page 43

Did you know that when you see a POST that you *really* like, you can click on Facebook's 3 dots at the top of that post, to "Save post".... Then you can go back and enjoy it later.

You can even sort these into folders you name-- like "Study Later", "Encouragement", "Humor", "NaturePics", "Family" and "MUSIC" of course! :) Fun way to remember what you've enjoyed-- Like "Sticky Notes" on your computer screen! Both places have *many* scriptures that COMFORT me on rough days.

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Saw a lady in grocery store I'd *really* love to be friends with: I stopped before entering her aisle she was leaving, but she turned sharp & almost hit my cart with hers. She laughed & said in embarrassment, "Sorry, I was enjoying the radio song." I laughed & said "Yeah, it was *really* rockin'!"..... After a couple more jokes, we went on our way, probably never to meet again..... on this side of Heaven anyway. Fascinating to ponder: Heaven's going to be SO fun as we keep meeting new friends!

15 July 2022 7:11 AM

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PHOTO: Fall leaves Because of Jesus we can come to God through prayer anytime, anywhere

Are you weary? Are you Heavy-hearted? ... I love so very many of the new songs on Christian Radio: Many remind us that this "Battle Belongs" to the "Way Maker" giving us "10,000 Reasons" to trust "In Christ Alone"..... YET

There's such COMFORT in the old hymns that God ALSO inspired, when we're in this Ephesians 6:10--end FIGHT against God's Enemy... To REMEMBER: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus... What a PRIVILEGE to carry Everything to God in Prayer"-- FOR God's Enemy is relentless, hoping to devour YOU (John 10:10, 1 Peter 5:8). Satan hopes we will FORGET that God never abandons us in the fight-- forget to run TO God who protects from Satan himself! (James 4:7-8).

May you find much peace in God's Gift of First Kings 19: After all Elijah had done in serving God and seeing God's work, he was so weary (depressed) that he was ready to give up-- but God NEVER criticized for Lack of Faith after having seen all God's Power JUST ONE day before! NO-- God gave him sleep, then food, more sleep, food, and then instructions for the new goal.... The ONE True God YHWH will do the same for EACH of us May you too feel such peace at God's Comforting Care thru EACH storm of your life....

"Stand firm against SATAN, and be strong in your faith" (1 Peter 5:9) "When troubles come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy... When your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing.

If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and HE WILL give it to you. He will NOT rebuke you for asking. 6 But when you ask him, be sure that your faith is in God alone... (James 1).

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(1) Bought a bottle of 90 Ocuville pills: They fit into the old 50-pill bottle with space to spare. (2) Bought 2 "Smart Ones" frozen meals showing at least 8 large chunks of chicken on cover photo. NOT ONE chunk in either; about 10 little bits-- Yet Nutrition Panel shows lot of Protein grams. From what? Barely a bit of cheese, too.... (3) Early scene in THE FAMILY MAN shows a little girl who pays a \$5 bill for an item, hides her joy when she sees her change "for a 20", and walks out-- And the "ANGEL" Store Clerk asks with sadness about people willing to give up Character "FOR WHAT? A BIT OF MONEY that MEANS NOTHING" in the long run.....
in Eternity with God. (Or without.)

*** Aren't we TIRED of being CHEATED by companies who DECEIVE?*** ...
May we not become Like them. Satan DOES TEMPT every human to do evil and call it "normal"... We *need God's help" to truly reflect Him & His Good, Just CHARACTER... Rejoice! God promises His Holy Spirit HELPS us to reflect Him, "more and more over time". -- 2 Corinthians 3:18, the theme verse for my song website DiDoREFLECTIONS.com -- Die to self, DO for others, REFLECT our Good, Just and Loving God name YHWH (*Isaiah 42:8 etc- Hebrew written instead as "the LORD".*)

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16 July 2022 11:55 AM <https://www.facebook.com/dianadee.osborne/posts/5039008542893499>
Little comforts me about my TO DO lists that I never finish than this: Ephesians 3:20 -- reminding me that I needn't fret so much about "success" since it is God who empowers me... when He wants to... for His glory & not mine..... My "theme verse" for seeking to 'accomplish' anything.

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"Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance." -Dietrich Bonhoeffer... who was hanged at 39 for taking a STAND against the Evils that Hitler led --- just days before American troops freed the captives of that prison. COSTLY GRACE is a "Call To Action" that truly lives as a Christ *Follower*-- even when it costs us \$\$\$, Reputation, even risks being killed for STANDING against Evils.....

Non-Jews (like DB) were in little danger if they said & did nothing against killing Jews. YET many CHOSE to Stand-- and died. How many of us (incl. in churches) even bother to PRAY for those who are threatened, driven from homelands?

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2 Photos with history & CHEAP GRACE quote of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

SMART CAT. Hollers at me some mornings when I get up-- though she knows I never feed her for awhile precisely to avoid this. Hey, PolyHannah ("ManyBlessings-of-God") has lived here only 5 months: Still has hope :_ ... YET: She knows to stay back from me if she KEEPS hollerin' --- I'll put water in my hand & flick it into her face. SMART SQUIRREL. Munches birdseed inches away from cat's face knowing there's a deck screen. YET: If I move barely a bit in my chair there, it RUNS. It knows I often get up & quickly open screen to chase it a few feet-- my Aerobic exercise! :) God's Critters learn that there are Bad Consequences to some actions. SO..... >>>

Why do we people think God will let us "get away" with far worse actions? The Answer is actually Amazing- Grace.... Because God doesn't "ZAP" us as soon as we do something wrong. THUS-- sadly, we DISHONOR God for the VERY thing that should drive us to Joyfully Obey God's good, loving, KIND "rules".... especially being good, loving, and KIND to others-- reflecting God's GRACE to not zap us for sins...

Interesting History source for Photo 1:

https://www.crossway.org/articles/this-day-in-history-the-execution-of-dietrich-bonhoeffer/?fbclid=IwAR1pIX6_Ok1mvHNxiGxEP1FjclG1xDYNKJizIDir875GRt4GjQfxJWVj6ss

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Are you ALSO annoyed by these common posts that say **"This is a test to see who is REALLY my friend: If you are, post just one word below....."**....

oh, COME ON!! -- We're NOT in 3rd grade!

I really enjoy following ideas of ALL the people I've friended via Facebook (or else I'd have quietly deleted them) ... But I really get annoyed by childish posts that ACCUSE me of not caring about the person if I don't cave in to such *demands* for proof....

YET: Assuredly there's a parable here >> **Imagine how annoyed God must be, after all He's done for us, when our prayers sort of demand that HE proves His love by answering "this little request".** With sincere apologies to Him.

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***** **Future** *****

END of 2022 SUMMER PARABLES