

The Golden Brick Road

How I Feel Affects Other People!!!

May 2021

Reminding "Seasoned Citizens" to continue to laugh, learn and love their lives...

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I have a different man-made calendar with different celebratory days this month:

May 1 May Day (Mexico Labor Day)
May 2 Eastern Orthodox Easter
May 4 National Teachers Day
May 5 Battle of Puebla (Cinco de Mayo)
May 9 MOTHER'S DAY (IS IT EVER NOT???)
May 10 MOTHER'S DAY (Mexico)
May 15 Armed Forces Day
May 24 Victoria Day (Canada)
May 22 National Maritime Day
May 31 MEMORIAL DAY (IS IT EVER NOT???)

Don't reduce your celebration(s) to calendar moments.



TWINS HAVE IT BAD!



MEAN-WHILE



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OUTSMARTED MYSELF

I posted some time ago about laughing as I responded to phone SPAM text messages.

They'd WARN:

You owe back taxes.....!!

Instead of just deleting

I'd send an emoji & RESPOND:

YEPP!!!

I now think they've passed my number out to every Text-SPAMMER alive! LOL
My advice to you: DELETE DON'T RESPOND!

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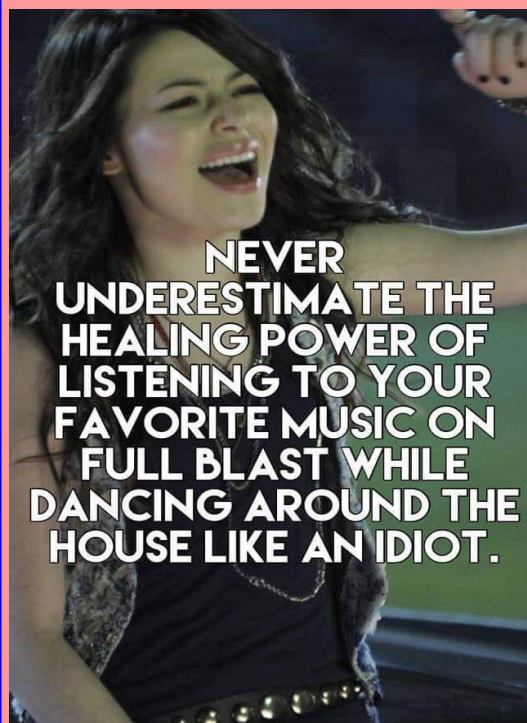
So NOW it's time to take a seat...

Clean yourself up... Enjoy!!!

MAY is 1 of the 12 best months for loving, living and laughing...

Even in a **Second Pandemic** Year!!!

HEALTH WARNING!!!



The Anniversary

A woman awakes during the night to find that her husband is not in bed. She puts on her robe and goes downstairs to look for him. She finds him sitting at the kitchen table with a hot cup of Cocoa in front of him. He appears to be in deep thought, just staring at the wall. She watches as he wiped a tear from his eye and takes a sip of his Hot Cocoa.

"What's the matter, dear?" she whispers as she steps into the room, "Why are you down here at this time of night?"

The husband looks up from his Cocoa, "It's the 20th anniversary of the day we met."

She can't believe he has remembered, and starts to tear up. The husband continues, "Do you remember 20 years ago when we started dating? I was 18 and you were only 16," he says solemnly. Once again, the wife is touched to tears, thinking that her husband is so caring and sensitive. "Yes, I do," she replies. The husband pauses. The words were not coming easily.

"Do you remember when your father caught us in the back seat of my car?"

"Yes, I remember," said the wife, lowering herself into a chair beside him.

The husband continued. "Do you remember when he shoved the shotgun in my face and said, 'Either you marry my daughter or I will send you to prison for 20 years?'"

"I remember that too," she replied softly.

He wiped another tear from his cheek and said, "I would have gotten out today."

~ Husband Unknown (Case Unsolved...)

~ Thanks Roberta/CW]

M.A.Y. (Many Adore You)

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Not only can 'No' be a full sentence... It is often the beginning of the next: 'No Explanation Necessary!'

~ Sporty King

Sometimes we feel the need to "explain-to-justify" our denial of someone's request when, in truth, they really don't care about our reason because it doesn't make their want/need go away. Their "not caring" is not necessarily bitter. Their new 'need' simply turns into their next option. And to assure you that I don't believe it's bitter feel free to replace 'someone's... they... [and] their' with 'Sporty.' I'm comfortable with being denied because I can't

count how many times I haven't gotten what I wanted nor been able to give when I wanted to.

What I have done is learned to 'hear' KNOW in recognizing that I had to seek another option... believing that God will supply that ram in the bush as I appreciate how he wants me to satisfy my need. Believe me I KNOW that's not easy! That's why I do it.

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Sometimes we try to 'reach' people by 'judging' them. WHAT???

Think about it... have you ever tried to figure out what to say based on someone's age, education, gender, relationship status, religion, sex, size, etc.?

Innocent enough we all have and please continue to do so with compassion. What you don't want to do is forget is that there is someone in your audience who has 'judged' you on the same criteria and decided you're not gonna 'reach' them. Stay your authentic self and let the people who want you

as a messenger enjoy and appreciate you.

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If you try too hard to REACH people you increase your chances of overshooting them. You don't have to be everyone's messenger!

~ Sporty King

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You rarely see who you were responsible for. You see who you can save.

~ Sporty King

Choose your messengers carefully and realize you're carefully being chosen as a messenger. You may save someone who one day will have a child... become an EMT and rescue someone... step up for someone being bullied... you get the picture. Get the save!

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'Making a positive difference' is on my 'Things To Do List' again. It's okay to be conscious of the joy you bring into the lives of those you touch.

~ Sporty King

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It's not easy being you but it's OK. Find a pace that you like then sit back and check yourself out.

~ Sporty King

If you don't understand scripture it'll get used against you and you won't be ready to use it. Never does it say there is no battle. Being YOU gives US the best chance to be used properly.

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The Battle is NOT yours. Yet, sometimes you are the Lord's main weapon.

~ Sporty King

Every moment is an opportunity for you to enjoy making AN-OTHER good decision. You've made so many, yet sometimes get caught in others' acceptance and focus on the bad ones. Keep reminding yourself that the game of Life cannot be played from the stands. You've got to get on the court, field, floor, case... and in control of the gift you possess. You've got to decide to be in it for the long run.

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If you're tall enough to get on the ride you have to decide whether or not you're going to play the game.

~ Sporty King

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Ultimately the only way we are going to be able to live is together. Wanna start today?

~ Sporty King

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If I can't talk about my storm while I'm in it, I've already given in.

~ Sporty King

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What Could Possibly Go Right Today???

~ Sporty King

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When you learn HOW to embrace failure you recognize that you're actually just holding onto a lesson called 're-direct!'

~ Sporty King

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G.O.A.L.S. (Gifts Our Angels Love Sharing)

You attract what you portray. Don't just start with the (wo)man in the mirror. Stay with her/him!!!

~ Sporty King

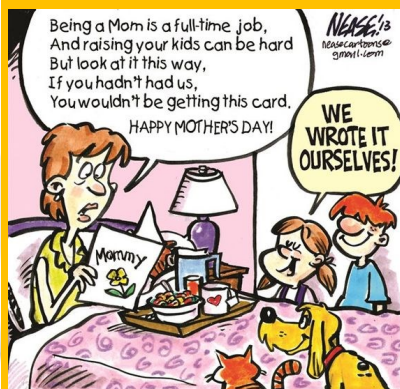
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'Strong,' like wisdom, is in retrospect. Remember to look back and see how you've handled the storms.

~ Sporty King

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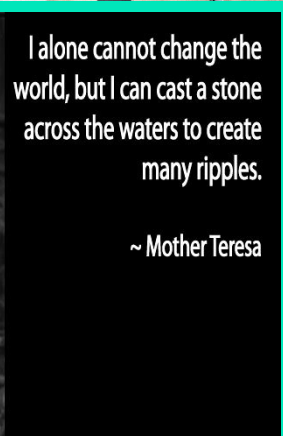
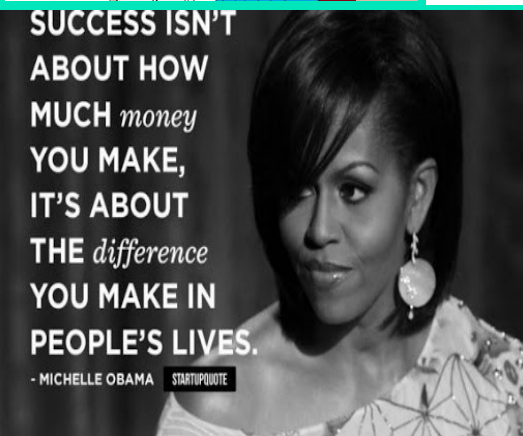
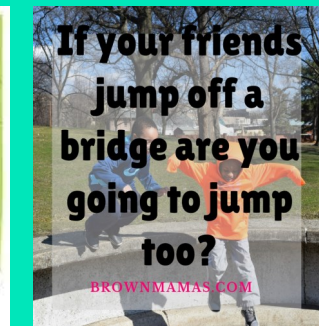
YOU ARE NOT ALONE!!! EVERYONE'S GOT SOME KIND OF CHALLENGE AND VICTORY!!!

Whoever said that the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results has obviously never had to reboot a computer.

SILENCE...
The Final Frontier
Where No Woman
Has Gone Before

When God finished the creation of Adam, he stepped bak, scratched his head and said, "I can do better than that."

(relax Guys!
I got you covered next month)



You're not getting senile. You're exercising your right to forget!

The math teacher saw that Larry wasn't paying attention in class. She called on him and said, "Larry! What are 2 and 4 and 28 and 44?"

Larry quickly replied, "NBC, FOX, ESPN and the Cartoon Network!"

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Larry's kindergarten class was on a field trip to their local police station where they saw pictures tacked to a bulletin board of the 10 most wanted criminals. One of the youngsters pointed to a picture and asked if it really was the photo of a wanted person. "Yes," said the policeman. "The detectives want very badly to capture him." Larry asked, "Why didn't you keep him when you took his picture?"

~ Thanks Betty B

Donation

Father O'Malley answers the phone.

'Hello is this Father O'Malley?'

'It is!'

'This is the IRS. Can you help us?'

'I can!'

'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?'

'I do!'

'Is he a member of your congregation?'

'He is!'

'Did he donate \$10,000 to the church?'

'He will.'

~ Thanks Lou F

Adam and Eve said, 'Lord, when we were in the garden, you walked with us every day. Now we do not see you anymore. We are lonesome here, and it is difficult for us to remember how much you love us.'

And God said, I will create a companion for you that will be with you and who will be a reflection of my love for you, so that you will love me even when you cannot see me. Regardless of how selfish or childish or unlovable you may be, this new companion will accept you as you are and will love you as I do, in spite of yourselves.

And God created a new animal to be a companion for Adam and Eve

And it was a good animal and God was pleased.

And the new animal was pleased to be with Adam and Eve and he wagged his tail. And Adam said, 'Lord, I have already named all the animals in the Kingdom and I cannot think of a name for this new animal..'

And God said, 'I have created this new animal to be a reflection of my love for you, his name will be a reflection of my own name, and you will call him DOG.

And Dog lived with Adam and Eve and was a companion to them and loved them. And they were comforted.

And God was pleased.

And Dog was content and wagged his tail.

After a while, it came to pass that an angel came to the Lord and said, 'Lord, Adam and Eve have become filled with pride. They strut and preen like peacocks and they believe they are worthy of adoration. Dog has indeed taught them that they are loved, but perhaps too well.'

And God said, I will create for them a companion who will be with them and who will see them as they are. The companion will remind them of their limitations, so they will know that they are not always worthy of adoration.'

And God created CAT to be a companion to Adam and Eve.

And Cat would not obey them. And when Adam and Eve gazed into Cat's eyes, they were reminded that they were not the Supreme Beings.

And Adam and Eve learned humility. And they were greatly improved. And God was pleased. And Dog was happy.

And the Cat... couldn't care less one way or the other...

~ Ending Adjusted to PG55

~ Thanks Betty H/IN

QUESTIONS WHICH MAKE YOUR MIND CELLS WORK OVERTIME

- ◇ Why isn't the number 11 pronounced onety-one?
- ◇ If 4 out of 5 people SUFFER from diarrhea... does that mean that one out of five enjoys it?
- ◇ Why do croutons come in airtight packages? Aren't they just stale bread to begin with?
- ◇ If people from Poland are called Poles, then why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- ◇ If a pig loses its voice, is it disgruntled?
- ◇ If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?
- ◇ What hair color do they put on the driver's licenses of bald men? (I have wondered this for years!!!)

- ◇ Why do they put pictures of criminals up in the Post Office? What are we supposed to do, write to them? Why don't they just put their pictures on the postage stamps so the mailmen can look for them while they deliver the mail? (not a bad idea!)
- ◇ If a cow laughed, would milk come out of her nose?
- ◇ Whatever happened to Preparations A through G?
- ◇ If Fed Ex and UPS were to merge, would they call it Fed UP??
- ◇ Do Lipton Tea employees take 'coffee breaks'?
- ◇ Is it true that you never really learn to swear until you learn to drive?

~ Maxine

BEATITUDES

FOR A GLOBAL PANDEMIC

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO STAY INDOORS



FOR THEY HAVE PROTECTED OTHERS

BLESSED ARE THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE SELF-EMPLOYED



FOR THEIR NEED OF GOD IS GREAT

BLESSED ARE THE CORNER SHOPKEEPERS



FOR THEY ARE THE PURVEYORS OF SCARCE THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE DELIVERY DRIVERS AND THE POSTAL WORKERS



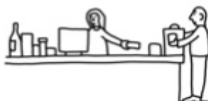
FOR THEY ARE THE BRINGERS OF ESSENTIAL THINGS

BLESSED ARE THE HOSPITAL WORKERS; THE AMBULANCE CREWS, THE DOCTORS, THE NURSES, THE CARE ASSISTANTS, AND THE CLEANERS



FOR THEY STAND BETWEEN US AND THE GRAVE, AND THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS SURELY THEIRS

BLESSED ARE THE CHECKOUT WORKERS



FOR THEY HAVE PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE IN THE FACE OF OVERWORK AND FRUSTRATION

BLESSED ARE THE REFUSE COLLECTORS



FOR THEY WILL SEE GOD DESPITE THE MOUNTAINS OF WASTE

BLESSED ARE THE TEACHERS



FOR THEY REMAIN STEADFAST AND CONSTANT IN DISTURBING TIMES

BLESSED ARE THE CHURCH WORKERS; THE DEACONS, PRIESTS AND BISHOPS



FOR THEY ARE A COMFORTING PRESENCE IN A HURTING WORLD AS THEY CONTINUE TO SIGNPOST TOWARDS GOD

BLESSED ARE THE SINGLE PARENTS.



FOR THEY ARE COPING ALONE WITH THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE IS NO RESPIRE

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ALONE.



FOR THEY ARE CHILDREN OF GOD AND WITH HIM THEY WILL NEVER BE LONELY

BLESSED ARE THE BEREAVED.



FOR WHOM THE WORST HAS ALREADY HAPPENED, THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE ISOLATED WITH THEIR ABUSERS



FOR ONE DAY - WE PRAY - THEY WILL KNOW SAFETY

BLESSED ARE ALL DURING THIS TIME WHO HAVE PURE HEARTS; ALL WHO STILL HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE; ALL WHO WORK FOR PEACE AND WHO MODEL MERCY



MAY YOU KNOW COMFORT. MAY YOU KNOW CALM. AND MAY THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND THE LOVE OF GOD, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE WITH US ALL. AMEN

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Beatitudes for a Global Pandemic.



THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE OF OUR HEROES,
FEMALE OR MALE... EVERYDAY!!!

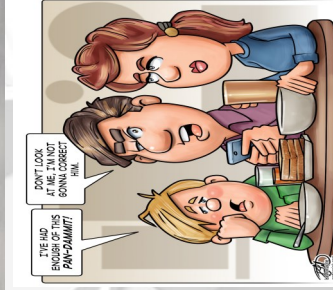
To My Other Mother
You are the other Mother I received,
the day I met you, son.
And I want to thank you Mom,
for the loving things you've done.
You've given me a gracious Man,
with whom I share my life.
You are his lovely Mother,
and I his lucky wife.
You used to pat his little head,
and now I hold his hand.
You raised in love a little boy,
and then gave me the Man.

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Keep up with the kids...



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Don't complain about young people having it so easy while (at the same time) you're doing something for them.
LOL
~ Sporty King



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Yesterday someone tried to define you.
 I laughed and told them you are unique.
 I explained that you are at your strongest
 Whenever you seem to be weak.

And that though you are my mother,
 You are somebody's sister and friend.
 You put on "new hats" spontaneously
 You work magic again and again.

I helped them understand
 that your wisdom is pure...
 that your touch is comforting...
 that your voice is soothing...

Oh, I went on and on...
 (I hope you don't mind)
 See, I'll always be your biggest fan
 For you'll always be one of a kind.

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I never published this poem in a book. It was created when I tried my hand at starting a line of Greeting Cards.
 I'm gonna put my hand back in that jar this year.
 Be on the lookout.

AND

Expect to hear about my Inspirational Card Option:

Passing Thoughts...

It can be used as a game... an insert for mailing...
 positive Ac-Firmations© for sharing...

I can't wait to read about your creative uses!!!

They're in production NOW

And will be available for purchase ASAP

(**As Soon As Printed**)