

The Golden Brick Road

How I Feel Affects Other People!!!

May 2022

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



Here's to hoping what you hear and share from this month's GBR gets you the information, joy and peace you deserve.



STOLEN

Lord, please don't return my heart to me.
 Since you've taken over it I see you doing things I would never have thought to do with it
 As for the 'stolen' part...
 Hey, you've never taken away my sense of humor

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A crowded Airline flight was canceled. A single agent was re-booking a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly, an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight and it has to be FIRST CLASS."

The agent replied, "I'm sorry, sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first; and then I'm sure we'll be able to work something out."

The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO I AM?"

Without hesitating, the agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone. "May I have your attention, please?" she began, her voice heard clearly throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at Gate 14 WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him with his identity, please come to Gate 14."

With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the Airline agent, gritted his teeth, and said, "To Hell with you!"

Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm not planning on going there sir, but I'll see if I can confirm your seat... in First Class of course."

Life isn't about how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.
 ~ Jokester Unknown (please help identify...)



**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 Third Pandemic Year!!!**

HEALTH WARNING!

I was at the grocery store at 7:45 AM waiting in line to get in for the Seniors Only shopping time when a young man walking from the parking lot cut into the line up front. An older woman beat him back into the parking lot with her cane. He returned and tried to cut into the line again but an old man punched him in the gut, threw him to the ground and literally rolled him back into the parking lot. He approached the line a third time and shouted, "If you don't let me unlock this door, nobody is going to get any groceries today."

~ Unknown Thanks Sue S/Betty H/IN

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

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JOY

Just One You

MOM

Making Our Memories

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Think about it... when someone says, "Only You..." they're confirming that certain things wouldn't get done without your unique gift. There are so many people who need you to be 'You' rather than someone bent on faking it to make it. Be real about who you are, and share your gift that God has carefully given you to add your piece to this puzzle of our existence.

As we celebrate Mothers' Day on the manmade calendar, let's remember that there really is no such thing as non-Mothers' Day. And no matter what your relationship is or was with the woman who brought you into this world thank her for *that* puzzle piece. You know I loved my mother. And what brings me the most joy in remembering her is in remembering ME... how I gave her thanks while she was alive. When we were young she took us on trips. As we got older we took her on trips. It is easier to deal with the fact that she's gone because the memories we created together bring her back in smiles.

HIGHER POWER: A Sunday school teacher said to her children, "We have been learning how powerful kings and queens were in Bible times. But there is a higher power. Can anybody tell me what it is?"

One child blurted out, "Aces!"

BEING THANKFUL: A rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? Very commendable. What does she say?"

The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

LOT 'S WIFE: The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My Mommy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"

MOSES & THE RED SEA: Nine-year-old Joey, was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mom, our teacher told us how God sent Moses behind

enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then, he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom. But, if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD: A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible; Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the verse. Little Rick was excited about the task -- but, he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

UNANSWERED PRAYER?: The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head, for a moment, before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't do it?" she asked.

SAY A PRAYER: Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away.

"Johnny wait until we say our prayer."

"I don't have to," The boy replied. "Of course, you do," his mother insisted. "We say a prayer, before eating, at our house."

"That's our house," Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook!"

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



A woman found out her husband had been cheating on her, so thought it might be good to give him a taste of what he'd been missing. When he arrived home from his "business" trip, she met him at the front door with two glasses of champagne. The lights were dimmed in the background, and the room was lit with the scent of the burning candles...

After they'd sipped down the drinks, with a very seductive voice the woman asked her husband, "Have you ever seen Twenty Dollars all crumpled up?"

"No," said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse, and slowly reached down into the cleavage created by a soft, silky push-up bra, and pulled out a crumpled Twenty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Twenty Dollar bill from her and smiled approvingly.

She then asked him, "Have you ever seen Fifty Dollars all crumpled up?"

"Uh no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice.

She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, and seductively reached into her tight, sheer panties and pulled out a crumpled Fifty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Fifty Dollar bill, and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

"Now," she said, "have you ever seen \$50,000 all crumpled up?"

"No way!" he said, obviously becoming even more aroused and excited, to which she replied, "Go look in the garage."

WATCH what you do... someone else is watching... especially if you've got no business doing it!

This is a story, proving how fascinating the mind of a six year old is. They think so logically.

A teacher was reading the story of the Three Little Pigs to her class. When she came to the part of the story where first pig was trying to gather the building materials for his home, she read. "And so the pig went up to the man with the wheelbarrow full of straw and said: "Pardon me sir, but may I have some of that straw to build my house?"

The teacher paused then asked the class: "And what do you think the man said?"

One little boy raised his hand and said very matter-of-factly... "I think the man would have said – "Well, I'll be damned... a talking pig!"

The teacher had to leave the room.

LISTEN to what you say... someone else is listening... especially children!

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen. On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. 'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me....'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'

~ Leo Buscaglia

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Most hurt seems to be unintentional. Someone may say, "I wasn't thinking." I say, Surround Yourself With Thinking People.

~ Sporty King

Sure, it's literal. But if I'm thinking about who you are, and you're not thinking about who I am... I'm reminded of that saying, "Don't make someone a priority in your life when you're an option in theirs." Know the difference between what seems and what is...

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Who brings out the 'better' in you? You're actually at your 'best' every day, because you're working with the energy you have.

~ Sporty King

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Champions know that to finish you have to have faith! I don't practice, I 'prepare' to win!! I plan to finish!!!!

~ Sporty King

"Your negative opinion of me is none of my business... Life is too short... I don't need you in my life... Anyone who doesn't like what I said can unfriend me now... I just keep it moving... I'm not here to please everyone... You like it, I love it... To each his own... Hey, can't win 'em all... No weapon formed against me shall prosper... You can't take away my joy... The Devil is a liar...."

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You can get to "I don't care!" But can you stay there?

~ Sporty King

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I don't apologize for something I don't want to do. I say it doesn't work for me and move on with a clear conscience.

~ Sporty King

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Sometimes things seem too good to be true because you forgot how hard you prayed.

~ Sporty King

We've got plenty of ways, cliches and sayings to defend our feelings in the moment. The challenge is the same as the victory: **moving from a 'moment' to a 'belief.'**

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Father's Wisdom You lie to those you fear. And you should fear no man.

~ Ricky King (Sporty's Father)

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I had a lot of fun learning about manhood from my father. I'm proud of how proud he was, and the lessons I chose to let stick and guide me.

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I can't really count and add up ALL my blessings. So I just enjoy how they multiply!

~ Sporty King

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I'm not at the top of my game every day, but I'm at the bottom even less.

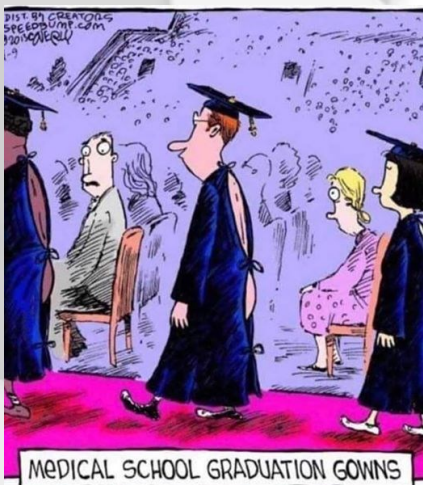
~ Sporty King

What you focus on you ferment

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There are just as many reasons to marvel about my life as there are to stress about it... in fact, more.

~ Sporty King



WHO or WHOSE WILL?

Here's the reason why baby diapers have brand names such as Luvs and Huggies, while undergarments for old people are called Depends:

When babies poop in their diapers, people are still gonna Luv'em and Hug'em. When old people poop in their diapers, the reaction Depends on who's in the will!

~ Unknown (... maybe!)

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Stand and pray... so God can walk you through the blessing!!!

~ Sporty King

The 'STAND' is not the key here. It doesn't matter how you're positioned when you pray; where you are; time of day; time of year.

You don't have to be in pain, experiencing suffering or needing an outcome. You don't even have to SEE the blessing. **GOD WILL GUIDE YOU!**

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Get Over It

Be an exception to the rule
by understanding *the* role...
Recognize that demise is a choice
Hello! Can you hear my voice?
And will you use yours?

You see, I don't need you to follow me
if you can't lead
Just because we're not birds
Doesn't mean we're not a flock in need

When you have the chance to stretch your hand
Please don't choose to turn your back
and avoid giving a stand
See, you can't always take one...

So brace yourself to reach the one
you've been sent to minister to...
Reach your one who has secretly publicly
been sent here for your touch.
Reach your one who is willing to sit, stand,
or lay wait for your every word and action.

Reach out for the exception to the rule
by understanding *your* role:
Reach yourself.

We'll be waiting....

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So often people get the chance to speak to a group, and they wish, "If only I can reach one person." Then they go out and try to reach everyone. In the process of trying to reach everyone you will reach no one... because there are too many communication styles. So I've learned to keep the mindset of reaching one-person-per-speech. That person is ME! I have to be sure that I hear what I'm saying, and that I'm telling the truth because I don't know who needs my message that day. Let's transfer that to your life.

You are your message, and you've been sent here to reach someone. What you have to say is important. What you do is impactful. Who you are is necessary. Someone is checking you out, wants to be like you, and needs you to BE their role model. They may never get the chance to thank you. But you need to get your Star Mentality together and accept your power. That's your "role" as outlined in this poem. Reread it, understanding that and see if the meaning changes.

In the Bible there are several places where an analogy is made advising that you shine your light rather than hiding it behind a bush. You're not conceited. You're made in the image of God, and as you shine you proclaim his glory.

"You are the light of the world... let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father." ~ Matthew 5:14-16

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first- base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was. 'We're behind 14 - 0,' he answered with a smile.

'Really,' I said. 'I have to say you don't look very discouraged.'

'Discouraged?' the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face... 'Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet.'

~ Leo Buscaglia

ONLINE BROADCASTS

FACEBOOK ... LINKEDIN ... YOUTUBE

Monday Morning Moment 8:00am EDT

1-2 minute inspirational message.

GLUE (God's Love Undoes Everything)

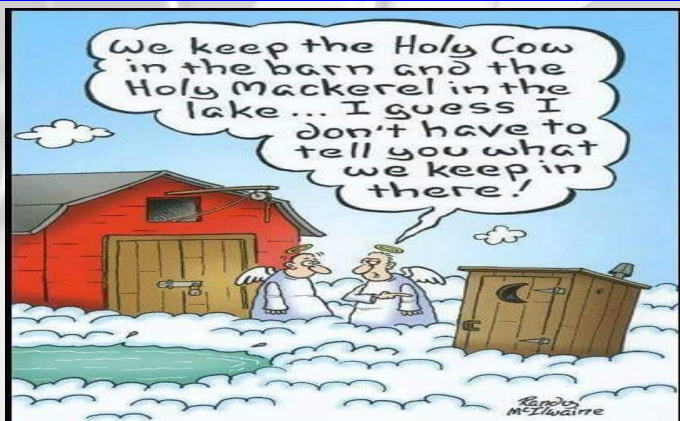
Wednesday 1:00pm EDT

30-45 minute interactive inspirational message.

GIFT (God Is For Today) Friday 11:00am EDT

8-12 minute sharing of my original poetry and how to use it to inspire others... and yourself.

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**Thank God
It's ToNIGHT!**

*To get the chance to go to sleep and do it again
is a blessing with no disguise.*

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**Thank God
It's ToDAY!**

*To wake up and have the chance to do it again
is a blessing with no disguise.*

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