

Thoughts and Smiles – March 25, 2024

REFLECTION FOR PALM SUNDAY

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Psalm 118:22

The king enters the city
on his war horse
while across town
love rides a donkey.

Guns and towers, vast machines,
engines. Generals boast
of victory over the child,
the hard edge over soft flesh.

The powerful strut and shamle,
loudspeakers announce their lies.
If there were money in darkness
they'd dismiss the sun.

God slips in through
the locked gate, the high wall.
In their high offices the light
is invisible to them.

The judge, the warden, the guards
believe you're nothing.
You'll never convince them otherwise.
But the stars know. The air knows.

Your peasant heart
rides a donkey, small and tender.
Honour the Royal Majesty
of the heart that belongs to love.

~ written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes





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This is a wonderful video – and the fellow has the most infectious smile.....

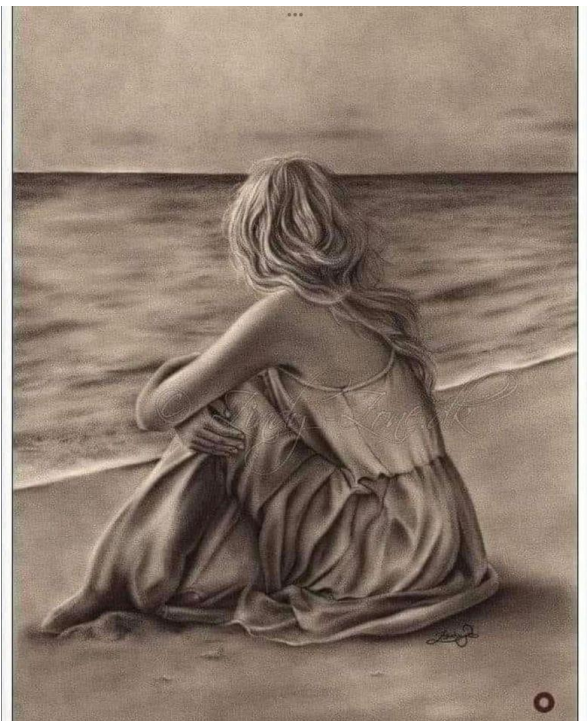


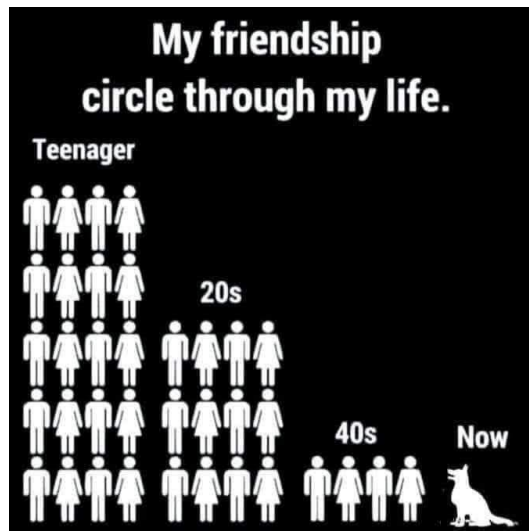
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Standing at the edge of a new chapter can be scary. The desire to run back into the pages you know so well, is more than tempting. But you must keep moving. Chapters end, even the good ones. And if you linger in the past too long, your story cannot unfold the way it should. And you might just miss the most beautiful moments of your life, whilst grieving the ones gone by. It's scary at the edge my friend, I know. But just jump. You have so much ahead. And the good stuff behind, will always be there.

Donna Ashworth - WILD HOPE: healing words to find light on dark days

Art by Zindy Nielsen





Something you should know.

Pets, it turns out, also have last wishes before they die, but only known by veterinarians who put old and sick animals to sleep.

Twitter user Jesse Dietrich asked a vet what was the most difficult part of his job.

The specialist answered without hesitation that it was the hardest for him to see how old or sick animals look for their owners with the eyes of their owners before going to sleep.

The fact is that 90% of owners don't want to be in a room with a dying animal.

People leave so that they don't see their pet leave. But they don't realize that it's in these last moments of life that their pet needs them most.

Veterinarians ask the owners to be close to the animals until the very end.

"It's inevitable that they die before you. Don't forget that you were the center of their life.

Maybe they were just a part of you. But they are also your family. No matter how hard it is, don't leave them."

Don't let them die in a room with a stranger in a place they don't like.

It is very painful for veterinarians to see how pets cannot find their owner during the last minutes of their life.

They don't understand why the owner left them. After all, they needed their owner's consolation.

Veterinarians do everything possible to ensure that animals are not so scared, but they are completely strangers to them. It's painful.

Think about the pet. Endure this pain for their sake.

Be with them until the end

**No matter what life
throws at you...
At the end of the day,
your dog still
loves you!**





"I'M STILL S'POSED TO 'LOVE MY NEIGHBOR' EVEN IF MR. WILSON DOESN'T RETURN MY BASEBALLS?"

KIDS TODAY ARE SOFT. I DIED ONCE WHEN I WAS FIVE, AND MY MOM MADE ME WALK IT OFF.



BIRTHDAY CAKES IN GENESIS



For those of you who don't know the difference between a crocodile and an alligator, the crocodile is the one next to the alligator.



Have a terrific week!

Blessings to you all!

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**Banks should do a better
job of keeping their
ATMs filled. This is the
fifth one I've been to that
says Insufficient Funds.**

Check out "David's Blog" on the Sauble Beach United Church website.
<https://saubleunitedchurch.ca/category/davids-blog/>

No matter how crazy you are, never
put your finger here

