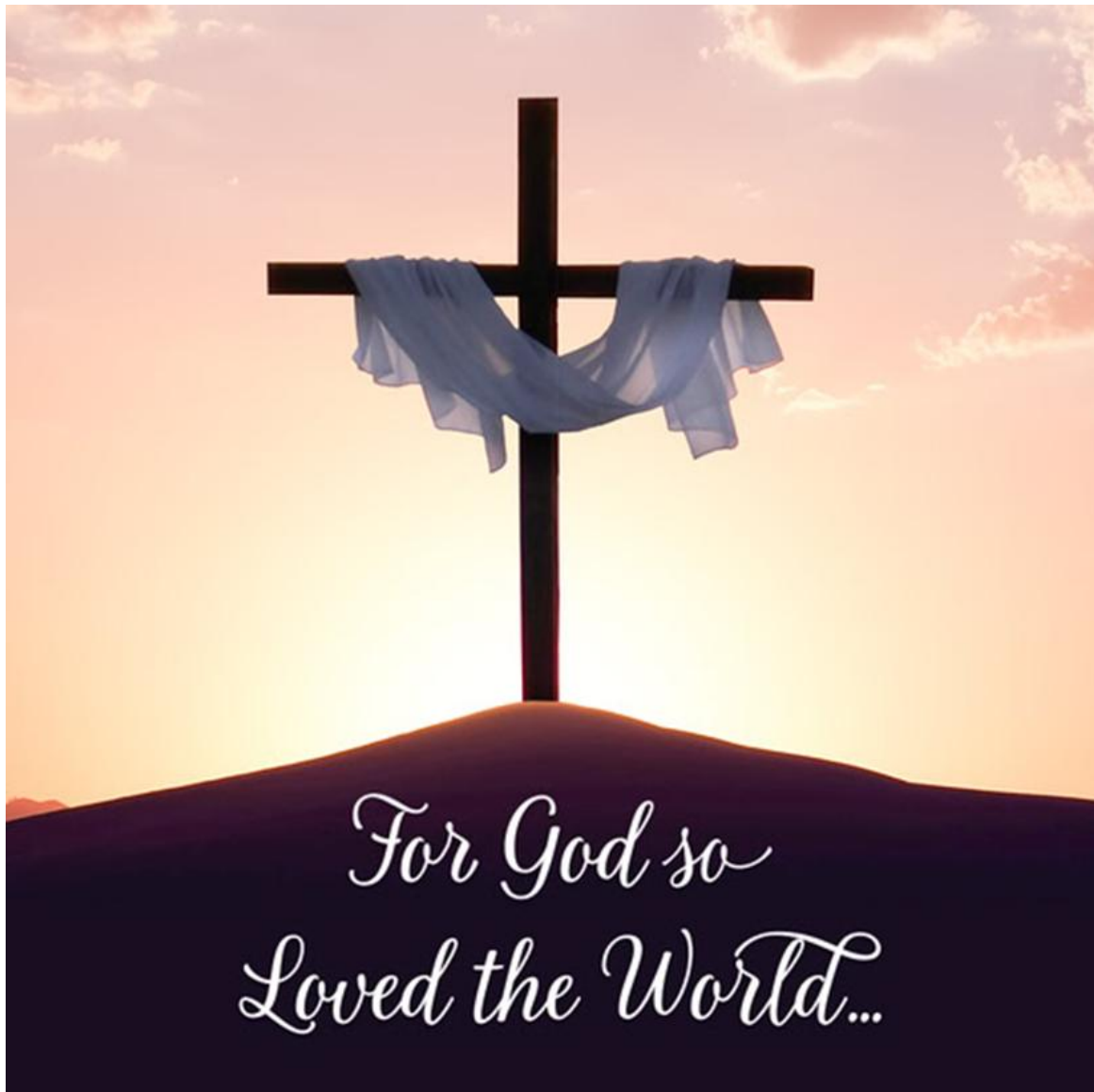


Thoughts and Smiles – April 21, 2025



Grace Oasis Prayer: https://youtu.be/ea0Bj_Z2Jj0?si=ZmrRC06ibwCs9Y59



As you grow older, your view of life begins to change. Things that once seemed important no longer matter much. You begin to understand that peace, happiness, and love are more valuable than drama, stress, or showing off. Life teaches you that time is short, and every day is a gift.

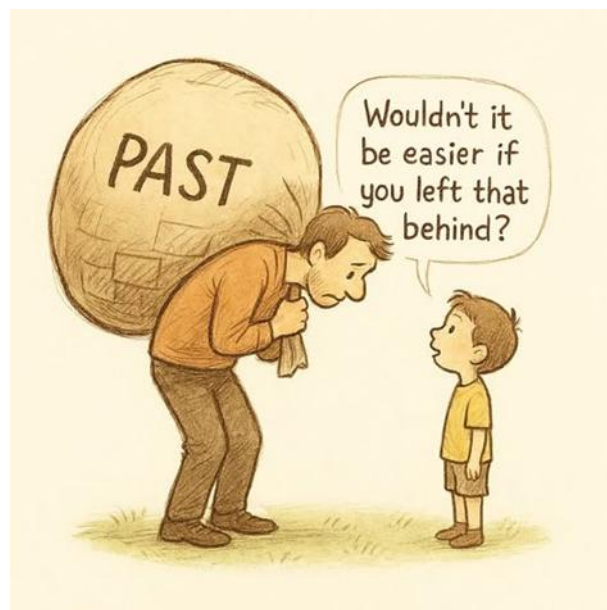
You don't want to argue or deal with unnecessary conflict anymore. You stop chasing people who don't value you. You no longer want to prove yourself to anyone. Instead, you want peace in your heart and calm in your surroundings.

The older you get, the more you appreciate the small things a warm cup of tea, a quiet evening, a loving hug, or laughter with close friends. A cozy home, simple meals, and the company of people who truly care about you become the greatest blessings.

You realize that life isn't about being rich, popular, or perfect. It's about being real, kind, and surrounded by love. You choose quality over quantity in relationships, conversations, and even in your dreams.

So, as you grow older, choose peace. Let go of the noise. Be thankful for what you have. Love deeply, live simply, and enjoy the moments that truly matter.

— The Storyteller



"It's a quiet night tonight, isn't it, Piglet?" said Pooh, gazing up at the stars.
"It certainly is," said Piglet, his little paw resting on his friend's.

"What do you think the stars talk about?" asked Pooh. "When we're not listening, I mean."

Piglet thought for a moment. "I think they talk about light," he said. "About how even in the darkest skies, they shine as best as they can, no matter how small they are. Because they know someone, somewhere, is looking up and needs to see them."

Pooh smiled. "That's a lovely thought, Piglet. Do you think we're like that, too? Little stars, shining for each other?"

Piglet nodded. "Yes, Pooh. I think that's what we're meant to do. To be a little light for someone, even when the night feels very big and very dark."



Pooh sat quietly for a moment, then said, "If that's true, Piglet, then I think you're the brightest star I know. Even on my gloomiest days, you make me feel like everything will be alright."

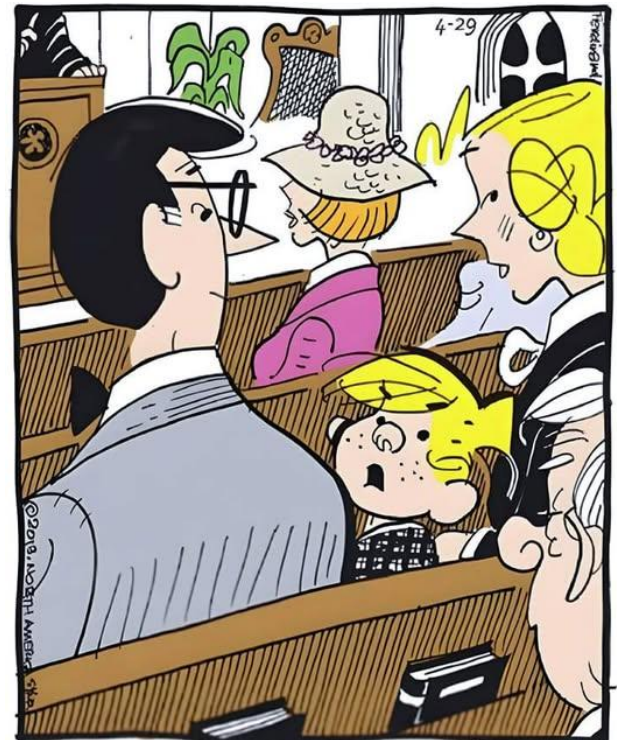
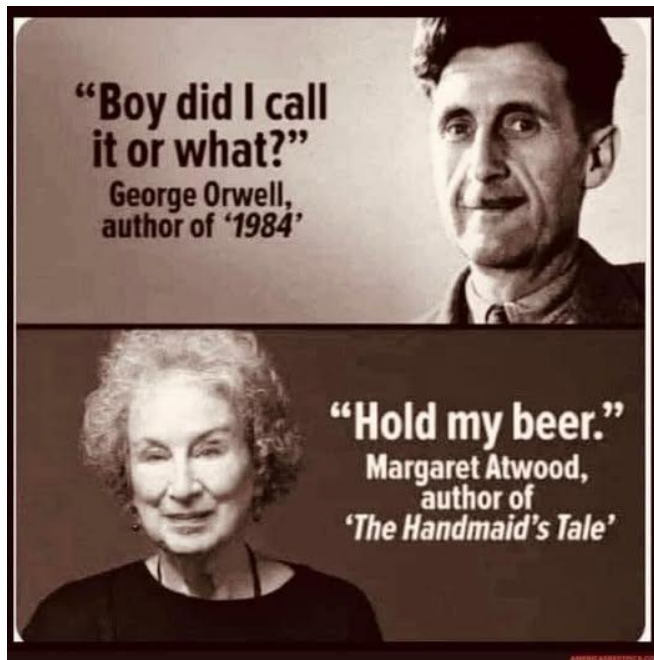
"And you're mine, Pooh," said Piglet, softly. "Because with you, I always feel safe, even when the woods seem scary, or the path isn't clear."

The two friends sat together under the stars, wrapped in the kind of quiet love that doesn't need grand gestures or fancy words. Just presence. Just care. Just two lights shining for each other in the great big world.

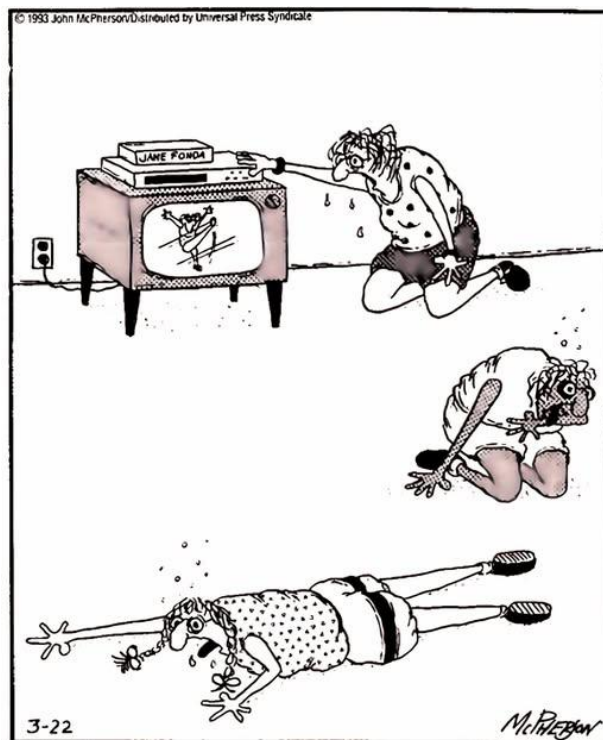
"What do you think we should do tomorrow?" asked Pooh after a while.

"I think we should just keep shining," said Piglet.

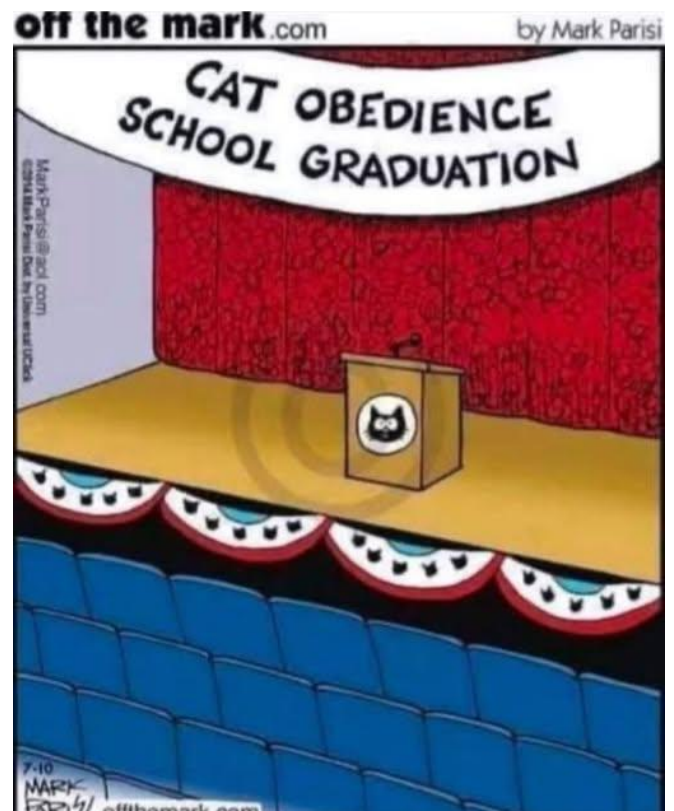
**One minute you're young
and cool, maybe
even a little dangerous, and
the next minute you're
reading Amazon reviews for
bird feeders. 🤔**



"Hey! When he was talkin' about needin' to repent, why was he lookin' right at me?!"



"Here's the problem! The workout tape has been on fast-forward the whole time!"



Blessings to you All!

David Jones

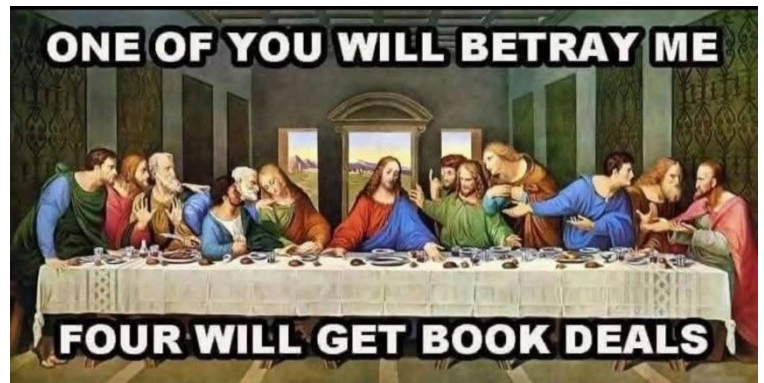
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Shhh... She's fixing the world ❤️

