

Thoughts and Smiles – May 19, 2025

This problem in your life..
This obstacle that's standing in your way..
This heartache and grief..
This overwhelming fear..
It's so easy to take it at face value.
It's easy to assume that this is how it ends. With
pain and agony.
But what if it's this exact thing that is a catalyst for
change?

What if it's this hardship that allows you to
experience God's grace and love more than you
ever have before?
What if it's this obstacle that shows you just how
powerful the Lord is?
It's easy to take it at face value.

But God is never at face value.
As soon as something bad comes into our life, He
immediately begins the process of turning it into something for our good.
The greatest miracles we experience typically start as a hardship.
It's that place of brokenness that we see how healing and restoration really is His specialty.

Don't lose hope, friend.
He is so much bigger than anything in this world.
And maybe He is about to show you just that.

~Kelli Bachara, The Unraveling Blog



Lord, Make My Faith Strong Enough to Carry Me in Every Season of Life | Morning Prayer

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Eighty years ago this day
The world let out a sigh
A sigh that breathed relief
Against the fading battle cries

Bells rang out as morning dawned
And crowds of people cheered
And peace began to settle
As war's shadow disappeared

But still there was an aching,
Something missing, out of place
For though the guns had ceased
Their heavy silence left a space

Because the war was over
But there'd been a mighty cost:
The brave who stood, who fought and
fell;
The lives that had been lost

They fought not just for land,
But for the right for us to be:
To know just what it means to live
With freedom, liberty

So on this day, we bow our heads
And lift our hearts in thanks,
To all who stood when hope was thin
Across the shattered ranks

And when we do remember them
In their name, let us strive
To tell their stories and to
Keep the flame of hope alive

Let peace be more than just a word
Let freedom never fade
And through each storm, let's try and keep
The promise that they made



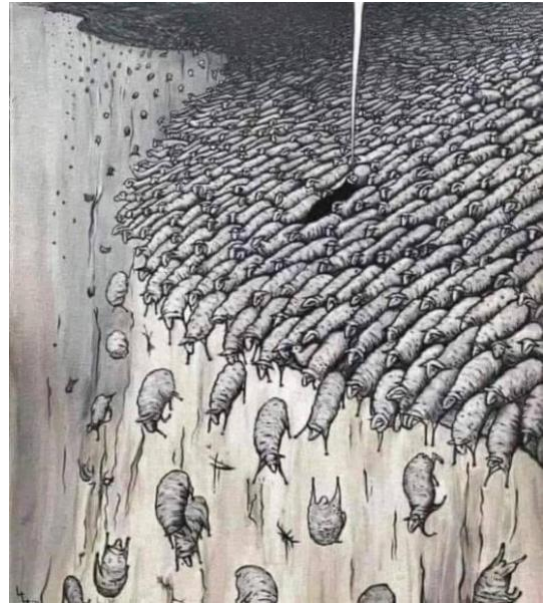
On the 80th anniversary of VE Day

Becky Hemsley 2025

The “black sheep” metaphor is such a powerful reminder that sometimes, being different is the very thing that can make a difference.

The black sheep doesn’t follow the crowd, because sometimes the crowd is heading in the wrong direction. It’s the black sheep who has the courage to step forward and say, “Hold on, I think we’re heading toward a cliff!” While they may be seen as outcasts or rebels, they’re often the ones bold enough to challenge the norm and create their own path.

Let’s take a moment to appreciate the black sheep in our lives – those who inspire us to think differently, question the status quo, and embrace our individuality.



How I clean my room:

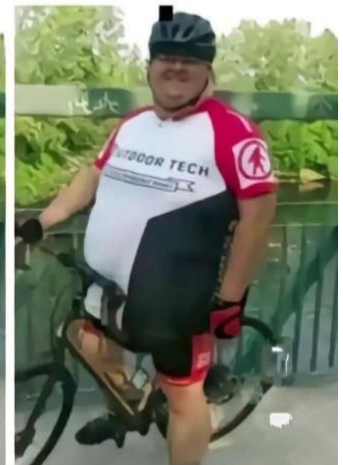
- Start in one corner.
- Find something from 6 years ago and stare at it nostalgically for 5 hours.
- Go to bed.

THINKING MINDS

Before



After



In 2 weeks I lost 14 days

WHEN PASTOR SAYS 'BRING YOUR PROBLEMS TO THE ALTAR'



When someone's telling you a story,



but you're just thinking about what you're going to eat later

Never give up ! 😄😄😄



Blessings to you All!

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<https://saubleunitedchurch.ca/category/davids-blog/>

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Not sure which is more
funny; the church name, the
city or the message.

