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How about a sober reminder?

Today I had to go to the dreaded Super Walmart; A place I usually avoid like the plague; And one of the reasons I think online grocery order and curbside pickup are the greatest ideas ever.

As I entered the madness, I did what I usually do: avoided as much eye contact as possible with everyone.

But as I hurried to get the things I needed, I noticed just about everyone else was doing the same thing to me!

In fact, it was like they didn't even know I was there; like they were looking straight through me.

And for some reason, in that moment, I thought about Jesus.

What if Jesus went to Walmart?

We know He wouldn't be avoiding people.

He had crowds of people who followed Him.

And probably the ones we most try to avoid would be the ones

He would hang out with and help.

So, I decided to actually look at the people I passed by.

These people all have a life and a story

and hard things they are facing, just like me.

If we slow down and notice the people around us we might see

the widowed, older gentleman who seems lost on an aisle trying to find what his wife used to buy;

We might see

the mom going through a divorce with three kids by her side, hanging by a thread;

We might see

the guy smiling on the outside but dealing with depression on the inside.

And we might just begin to feel compassion when we finally "see" people.

A simple smile might be what they need.

Offering to help might lighten their struggle.

Something small to make a difference in their day.

I'm not going to lie, it's a struggle for me to want to talk to people.

I would rather mind my own business and go on my way.

But Jesus said we should go

and make disciples out of all nations.

Jesus gave us the example

of being around people

and having love and compassion for them.

So when it goes against our very nature, all we can do is

pray for God to help us.

Maybe just start with praying

for more patience.

Maybe just pray for

God to help us "see" people.

And most of all, we pray for the power that is inside us -

the power that rose Jesus from the dead,

for that power to help us in our weaknesses.

We can't love people

if we don't take the time

to "see" them.

Jesus gave us the example.

And He gave us instructions to love one another.

But thank God,

He didn't leave it up to us

to do it alone.

He put His spirit inside us to be able to accomplish all He asks us to do.

Even at the dreaded Super Walmart.



For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and self-control.

2 Timothy 1:7



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BULLETPROOF WASHINGTON - From Amazing Facts

July 9, 1755, during the French and Indian War, a force of 1,500 British soldiers was ambushed in the open by a small force of French and American Indian fighters shooting from the woods. The British soldiers—trained for European war—made easy targets standing shoulder to shoulder in their bright red uniforms. And their officers were even more exposed on horseback, high above the men on the ground, making perfect targets.

The slaughter continued for two hours as nearly 70 percent of the British soldiers were cut down. One by one, the chief's marksmen shot the British officers from their horses until only one remained. Amazingly, round after round was aimed at this one man. Twice the young lieutenant's horse was shot out from under him. Twice he grabbed another horse. Ten, fifteen, twenty rounds were fired by the sharpshooters.

Still, the officer remained unhurt. The native warriors stared in disbelief. Their rifles seldom missed. The chief realized that a mighty power must be shielding this man and commanded, "Stop firing! This one is under the special protection of the Great Spirit."

Eventually the lieutenant colonel gathered the remaining British troops and led them to safety. That evening, as the last of the wounded were being cared for, the officer noticed an odd tear in his coat. It was a bullet hole! He rolled up his sleeve and looked at his arm directly under the hole. There was no mark on his skin. Amazed, he took off his coat and found three more holes where bullets had passed through his coat but stopped before they reached his body.

Nine days after the battle, the young lieutenant colonel wrote his brother: "By the all-powerful dispensations of Providence I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side!"

The 23-year-old officer went on to become the commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and the first president of the United States. During the years that followed in his long career, this man, George Washington, was never once wounded in battle. Washington also escaped flying bullets on four other occasions and survived contracting diphtheria, malaria, smallpox, and tuberculosis.

KEY BIBLE TEXTS—"A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee." Psalm 91:7
Shared by Olan Suddeth

ALL THE ANSWERS: The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things. [John 14:26](#)

Dale Earnhardt Jr. describes the awful moment he understood his father was gone. Motor racing legend Dale Earnhardt Sr. had just been killed in a horrific crash at the end of the Daytona 500—a race in which Dale Jr. had also participated. "There's this noise coming outta me that I can't re-create," said the younger Earnhardt. "[It's] this bellow of shock and sorrow—and fear." And then the lonely truth: "I'm gonna have to do this by myself."

"Having Dad was like having a cheat sheet," Earnhardt Jr. explained. "Having Dad was like knowing all the answers."

Jesus' disciples had learned to look to Him for all the answers. Now, on the eve of His crucifixion, He assured them He wouldn't leave them alone. "I will ask the Father," Jesus said, "and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth" ([John 14:16–17](#)).

Jesus extended that comfort to all who would believe in Him. "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching," He said. "My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them" (v. 23).

Those who choose to follow Christ have within them the Spirit who teaches them "all things" and reminds them of everything Jesus taught (v. 26). We don't have all the answers, but we have the Spirit of the One who does.

By: [Tim Gustafson](#)

Shared by Roy Davis—This was from Our Daily Bread Reading recently

PASTOR'S CORNER



At the end of Part 2 of the amazing story of Wisam Ali, born and raised in a Muslim home in Nazareth, Israel, through a series of divine interventions, he is now at a Christian school in Austria, where his sister directed him to come and learn English. Once he found out that she had become a Christian and was dating a Christian as well, his rage got almost uncontrollable, demanding that she immediately abandon Christianity and return to Islam. Her response was negative but told him that, if at the end of that school year, if he had not changed his mind, she would turn herself in to him so he could fulfill his wish to kill her.

One day he got a call regarding his visa, some problem had come up and he had to report to immigration office right away or be deported. He asked boss if could leave earlier that day, but his boss was adamant at saying that would not happen. Feeling totally discouraged, Wissam went and sat down leaning on a tree. Before long he fell asleep and all of sudden saw a bright light and heard a powerful voice saying to him, "YOU ARE MINE" Shocked beyond description, he woke up to see a theology teacher walking toward him and asking him, "have you seen the man from Israel". "Yes, that's me", said Wisam very confused. "I have a gift for you, here's an orange from Israel", said the teacher. Dazzled and confused, he looked into the teacher's face and responded with a question, "Who is your God?" To which he answered promptly, "The Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit". Jolted back to reality, Wisam fired back, "I accepted your orange, but not your God". Sitting there in bewilderment, wondering what this was all about, but before he could find an answer, he fell asleep. And again, he saw a bright light and heard the words, "YOU ARE MINE", and again he woke up to see the theology teacher walking toward him, oranges in hand and all, asking the same question he had asked him earlier, "have you seen man from Israel", and again, Wisam accepted the oranges. He just sat there with the two oranges and more confused than ever, but despite all of the questions swirling in his mind, he fell asleep again. This time, however, the voice was even more powerful, "FEAR NOT! YOU ARE MINE!" His body shook and he opened his eyes to see the theology teacher standing right beside him. "Are you from Israel? Here's an orange from Israel, take and eat". All he could respond was, "Your God, I want to meet Him".

Before leaving the conversation, the theology teacher invited Wisam to supper and a Bible study that night - as Wisam sat there with three oranges in hand, he decided to pray for the first time to the God of the man who gave him the oranges, "If you are the God who can fill my emptiness, help me to get my work done fast so I can get my visa issues worked out and attend the Bible study tonight". After this simple prayer, his heart was filled with joy and peace and he got to work as hard as he could. His boss had assigned him a job that would normally take thirteen hours to complete. Miraculously, though, Wisam was able to accomplish that task in just four hours!

His boss was completely astonished and asked who had helped him! Wisam said he simply prayed to the God of the man who had given him three oranges. But his boss shook his head and sneered back saying, "God would not listen to a man like you!", and assigned him another long job to complete. Wisam prayed once again, asking the God of the man who gave him the oranges to not only finish the task in time, but prove His existence to the "Christian man". Once again the Lord answered his prayer and Wisam completed the job in record time.

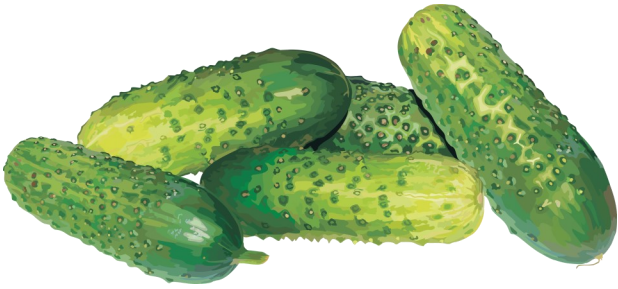
His boss couldn't believe how fast Wisam had gotten both jobs done and suggested that he was possessed by demons. He told his boss that he was rejecting the true God but he was receiving Him that day. Wisam was able to fix his visa issue and now that he could stay in Austria, he immediately began studying the Bible with the theology teacher. Not long after that he was baptized into the Seventh-day Adventist church, and instead of killing his sister, Wisam was there to bless her as she united her life to her fiancé in marriage. (to be continued)

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Cucumbers!!!!



1. Cucumbers contain most of the vitamins you need every day, just one cucumber contains Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin B3, Vitamin B5, Vitamin B6, Folic Acid, Vitamin C, Calcium, Iron, Magnesium,

Phosphorus, Potassium and Zinc.

2. Feeling tired in the afternoon, put down the caffeinated soda and pick up a cucumber. Cucumbers are a good source of B Vitamins and Carbohydrates that can provide that quick pick-me-up that can last for hours.

3. Tired of your bathroom mirror fogging up after a shower? Try rubbing a cucumber slice along the mirror, it will eliminate the fog & provide a soothing, spa-like fragrance.

4. Are grubs and slugs ruining your planting beds? Place a few slices in a small pie tin and your garden will be free of pests all season long. The chemicals in the cucumber react with the aluminum to give off a scent Undetectable to humans but drive garden pests crazy and make them flee the area.

5. Looking to fight off that afternoon or evening snacking binge? Cucumbers have been used for centuries and often used by European trappers, traders and explores for quick meals to thwart off starvation.

6. Have an important meeting or job interview and you realize that you don't have enough time to polish your shoes? Rub a freshly cut cucumber over the shoe, its chemicals will provide a quick and durable shine that not only looks great but also repels water.

7. Out of WD 40 and need to fix a squeaky hinge? Take a cucumber slice and rub it along the problematic hinge, and voila, the squeak is gone!

8. Stressed out and don't have time for massage, facial or visit to the spa? Cut up an entire cucumber and place it in a boiling pot of water, the chemicals and nutrients from the cucumber will react with the boiling water and be released in the steam, creating a soothing, relaxing aroma that has been shown to reduce stress in new mothers and college students during final exams.

9. Just finish a business lunch and realize you don't have gum or mints? Take a slice of cucumber and press it to the roof of your mouth with your tongue for 30 seconds to eliminate bad breath, the phytochemicals will kill the bacteria in your mouth responsible for causing bad breath.

10. Looking for a 'green' way to clean your faucets, sinks or stainless steel? Take a slice of cucumber and rub it on the surface you want to clean, not only will it remove years of tarnish and bring back the shine, but it won't leave streaks and won't harm your fingers or fingernails while you clean.

11. Using a pen and made a mistake? Take the outside of the cucumber and slowly use it to erase the pen writing, also works great on crayons and markers that the kids have used to decorate the walls!

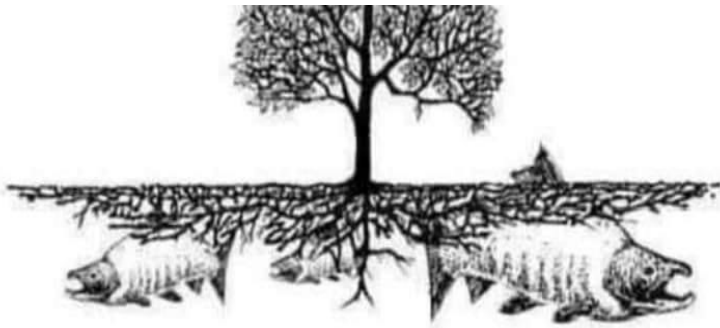
Gabriela is taking a break this month, This is what I found that seemed like really good ideas. Hope you can benefit from them. Have a good month, Brenda

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C	5	Robert Ibanescu
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Tentative Speakers Schedule:

Sept: 30 - Shawn Smith, Oct: 7
Shawn Smith, 14 - Pastor De-
Oliveira, 21 - Shawn Smith, 28-
Pastor DeOliveira



I LOVE THIS ANALOGY

When GOD wanted to create fish, HE spoke to the sea. When GOD wanted to create trees, HE spoke to the earth. But, when GOD wanted to create man, HE turned to himself. Then, GOD said "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness."

If you take a fish out of water, it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die. Likewise, when man is disconnected from GOD, he dies.

GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live in HIS presence. We have to be connected to HIM because it is only in HIM that life exists. Let us stay connected to GOD.

Sam Smith enjoyed the picture that I shared last week and was going to share another one of him and SL. They have had covid in their household so maybe by next month I will have the one he wanted to share. This is a good one of Tom & Jeannie Bates and Jennie Dalrymple. I would love to share one from you next month. Remember to share your favorite poems, short stories and etc that you feel would be a blessing to someone else. Hope you all have a safe month, Brenda

Natalie Smith shared this August 12: This song came to me while listening to Brian Danese's sermons this morning.

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown
Where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand

Your grace abounds in the deepest waters
Your sovereign hand
Will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed
And You won't start now

Spirit lead me where my trust is without borders
Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours
You are mine

Songwriters: Salomon Ligthelm, Joel Timothy Houston, Matthew Philip Crocker.

Pepper "Chicken"

2 inches Chickette roll or 1/2 can Fri-Chik cut in bite sized pieces

1 medium onion, thinly sliced

1 red bell pepper, thinly sliced

1 green bell pepper, thinly sliced

Olive Oil as needed to saute.

1.2 tsp each onion powder, sweet paprika

1/4 tsp garlic powder or 1 clove finely chopped

salt and pepper to taste

Sauce

1 Tbs Braggs aminos'

1 to 1 1/2 tsp corn starch

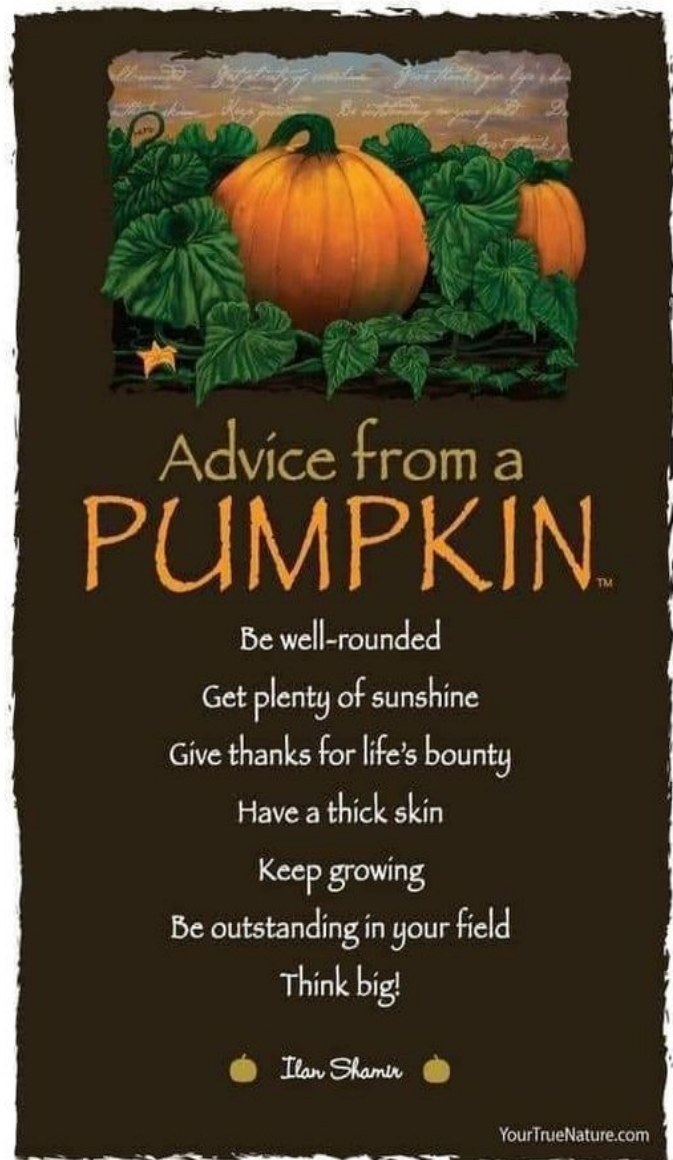
1/2 cup vegetable broth - Prepare sauce and set aside

Sauté onion and peppers over medium heat until onion is translucent and peppers tender. Add Chicken product about half-way through to brown it a bit. You will need to stir frequently. Add seasonings.

Stir sauce then pour over chicken & veggies. Continue to stir until the sauce thickens.

Serve over cooked rice.

Kay Suddeth our #3



We have a website!! **UPDATED - Church Website: <https://www.clantonsda.com/>** Tony Plier has posted sermons, music & a lot of info, look under Newsletters to find this publication on line each month. Tony has also added a link at the bottom of every page for Adventistgiving. Thanks to those that do contribute, Until next month! ... Brenda

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