

Thought for a Wednesday

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Have you ever had one of those days... I'm sure you've heard that phrase countless times before, but indulge me a bit, okay?

Last Sunday our two older daughters were heading back to college and we were suppose to leave directly from the worship service to drive them about 45 minutes west to catch their ride. So, let's tally this up shall we? Mom, Dad, Grandma and 5 Children – With me so far?

So after church we realize that our youngest driver has already left for a dance class she is taking and has taken not only the keys to the car she is riding in, but also the keys to the car that we need to get Grandma home and then the two older kids to meet their ride for college. The car I drive can only seat 4 people, and I have to transport 7 people! Luckily, two wonderful church members offered to take Grandma and our two youngest to Gram's house while Mom and Dad and two older kids left in Dad's car to drive the 45 minutes west to meet up with their ride – Confusing yet?

We unpack the girls stuff from the larger car in the smaller car and get ready to go. Oldest daughter says, "Where is my laptop?" To which I say, "I don't know... I didn't pack your stuff!" (father-talk) To which said oldest daughter replies, "I think I left my laptop back at the house..." So, the plan was to drive to the house, get the laptop, stop by the dance studio to get keys for bigger car and come back to the church and switch cars. So we unpack my car, repacked the other car and headed home for laptop and keys – On the way home oldest daughter says, "I forgot to pick up my medicine at Rite Aid..." At this point, Dad's about to have a stroke!!!! Got home, got laptop, got keys and headed back to the church. At the church, we transferred into the bigger car and headed to Rite Aid. Now, we were suppose to meet the ride at 1:45 p.m. and when we left Rite Aid to actually start the trip to meet their ride it's like 1:20 (remember, we needed to go @ 45 minutes west)

"Love endures long and is patient and kind; love never is envious nor boils over with jealousy, is not boastful or vainglorious, does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) and does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights or its own way, for it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy or fretful or resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice and unrighteousness, but rejoices when right and truth prevail. Love bears up under anything and everything that comes is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end]. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8, Amplified)

As it was, the person they were riding with was late herself and as we traveled down the road, we laughed at how funny the past 1 1/2 went and the events that unfolded. Mom and Dad and two older daughters, reminisced about the past, talked about the present and future and thoroughly had a great time together. Looking back now, its just what we needed, its just what I needed and I wouldn't have exchanged those moments for any other.

I hope you have a day like that real soon with your family, your friends...

Be strong... Be courageous... Be fearless...

Christ is All,
Pastor Mark