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The Parable of the Buckets

There once was a farmer who had two buckets.



One of the buckets was cracked and leaked continuously. The other was perfect and never spilled a drop.



The cracked bucket became sad and decided to speak to the farmer.



Upon learning he was sad, the farmer asked the bucket to join him on a walk

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Asking for Directions

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store. As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, "Son, can you tell me where the Post Office is?"

The little boy replied, "Sure! Just go straight down this street two blocks and turn to the right."



The man thanked the boy kindly and said, "I'm the new pastor in town. I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to heaven."

The little boy replied with a chuckle, "Ahhh, come on. You don't even know the way to the Post Office!"



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Love Deeply



She said, "Don't call the doctor, I want to fall asleep peacefully, with your hand in mine."

He told her about the past, how they met, their first kiss. They didn't cry, they smiled. They didn't regret anything, they were grateful.

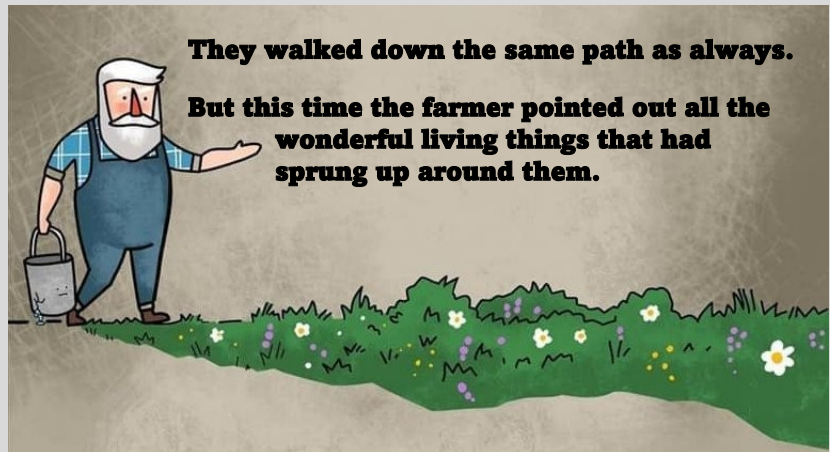
Then she repeated softly, "I love you forever!"

He returned her words, gave her a soft kiss on the forehead. She closed her eyes and fell asleep peacefully with her hand in his.

Love is what matters because man comes into this world with nothing other than love and leaves with nothing other than love. Profession, career, bank account, our possessions are just tools, nothing more. Everything stays here.

Love deeply, as if there was nothing more important in your life.

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He explained to the bucket that he was responsible for all this beauty.



If he hadn't leaked water every day the plants would never had grown.



The bucket realized that despite his flaws, he still helped those around him grow, even when he wasn't aware of it.

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Jesse's Story

His mother was 40 years old when Jesse was born. Jesse grew up in a very rough home in Morgantown, West Virginia. Jesse's father, who was mentally ill, was a violent man and was abusive to Jesse.

At 13, his father died leaving his mother to take care of him and his brothers. At the time, things weren't easy for Jesse and he didn't think life held much hope for him. While Jesse had his struggles, he had dreams too. He wanted to be a ventriloquist and he found books on ventriloquism. He practiced with sock puppets and saved his money until he could get a real ventriloquist dummy.



When he was old enough, he joined the military. The military recognized his talents and placed him in the entertainment corp. He toured the western Pacific Islands as a comedian as part of a G.I. variety show called "Stars and Gripes." It was there he was able to share his talents with fellow soldiers.

In 1946, he discharged with rank of Technician Grade 5, which was the equivalent then of a Corporal. During his military service, Jesse was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal (with 4 bronze service stars), Army Good Conduct Medal, Marksman Badge (with an M1 Carbine) and Honorable Service lapel pin.

Through his military service, Jesse gained confidence and found that he had a talent for making people laugh. In spite of his early struggles, Jesse became one of the best-loved characters of all time. For it was Jesse - Jesse Don Knotts who brought us Barney Fife!

Purse Snatcher

A little old lady was walking her dog in the park.



Suddenly a young man ran by, grabbed her purse from her hand and took off.

A passerby stopped and asked if she was OK.

She smiled and said, "It's no big deal. I carry that old purse to put my dog's mess in after he does his business so I can dispose of it when I get home."

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The Pronunciation Poem

I take it you already know
of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble, but not you,
on hiccough, thorough, laugh, and through.

Well done! And now you wish perhaps,
to learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word,
that looks like beard and sounds like bird.
And dead — it's said like bed and not bead —
and for goodness' sake don't call it deed!

Watch out for meat and great and threat
(They rhyme with suite and straight and debt)

A moth is not the moth in mother,
nor both in bother, broth in brother.
And here is not a match for there,
nor dear and fear for bear and pear.

And then there's dose and rose and lose —
just look them up — and goose and choose,
and cork and work, and card and ward,
and font and front, and word and sword,
and do and go, and thwart and cart —
come, come I've hardly made a start.

A dreadful language? Man alive.
I'd mastered it when I was five!

Beware of Dog

Upon entering a little country store, the stranger noticed a sign warning, "Danger! Beware of dog!" posted on the glass door. Inside, he noticed a harmless old hound dog asleep on the floor beside the cash register.



"Is that the dog folks are supposed to beware of?" he asked the owner.

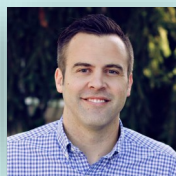
"Yep, that's him," came the reply.

The stranger couldn't help but be amused. "That certainly doesn't look like a dangerous dog to me. Why in the world would you post that sign?"

"Because," the owner explained, "Before I posted that sign, people kept tripping over him."



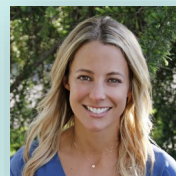
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- ◆ The knight who funded the kingdom: Sir Tax
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Lost Ball

There was a man, 93 years old, who absolutely loved to play golf.

One day, after playing, he arrived home, looking dejected. His wife asked him, "Is everything all right? What is the matter?"

The man replied, "I think that I'm going to have to give up playing golf."

"Whatever for?" his wife exclaimed. "You have been playing golf your entire life, you absolutely love it!"

"Yes," the man said, "but my eyesight is shot. I can no longer see the ball after I hit it."

His wife said, "Oh! You should take my brother with you; he could help you!"

"Your brother is 98 years old!" the man said.

His wife replied, "Yes, but he has excellent eyesight."

So, the old man took his brother-in-law to the golf course. He teed up, hit the golf ball, then immediately turned and asked, "Did you see where the ball went?"

His brother-in-law replied, "Of course I saw where it went! I have exceptional eyesight!"

"Well? Where is it?" the old man asked.

"I have no idea. My memory is shot."



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The day before a visit, our teacher asked us all to bring in a carnation for our "grandparent." So I went home and told my mom that I needed to bring in a carnation to school tomorrow. (English is not my mother's first language.)

I showed up to school the next day and saw all the other kids holding these flowers. I looked down at my can of Carnation brand evaporated milk and realized the logo is the same as the flower



everyone else is holding.

My "grandfather" accepted my gift with a huge smile. He knew the other grandparents were just going to throw out the flowers, while he had quality evaporated milk for his coffee!

Good Night Kiss

At the end of their first date, a young man takes his favorite girl home. Emboldened by the night, he decides to try for that important first kiss.

With an air of confidence, he leans with his hand against the wall and, smiling, he says to her, "Darling, how 'bout a goodnight kiss?"

Horrified, she replies, "Are you mad? My parents will see us!"

"Oh come on! Who's gonna see us at this hour?"

"No, please. Can you imagine if we get caught?"

"Oh come on, there's nobody around, they're all sleeping!"

"No way. It's just too risky!"

"Oh please, please, I like you so much!!"

"No, no, and no. I like you too, but I just can't!"

"Oh, yes you can. Please?"

"NO, no. I just can't."

"Pleeeeeease?..."

Out of the blue, the porch light goes on, and the girl's sister shows up in her pajamas, hair disheveled. In a sleepy voice the sister says: "Dad says to go ahead and give him a kiss. Or I can do it. Or if need be, he'll come down and do it himself. But for crying out loud tell him to take his hand off the intercom button!"



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Me: "Give me the good news first."
Doctor: "The good news is you only have 48 hours to live."
Me: "That's the good news!? What's the bad news?"
Doctor: "I've been trying to reach you for two days."

**I used to be indecisive.
Now I'm not so sure.**

**HISTORICAL MARKER
On this exact spot on the afternoon of
April 27, 1968, a marital argument
was won by the husband.**

School Project

My 12-year old daughter asked me, "Mom, do you have a baby picture of yourself? I need it for a school project." I gave her one without thinking to ask what the project was.



A few days later I was in her classroom for a parent-teacher meeting when I noticed my face pinned to a mural the students had created. The title of their project was, "The oldest thing in my house."

- Aimee Kent

Milestones



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garage makes you a car.

"Have you heard of Murphy's Law?"

"Yeah, if something can go wrong, it will."

"Have you heard of Cole's Law?"

"No, what is it?"

"Thinly sliced cabbage mixed with vinegar and mayo."