

Daily View

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13

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Photo from wedding of Ayano-Nori, February 2017

“Posey’s Petals”

I was sports editor for the college paper back in the day and I wrote a weekly column which I, for some reason, decided to call “Posey’s Petals.” I thought it was kind of clever but I got ribbed unmercifully by my fellow sports fiends. I had to admit it was kind of a dopey (not “dope”) nameplate. I quickly changed it to the “Hot Corner,” a reference to the danger of playing third base.

The idea behind the column was to share short items — you know, “petals” like on a flower — of opinion or fact. All my life, schoolmates loved to refer to me with some flower reference. One girl liked to say, every time she saw me, “Hey, Posey, *wilt!*!” And, of course, I got a lot of “wallflower” jokes directed my way.

“Posey” (or posy/posie) actually refers to a small flower bouquet — usually tied with a colored ribbon. It’s not the coolest name for a high school boy. I preferred “Cozzie Costa.” Anyway, today I’m going to share a few “petals” — two or three short comments that I’ve read that got my wheels turning. I’ll start with this timely one from Seth Godin:

Is everything going to be OK?

That depends.

If we mean, “Is everything going to be the way it was and the way I expected it to be?” then the answer is *no*. The answer to that question is always no, it always has been.

If we mean, “Is everything going to be the way it is going to be?” then the answer is *yes*. Of course. If we define whatever happens as okay, then everything will be.

Given that everything is going to be the way it’s going to be, we’re left with an actually useful and productive question instead: “What are you going to do about it?”

Here are a couple of comments I’ve received from readers:

Psalm 149:4, “For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.”

“This is the first characteristic I need to have in order to please God. No matter how insignificant I may feel at times or others may make me feel, I know with certainty that I am not insignificant to God because He not only created me, but saved me.”

Today’s *Daily View* reminded me of one of my most favorite verses in the Bible! 1 Thessalonians 4:11 says, “Aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands.”

I love both of these scriptures, too. They help me relax a bit and realize that God is simply looking for humble people who want to live quiet lives — not of desperation, as Thoreau opined — but lives that are enriched by humble work.

Finally, from C.S. Lewis,

“Something of God...flows into us from the blue of the sky, the taste of honey, the delicious embrace of water whether cold or hot, and even from sleep itself.”

The ability to remember God in everything we do, see, hear and taste in the life he’s given is a talent well worth cultivating.