

## Thoughts on Being Guttet Like a Dead Fish

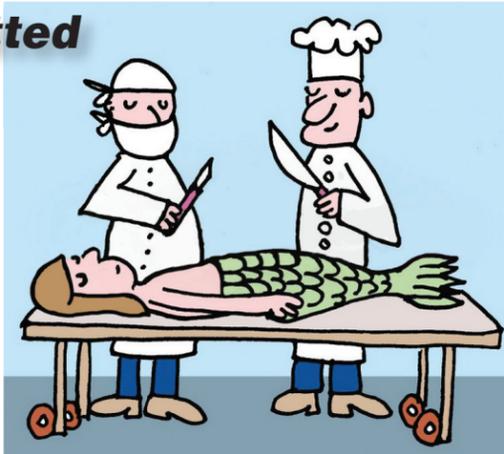
Recently I was diagnosed with a malignant endometrial fibroid in the uterus. My OB/GYN doctor quickly arranged for me to go to the Providence Cancer Center in Orange, where a specialist in this very thing scheduled a laparoscopic procedure to do a total hysterectomy. Everything went smoothly, results looked good, and I am still recovering, but feel so normal that it's hard to remember some restrictions while the insides heal.

A surgery like I had was a comedown in a sense because I thought in my personal pride that I was immune from such illness. So I had to accept the sentence of CANCER! and realize that I was not above the normal human afflictions.

Our bodies are products of the fallen world, afflicted with disease, with cancer of all types, with pain, with overweight, and ultimately, with disintegration into dust. But we have so much to look forward to:

*So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual. The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven. As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.*

*I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed — in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable,*



*and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."*

*"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"*

*The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:42-57)*

Even though I feel like this body is just a defective sack that I must inhabit during my time on this earth, God reminds me:

*Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. (1 Corinthians 6: 19-20)*

On Thursday, Jan and Jason spent the better part of their day delivering me to St. Joseph Hospital. Then on Friday, Bill and Jan, along with Jason, sacrificed their day off to retrieve me from the hospital. I am an orphan in this world, with no blood relatives to do that duty. However, I am part of a much greater Body, whose members treat each other with God's care and concern.

One last thought: . . . *our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty (1 Cor. 12:14-27)* True, but there was no modesty allowed in this procedure! Totally exposed, washed, etc., etc.!

Uhhhhhh...

Lesson: Nothing in the Bible that God directs is a hard and fast rule. Everything is governed by the Spirit (and the spirit) of each individual situation. We must look to God at all times, as we travel on this earth.

*Linda Gommel*

## Grab Your Jacket

by Jason Hanes



When I was about 8 years old, it was a hot 80 to 90 degrees in May when I was sitting in the living room watching TV with my family. My father and Kirsten (my sister) told me to go and grab my shoes and get ready to leave to go out for breakfast. My father looked at me and said, "Jason grab your jacket." I looked around and then to my dad and shook my head, "No I don't need my jacket. It's too hot!" I started to head for the door.

Kirsten sighed. "Jason go get your jacket" she demanded. "No, I don't need my jacket." Both Kirsten and my father continued to ask me to go and get my jacket. I, the 8-year-old that I was, continued to argue about how hot it was and I did not need a jacket. My memory says that this went on for about a half hour.

Finally, my family relented and we were off to get breakfast. After the meal we got in the car and headed off. I looked out the window and watched the people, cars, and buildings go by. We were in the car for some time when finally we pulled up to a park. We were now sitting in front of Santa's Village. My 8-year-old self had seen advertisements for years. I was extremely excited to see it and go inside.

"Nope!" both Kirsten and my father said. Their hands commanded me to sit. Confused, I sat and waited. Kirsten answered my obvious look. "We were going to go in but it is too cold." She sighed and turned and looked at me. "We are going to go back home since you did not bring a jacket." I argued, "It's not that cold! I will be fine. I don't need the jacket." I looked around. "Can't we just buy a jacket?"

We finally left, my chance to go to Santa's Village lost. The story gets told still to this day. After this painful lesson, if you ask me to grab something, I will. "Grab a snorkel Jason." I will grab the snorkel. I might not use it but I will grab it.

We do that with God. We do not want to hear what He is saying. We try to take control of what He is telling us to do. It might be that we think we want to do what God wants us to, but we just think we know better this time. It could be not wanting to listen, but God knows things we do not.

That 8-year-old me didn't know where we were going. Just because it was hot outside did not mean it wouldn't be cold where we were going. So it is with God. From our tiny perspective, we can believe our way is a better way, but God knows the end from the beginning, so we'd best obey Him!

## On The Lighter Side . . . Contributed from the Web



## With Energy Grid Unreliable, Governor Newsom Announces All Cars To Be Wind-Up By 2035

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SACRAMENTO, CA — Governor Gavin Newsom announced Wednesday that he would be requiring all cars in the state of California to be fully wind-up by 2035. Experts agree that wind-up vehicles will put less strain on the state's weak power grid and help cut back on childhood obesity.

"I heard on the news that our state's electrical infrastructure cannot support millions of people charging their electric vehicles simultaneously," said a concerned Newsom. "Losing electricity at my winery is the last thing I want, so I've decided to alter the plan. New vehicles will no longer have to be electric."

"Instead," he continued, "all Californians will need to drive wind-up cars. Only then can we be truly independent of both gas and electricity."

"Because it's kind of hot during the summer," he added.

Prototype wind-up vehicles are already being test driven across the state. The Ford Nutcracker is expected to be first on the market, followed closely by the Toyota Torrent.

A survey of Californian drivers revealed a distinct lack of support for the new measure but Newsom says he's not worried about "negative Nellies."

"Wind-up cars have infinity gas mileage," he said. "Because they don't use gas! It'll be great!"

At publishing time, it was revealed that all government vehicles continue to be gas operated.

## Tesla owners in California attempting to go on a long roadtrip:



## LVEDA Meeting

(Lucerne Valley Economic Development Association)

**Note Date:** **Monday, September 26,**  
(No longer the first Monday of the month)  
**5pm at the Moose Lodge**

on Foothill Road, just west of Tradepost Road.

**NOTE: Decision at the last LVEDA meeting – in order to allow more interaction with other organizations like the Roadrunners/ Chamber/etc. - helping each other with our projects and announcements – attending each others' meetings - LVEDA meetings will now be on the LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.** (No longer the first Monday of the month.)

• **LOOK FOR IMPORTANT UPDATES TO THIS MEETING AT THE STORE!**

• Reports from our **County, State and Federal representatives.**

• Report from the **Sheriff Department.**

Marijuana grow busts – Code Enforcement activity – etc. Status of most critical recent complaints - especially illegal food vendors competing with our restaurants.

• Updates on Stagecoach and 8 Minute Solar projects – plus SCE's proposed Substation west of Barstow Rd.

• News if any re: road work.

• Information on Lucerne Valley articles in the "Pulse".

• What do we want for future meetings and ideas for LVEDA as an organization?

• Announcements – Hazardous Waste Collection – etc.

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When you and I realize the expense of our forgiveness, the magnitude of such display leaves us overwhelmed. We are brought to a place of bowing the knee and heart in humble devotion—and to follow Him becomes a joy and delight.

Following Christ means freely submitting all things to His will. That is what it means to pick up your cross. What is He asking you to surrender today? Is it your heart's desire, ongoing frustrations, relationships, career path? Make no mistake, He knows them all. Whatever it is, pray, "I know what I want to do. I know what I think I should do. But Lord, what is it that You would have me to do? How can I bring You glory and honor in this situation?"

At the cross, God proved His great love for you. Now return that love, pick up your cross, and follow Him.