

nov 4

chuckle time

"all the days of the afflicted are evil, but he who is of a merry heart has a continual feast." prov 15:15

now as so much evil is being inflicted on the world, i thought God's people needed a time of reprieve. we are not without hope. we can mourn for others while still carrying a feast of joy in our hearts.

even now as so much of the world is without hope, we bring a message that extends far beyond the temporal reins of this life. we are children of the King. we sorrow not as those who have no hope. may this light hearted humor bring a little smile to you face reflecting the hope we hold inside.

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does anyone remember the film about forest gump? for those who don't, just know that he was a simple minded man who did a lot of running. so let's go.

forest gump and st. peter

when forest gump died, he stood in front of st. peter at the pearly gates. st. peter said, "welcome, forest. we've heard a lot about you." he continued, "unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here and we find that we now have to give people an entrance examination before we let them in."

"okay," said forest. "i hope it's not too hard. i've already been through a test. my momma used to say, 'life is like a final exam. it's hard.'"

"yes, forest, i know. but this test is only three questions. here they are."

1) which two days of the week begin with the letter 't'?"

2) how many seconds are in a year?

3) what is God's first name?

"well, sir," said forest, "the first one is easy. which two days of the week begin with the letter 't'? today and tomorrow."

st. peter looked surprised and said, "well, that wasn't the answer i was looking for, but you have a point. i give you credit for that answer."

"the next question," said forest, "How many seconds are in a year? twelve."

"twelve?" said st. peter, surprised and confused.

"yes, sir. january 2nd, february 2nd, march 2nd ..."

st. peter interrupted him. "i see what you mean. i'll have to give you credit for that one, too."

"and the last question," said Forest, "what is God's first name? it's andy."

"andy?" said st. peter, in shock. "how did you come up with 'andy'?"

"i learned it in church. we used to sing about it." forest broke into song, "andy walks with me, andy talks with me, andy tells me i am His own."

st. peter opened the gate to heaven and said, "run, forest, run!"

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catholic heart attack

after suffering a heart attach and having quadruple bypass surgery, a man woke up to find himself in a catholic hospital with nuns taking care of him. as they nursed him back to health, one of the nuns asked him if he had health insurance.

"no," he replied, "no health insurance."

"do you have any money in the bank?" asked the nun.

"no. no money in the bank."

the nun asked, "do you have any relatives you could ask for help?"

the man replied, "i only have a spinster sister, who is a nun."

at this the nun became irritated. "nuns are not

spinsters. nuns are married to God!"

"ok, then," said the man. "send the bill to my brother-in-law."

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it's ok to laugh, people - even in these trying times. perhaps especially in these trying times. but then let's get back to the seriousness of the times we are in. "we are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed - always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body." 2 cor 4:8-10