

### **Volume 4, Day 3: Have A Good Day**

I discovered while substitute teaching in my county that some schools are much easier to teach in than others. I was tempted to select just the easy schools and avoid the difficult ones. But as I reflected on the gospel, I realized that it is needed most by the most troubled people. The gospel is about wholesome relationship. And it is breaking relationship that creates the difficulties that plague our school system.

So rather than avoid the difficult schools, I simply chose the first available assignments and let God lead me to where he wanted me to teach. When I would walk into a school where the students were most challenging, I would often hear this from an administrator as I signed in to teach, "We hope you have a good day today." This came from a sense of guarded hesitation and expectation of the opposite. My response was always the same, "Oh, I will have a good day. I never let anyone choose otherwise for me!"

By the time the Holy Spirit called me to teach in the public school system, after having retired from a successful career in high tech, I had reached new heights in my relationship with God. I had discovered that my happiness could be found in his presence within me in the midst of the most difficult relational carnage I encountered. It is ever only and always when I remain aware of the presence of the Almighty in my soul that nothing can trouble me. Rather than being agitated or upset, I feel grief and sorrow for the relational brokenness I see, hear and feel.

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit doesn't walk beside you behind you or in front of you. He resides within your soul. He could be your soul mate if you would but remind yourself constantly that He is present. He accepts you on your worst day as much as on your best day and wants nothing but the best for you. The day may be filled with turbulence and difficulty, but your awareness of His presence provides peace in the middle of any and every storm.

Pour the best within you, His enormous affection, on everyone around you and you **will** have a good day!

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