



Announcements

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If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. *ROMANS 12:18*



Jody T wants to thank everyone for their prayers, love, and well-wishes at the time of her hospitalization a couple weeks ago. She truly appreciates it and is so thankful for her family in Christ.

Let it be at Home in You

There is probably dwelling in your mind right now some really great movie quotes like, "You keep using that word" or "May the force be with you." There is probably abiding in your mind right now some really great song lyrics like, "When you wish upon a star" or "It's the eye of the tiger." Your mind could go on and on in reciting these kinds of things. How is that possible? Because you have spent so much time listening, watching and absorbing. That's not a bad thing, in this case. It's just an illustration of how that happens.

God tells us, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (*Col. 3:16*). The word "dwell" indicates to let something make its home within you. How often do you let the word of God richly "make its home" in your heart? Songs and movies get embedded in your heart due to repetition and finding enjoyment therefrom. The same can and should happen with Scripture. The more time you spend IN IT, the deeper and richer it will dwell IN YOU.

<https://www.pblcoc.org/thought-for-the-day/let-it-be-at-home-in-you/>

PRAYER LIST

- Prayers for Jim & Elaine W, both doctoring.
- Prayers for Pam G's boss at McKale's who has been hospitalized with pancreatitis and as of this past week has not been improving.
- Prayers for Jen F who is also doctoring.
- Prayers for the people of Ukraine.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR:

Shelbie J; headaches & blurry vision – tests were inconclusive

Kevin's sister, Gigi; healing from fall

Pam G's coworker, Al; cancer

Wendy's co-workers & acquaintances dealing w/cancer

Tim E; pinched nerve

Deb H; health

Sonja M; health

Pam G's sister, Diane

Gary B's dad; cancer

Expectant mothers: Sierra H, Holly E, Ashley G

Tim and Clara

By Jay Plank, Riverwalk Church of Christ, 2/10/22

Good morning !! I was perusing YouTube yesterday during a break and came across this human interest, feel-good story. You may have seen something about it a few years ago. Rather than re-tell the story, I will mainly quote from a viral Facebook post about what happened on an airplane between a blind and deaf man named Tim and a young woman, then age 15, whose name is Clara Daly. A woman named Lynette Scribner tells the story in a June 20, 2018 posting on her Facebook timeline.

Ms. Scribner writes, I saw this gentleman, Tim, in Boston's Logan airport with his sister that he had been visiting. It appeared he was both deaf and blind, as I observed her signing into his hand for him to feel her words. When he came aboard the plane he had been assigned the middle seat of my row. The kind gentleman named Eric, who had the aisle seat, graciously gave it up for Tim.

At this point, Tim was traveling alone. The flight attendants sincerely wanted to assist him, but had no way to communicate. I watched as they didn't flinch when Tim reached out to touch their faces and arms. They took his hand and tried so hard to communicate with him, but to no avail.

Tim had some verbal ability, but clearly could not understand them. Eric did his best to assist him with things like opening coffee creamer and putting it in his coffee. When Tim made the attempt to stand up and feel his way to the restroom, Eric immediately got up to help him.

The flight attendants were talking among themselves and someone suggested paging to see if anyone on board knew sign language. They did page that request. That's when this lovely young woman, Clara Daly, came into the picture. Fifteen years old, she learned ASL because she had dyslexia and it was the easiest foreign language for her to learn.

For the rest of the flight she attended to Tim and made sure his needs were met. It was fascinating to watch as she signed one letter at a time into his hand. He was able to read her signing and they carried on an animated conversation. When he asked her if she was pretty, she blushed and laughed as Eric, who had learned a few signs, communicated an enthusiastic "Yes" to Tim.

I don't know when I've ever seen so many people rally to take care of another human being. All of us in the immediate rows were laughing and smiling and enjoying Tim's obvious delight in having someone to talk to. Huge kudos to the flight attendants of Alaska Airlines who went above and beyond to meet Tim's needs.

I can't say enough about this beautiful young woman named Clara who didn't think twice about helping her fellow passenger, and Eric's instant willingness to assist as well.

It was a beautiful reminder, in this time of too much awfulness, that there are still good, good people who are willing to look out for each other.

This is Jay again.

Can you visualize the scene? Here's a 15 year old young woman spending her flight time of about five hours seeing to the needs of a rather grizzled older man who can neither see or hear. Additionally, a man seated next to him also is helping out as much as he can with the basic needs of this gentleman.

I don't know Ms. Daly. Nor do I know Eric or Tim. I don't know if these people are aware of Jesus' teaching on who is their neighbor. I don't know if they are familiar with the story of the Good Samaritan or not. What I do know is that they set an example for us all on being a neighbor to someone, especially someone in need.

If you ever begin wondering just who your neighbor is and what your responsibilities toward your neighbor are, just familiarize, or re-familiarize yourself with the story Jesus told about the Good Samaritan. Also, review the story of Clara Daly, Eric, and others as they helped this man on a flight across the country. Then do some soul-searching and come up with the answer that is blaring at you in bright flashing lights. Then, love your neighbor as you love yourself.

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