

## Daily Devotion For April 29, 2023

It is good to be alive. Nothing on earth is more beautiful than the gift of the morning sun. **Don't take a single day for granted.** Take delight in each light-filled hour. Even if you live to be a ripe old age, you should try to enjoy each day because you will die and then darkness will come and it will last a long time. And after you are dead you cannot do anything. So, enjoy life while you are young." Ecclesiastes 11:7-8

Yesterday I went to the Big Sur International Marathon expo at the Monterey Conference Center and while I was there I engaged in conversation with a couple of people from Chicago and Florida. As we were talking, I asked if this was their first time to Monterey to which they replied yes. When I told them that I was born and raised in Monterey they said, "you live in such a beautiful place!"

The Big Sur International Marathon is rated the Number 1 marathon in North America because of its scenic beauty. Runners will come from every state in the nation and from many other countries just to run in this event.

Growing up, I thought everyone woke up seeing the ocean. It wasn't until I went away to Fresno State that I realized just how much I took for granted growing up here. Perhaps living or growing up in Monterey has caused you to take this place for granted. We often take other things for granted such as our health, our families, our jobs, and so many other things for granted. In Ecclesiastes 11:7-9 Solomon warned us about taking life for granted.

**Thought For Today:** Are you taking life for granted? Who or what are you taking for granted? What changes will you make today to appreciate the blessings that God has given to you.

**Today's Prayer Focus:** Take time to thank God for all the blessings that you have and may have taken for granted. Deo Volente.