

Day 181 – Thursday, September 17 – I’m home

It has been good to be home these past few days. Nothing beats sleeping in your own bed. This whole incident has made me realize how tenuous life is. On moment you have the world by the tail, and the next you are flat on your back. But the goodness of people has shown through. From the Police Officer, Ambulance People, Strangers passing by, friends, doctors, nurses, parishioners. One could say, “Well I am just doing my job.” And that might be true. But the very fact you choose to do your job, and you have chosen to become good at what you have done, makes it possible for this world to continue on. This is what true community is all about. This is why the Son of God came down...so that we might get a glimpse of what heaven will be like. Rather than each person eeking out their own existence, we are all working together to accomplish a common goal.

I know that in the last few days I have experienced this. And for this I am truly blessed. But I also believe that this is not just a pipe dream. This is what our faith is all about. If you are a Star Trek fan like myself, you will know who the BORG are--an almost unstoppable group. One of the reasons they are unstoppable is that they are all of one mind and heart; unfortunately their main objective is assimilation, which is another name of personal slavery. But if they changed their main objective to freedom and growth, there is nothing they could not accomplish.

Humanity is like that, if we could get everyone on the same page, working for the common good, there is nothing we could not accomplish. Hunger, loneliness, much sickness, war...all of these would become something of the history books. All that needs to happen is that we just do our job. To use the gifts and talents that God has given us...not for our own selfishness, but for the common good.

Is this possible? I believe it is. There is good in everyone. Let us allow the light to shine for all to see, rather than perpetrate the darkness.

In the light of eternity, we're here for a very short time, really. We're here for one thing, ultimately: to learn how to love, because God is love. - James Finley

Sincerely,
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