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Carol Andrews has collected \$1425 our Rummages Sale advertising costs. Thank Wow! you, Carol!

Grand Knight's Article

Fall finally has arrived. The other knights prepared, served, and weather is cooling down, school is well underway, football season has full attention....and the council here, signaling that October, our council's busiest month of the year, is upon us. As the sale draws near, we pray for a profitable and safe sale, enhanced by beautiful weather and many, many patrons.

At our September meeting our resident golf pro, Knight Hans Purkott received a gift from Angela Issacs for his untiring work on the fifth annual Charity Golf Tournament. In turn, Hans presented Mrs. Isaacs with a \$6400 check for the benefit of St. John's School. Golf Tourney profits also provided a much-needed \$2000 for the council treasury.

On September 21 knights from our council hosted a picnic at ARC Isle for the altar servers from St. Mary's Church. As usual, Chuckwagon Joey G. grilled burgers and hotdogs while a host of

cleaned up. The volunteers included Bill Thompson, Don Sass, Julian Post, Joseph Cenac, Joe Kanop-Charity Rummage Sale is almost sic, Larry Niemann, Wally Marroy, Dick Smith, Luis Rivera and Don Sluyter. Greg Speas presented information regarding the Squires program and handed out brochures to the eligible young men. While the air was cool, the water was warm and several of the young folks took to the swimming hole. Dennis Bosch arrived in his boat and took the older ones for a ride on Lake Hamilton. I can confidently say that all had a good time.

> Speaking of Squires, we now have nine young men who are ready to begin their journey in Knighthood. (We need 10 to start a circle.) Those ready to become charter members are Dayton Myers, Hunter Speas, Brandon Bennett, Richard Pellegrino, Nathan and Grant Webber, Chase King Trevor Millsap, and Colin Gallimore. Give thought to sons, grandsons, nephews, and Catholic friends' teens who would make great future knights.

Secretary Adrian Dominguez and State Advocate Francisco Olguin drove down to meet with our Hispanic parishioners after the September 8 Spanish Mass at St. John's Church. According to knight Tony Torres we hosted approximately 70 guests with refreshments while they learned the opportunities that come from membership in our Order. As added enticement Father Bill Elser, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, brought in his world-famous homemade ice cream.

Following all morning Masses, the Fourth Degree Assembly will host a pancake breakfast from 8 a.m. till I p.m. on Sunday, October 6 in St. John's Parish Hall. Including eggs, sausage, and coffee, it's sure to be the best breakfast in town for \$5.00. It will also be another fine opportunity to enlist new members for our council.

The October Corporate Communion will be at the 10 a.m. Mass on October 13 at St. John's. Bring

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Optimism High As Rummage Sale Crew Makes Final Preparations



The doors will open for our fall Charity Rummage at 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, October 11-12 and again the following Friday and Saturday, October 18-19. The doors will close each day at 4 p.m.

As previously reported, faithful volunteers have been appearing on the scene to work frequently. But now that the sale is so close, many of us, especially the men, will need to continue the work on a near daily basis, beginning Tuesday morning at 9

The furniture in Reiter Hall needs to be organized and cleaned. Some items, after hanging around for several years, need to be discarded. And of course there's the pricing that continued, p. 6

Drive for People with Disabilities Falls onto Hard Times

The annual Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive, more recently named "The Drive for People with Disabilities," has been a staple of our Order for more years than most people even know. lt's a collection taken across the nation with each participating council having its own chosen beneficiary, always to an organization whose work focuses on one kind of disability or another. Our council's charity is First Step School here in Hot Springs. Over recent years we have collected and donated to the school thousands of dollars, averaging approximately \$6,000 each year.

But now our efforts have fallen onto hard times. Our 2013 collections will come this weekend, October 4-5. In good times we were blessed to have two days with both Wal-Mart Super Stores, two Krogers, Price Cutter, Hobby Lobby, and for the last year or two Sam's Club. Three or four years ago Wal-Mart Central

Avenue reduced us to a single day. And this year its manager is giving us NO days. (The two Wal-Marts have always been our biggest sources of donations.) Fortunately, the manager of Wal-Mart Albert Pike remains cooperative, allowing us to collect on both Friday and Saturday. (However, we are under significant restrictions that stipulate that collections must happen from two painted squares in front of the doors, well away from the doors themselves. (If it happens to be raining, there will be no overhead protection from the weather. So in that event, collectors should be prepared with rainwear.) These collection stations away from the doors will take a big hit on our usual collections. Aside from the elimination of Central Wal-Mart, Kroger Airport Road has also cut us out. Sam's Club will allow us to collect only on Friday and Hobby Lobby only on Saturday. There's an outside chance that Central Avenue Kroger south will give us a single

day, but at this point the chance appears remote at best. Hot Springs Mall for the first time allowed a two-hour collection period on Saturday, September 28, which brought a meager \$200. Following next weekends collections, it will be interesting to appraise the situation regarding future collections, even whether they are worth our efforts to serve First Step School as we have done for so many years.

With the bad news out of the way, know that as of this writing, Jim Lockwood is scheduled to be captain of Wal-Mart Albert Pike collections, Charlie Cook captain of Sam's collections, and Stan DeGruccio captain of Hobby Lobby collections. All three stations still need volunteers. With so many collection sites eliminated, it would seem that volunteers would be in abundance. Please call one of these men to offer a couple hours of your time.

From Our Insurance Agent

"Basic Knowledge on Insurance Products"

For this month's column, I think a little "Life Insurance 101" might be beneficial.

Whole Life insurance is the most basic plan of permanent life insurance protection and calls for premiums to be paid for your entire life, or to age 100. You may also consider another permanent life insurance product—with guaranteed cash values—that offers a limited period of premium payments. Knights of Columbus offers three permanent life insurance products for

which premiums do not have to be paid for all of life.

the name suggests: a permanent plan with premiums payable for 20 years. After the premiums are paid for the 20 years, the plan is "paid up" and no more premiums are due. Unlike its term counterpart, however, the plan stays in force, the death benefit remains intact and the guaranteed cash value continues to grow

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other plan. With this permanent product you pay premiums until you reach age 65. Then <u>premiums stop</u> (just in time for retirement), but the plan remains very much in force.

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From Father George Sanders: "Looking for the Undo Key"



don't know about you, but one of my favorite features of word processing programs is the Undo Key. I've needed that all my life. I don't know why it took so long for someone to

come up with it. We have all done it. We're going along, faster than we should, not paying the requisite attention, and then all of a sudden, without seeing it coming, we hit a wrong series of keys unintentionally and—bam!—we find ourselves typing in the middle of a previous paragraph or we see large portions of our precious prose vanish without an explanation. "But wait!" we say to ourselves. All is not lost. We have the amazing Undo Key. With a simple press (or series of presses, depending on how far we wandered afield before realizing we were lost) of the Undo Key, we can roll back time to the place we were before the unintended, yet self-inflicted, tragedy occurred. Wouldn't it be great if life had an Undo Key? Or maybe not.

There are some things that do not need to be undone. Some things by their nature are so important that they are designed to be unchangeable, un-

breakable. To illustrate this point a little barons, it became the law of the land. better, let's look at two kinds of agreements: a contract and a covenant. There are many similarities between the two as well as differences. Two of the elements of a contract that sets it off from a covenant are "terms" and "damages". Contracts have a life, a term. They have a beginning and they have an end. A lease contract is a good example of this type of agreement. The second defining element of contracts is that they have an "out" clause. In this paragraph, usually one of the last ones in the document, the parties agree that if one of the parties should break one or more of the stipulations of the contract, certain damages are assessed against the infracting party. For example, if you decide to break your one-year least early, the contract will specify what you have to pay to get out of the contract (e.g.: a three month's rent penalty).

Covenants do not have these features. Covenants address changes that

are turning points in the lives of people and nations. The Magna Carta is a good example of a covenant or treaty. When King John abdicated certain royal powers and prerogatives to the people in 1215 at the behest of his

When he affixed his signature to the parchment, there was no term or out clause, no turning back. Some agreements by their nature and importance cannot be undone. Some decisions due to their gravity need finality.

Marriage is a covenant, though many, many of us treat it like a contract. Its terms, as far as we are concerned, are "as long as it works for me," and its out clause has become as easy as pressing an Undo Key. But those who hold this popular view of marriage are greatly mistaken. Our Catholic faith teaches us that marriage as covenant is a gift from God to a man and woman who have come together to constitute a family. Offspring are the natural and normal fruit of this covenant which finds its highest expression in the intimate, lovingly physical and exclusive relationship between a husband and a wife. God proclaimed that is the mystery of Holy

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Fourth Degree—Footnotes

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month—first the annual Drive for People with Disabilities on October 4-5, next the Fourth Degree-sponsored Pancake Breakfast following morning Sunday Masses at St.

John's, and finally the Council

October will be a Charity Rummage Sale on October II- and December issues of Knight 12 and 18-19.

> Just as November gets underway, we will sponsor the annual Living Rosary and potluck dinner in honor of our deceased knights. Then December brings us the annual Christmas Dinner and Dance, the social event of the Assembly year. Details related to those two events will come in the November

Watch.

Our October 17 Assembly meeting will be a social with wives and other guests at K. J.'s Grill on Airport Road. Mike Tucker has made arrangements. Please be present by 6:30 p.m./Don Sass,

Spotlight on Dennis and Sue Wood

Have you heard the joke about the two Baptists who met in a Dallas night club? Neither have I. Folks, this is not a joke. Our own Dennis and Sue Wood were the two Baptists and they did meet in a Dallas night club. Their meeting began a 55-year series of twists and turns that at this point show no sign of slowing down. Dennis Wood, a native North Carolinian had become a military man, a flight engineer with the Air Force. Sue Jarvis was a recent graduate of Rylie High School (Mesquite, Texas) in the shadow of Big D. They met in the merry month of May and by the following February they were mar-

In the years ahead Dennis' military career would take him to assignments in Tennessee, North Carolina, Georgia, Viet Nam, Arizona, Florida, Alaska, Alabama, and Texas, Sue being with him in all ex-In 1978, after he cept Viet Nam. had completed his military career, Dennis accepted a job as a technical writer in Dallas—putting together a flight manual. Then in 1987 he accepted a job in the same capacity with Falcon let in Little Rock. In 1994 they purchased a motor home and from then till 2001. the country from one side to the other and from top to bottom.

From their marriage came two sons-Mark and Bryan. And it was during their sons' teen years in Alabama that their marriage took an unexpected turn, a turn that introduced to their lives the Catholic Church. Our Knights of Columbus has many converts to the Catholic Church but perhaps none of their conversion stories is quite so remarkable as that of Dennis and Sue Wood.

This is basically the story: Son Mark was president of the Student Council during his senior year in Huffman (Alabama) High School just outside Birmingham. His best friend, a Catholic, was his vice-president. Mark, at that time, had never attended a Catholic Church, but during his senior year he was invited by his Catholic friend to spend the weekend with him at a Catholic retreat in Birmingham. It was during that retreat that Mark became interested in the Catholic faith, an interest that gradually grew to a compulsion to be Catholic. Before his senior year was finished, with his parents' approval, he did just that. And almost immediately he felt a calling to priesthood. In the meantime, Mark's love of his new faith sparked an interest in his parents to follow their son's lead. Within a year they were involved in R.C.I.A. and then accepting membership in the Catholic Church.

ship in the Catholic Church. In 1979, after he the Woods had moved to Plano, Texas, Dennis became a Third Degree member of Knights of Columbus, and in less than a year, he added Fourth Degree. He has been an active member ever since.

But how did Dennis and Sue wind up in Arkansas? Here the story becomes weird. It all goes back to Mark, now Father Mark. Even as a child, Mark loved the Arkansas Razorbacks. The story is weird because he had absolutely no contact with the state. He didn't know anyone in Arkansas, and he had never even been in the state at that time. No one knows the source of his fascination with the Arkansas Razorbacks. That love grew to a desire to be attend school in Fayetteville. But when time to enter college arrived, he did investigate other possibilities: University of Alabama, Auburn, and also a seminary in Louisiana to pursue his desire to be a priest. Finally, he settled on the University of Arkansas, taking with him the call to the priesthood. He would get his university degree and then decide one way or the other on the priesthood. During his university years, his call to become a priest became even louder. Upon graduation, he decided firmly that he must be a priest. Except for his seminary years in Dallas, his

Alabama teen to set in motion a series of amazing events that would change three lives forever.

God uses an

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Grand Knight's article, continued

your family and let's all sit together to fasts, seven flag raisings and lowering at worship.

Council members will raise flags over Calvary Cemetery on October 14, Columbus Day.

Friday, October 25 is scheduled for St. John School's annual Bazaar in support of the school. The theme this year is "Black Cat at the Track." Once again, our council will prepare and serve the spaghetti dinner in the evening.

I wish to thank all of you for being a member of Knights of Columbus. We all realize that knights are involved in all kinds of activities, which this year have included Maxwell Blade Dinner Theater fundraiser at the council hall, Right to Life marches in Hot Springs and Little Rock, Vocations Celebration with Bishop Taylor, St. John School's Mardi Gras Party, the Rib Tickler Dinner, two Lenten Fish Fry's, and Free-throw Competition at the local, district, and state levels. We have two pancake breakCalvary Cemetery, various First Degree Exemplifications, Second and Third Degree Exemplifications, Fourth Degree Exemplifications, and St. Patrick's Day The Fourth Degree Honor Guard participates at the Masses of Holy Thursday and Christmas Midnight Mass, the Corpus Christi March, numerous wakes and funeral Masses and additional Masses as requested by our We conduct four Rummage Sale days, Knights of Columbus Golf Tourneys, St. John's School Golf Tournament Fundraiser, and the Baby Bottle Campaign to assist Change Point Pregnancy Center. We have 12 Corporate Communions, an Arlington Hotel Pro-Life Dinner, two Living Rosaries, and special Olympics funding at Search. We have Council and Assembly Officer installations, host District Meetings, State Annual Meetings, State Mid-Year meetings, Altar Server outings for St. John's and then again for St.

Mary's. We plan and carry out the annual Christmas Dinner-Dance, the annual Tootsie Roll Drive for People with Disabilities, and the evening dinner for the annual St. John's Bazaar. For St. John's pupils we conduct an essay contest on Drug Awareness and also a Christmas Poster Contest. From our Rummage Sale profits, we spread \$3200 each month among 7 Hot Springs charities.

Of our 220 council members, certainly many do not participate. Often for various legitimate reasons they are not able to participate regularly. Nevertheless, we are grateful for the limited service they provide. They pay their dues and for that we are



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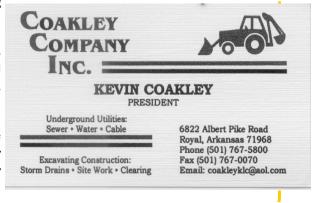
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Rummage Sale, continued

still lies ahead—especially in *Reiter Hall* and *Giompoletti Hall*. The ladies have done much of the pricing in Spirit Hall, but there's still much to be done. We have a good inventory of quality merchandise, falling short so far of costume jewelry. Our collection of bedroom furniture, including high-quality mattresses and box springs, is larger than we've had previously, One thing left to do is to set up a few more beds in *Giompoletti Hall*. If you have the time to give, please come Tuesday morning, October I to help.

Several of our usual volunteers will either be out of town at the time of our sale, or health issues will prevent their doing what they usually have done. We're counting on other volunteers to take up the slack. Remember that our cause is charity to several valuable community organizations that serve those in need. We presently spread \$3200 each month among seven local charities. It is conceivable that the coming sale could surpass our net earnings of the past. Let's strive to set a new record, possibly enabling us to give even more than we do now/**Jim Lockwood, Chairman**

Our generous donors have blessed our charity sale with bountiful donations, quality donations. Indeed, they're helping us to help others.

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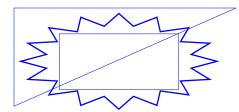
October Calendar

- 4-5 Drive for People with Disabilities (see article, p. 2
 - 6 Pancake Breakfast, St. John's Parish Hall, following all morning Masses
- 10 Council Meeting, Giompoletti Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- 11-12 Charity Rummage Sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.18-19
 - 13 Corporate Communion, St. John's Church,
 - 14 Columbus Day Flag Raising, Calvary Cemetery, 7 a.m. (Lower flags at 4 p.m.)
 - 17 Fourth Degree Social, K. J.'s Bar and Grill, Airport Road, 6:30 p.m.
 - 25 St. John School Annual Bazaar, St. John's Gym

Pray for Our Sick

Please pray for the following council members, wives/ relatives, and council friends who struggle with health problems: Bill Thompson, Gil Gibbons, Paul Enderlin, Tom Gilleran, Ilse Purkott, George Callahan, Beverly Priest, John Andrews, Lee Myers, Frankie DeGeorge, Hayley Gloria, Stephen Stoddard, Matthew Stoddard, Valerie Poe, Deacon Dave Briselden, Rick Sands, Conrad Stein, Jolene Sharkey, Sue Marshall, Laura Mazzia, Deacon John Connell, Shirley Dvorak (mother of Jody Dvorak), Jeanette Mace, Barbara Meggers, Fr. Raymond Rossi, and Dorothy Rowley.

We're on the web.



October Birthdays

- I Stephen Libby
- I Randy Schnoebelen
- 3 Buddy Gloor
- 3 Robert Shamburger
- 7 Dennis Wood
- 8 Charlie Cook
- 10 George Callahan
- 10 Curtis Casey
- 13 Ray Kukuk
- 18 Frank Buckholtz

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From Father George, continued

Matrimony and through the total self-giving of the partners to each other that these two, heretofore individuals, would experience a bond so close that they would become "one flesh," one whole. This is the language of covenant. The union marks a distinct turning point from which the parties walk away different from the way they came—lovingly bound together in life. Whether it be for better or worse, whether richer or poorer, whether in sickness or in health....they are bound together.

I believe that it's his "forever" part that is the hardest concept for our current culture to come to grips with. We need to feel that we always have options. Freedom in everything is our common creed; no virtue is greater than this inalienable right! But can there really be freedom and liberty without responsibility and integrity? Freedom originates from these and never the other way around. And freedom, alas, is never free. Today we enjoy freedoms in our country because those who came before us took the responsibility for our freedom upon themselves and, with actions that were integral with their beliefs, stepped forward to defend our freedom. All gave some, and some gave all. It turns out that some things are bigger than ourselves. But to embrace them, we must see beyond

what "works for me" to a greater good and with responsibility and integrity feely choose to honor what we have pledged to defend even with our lives.

The sacred bond of matrimony is such a pledge, a covenant. There is no need to discuss why for the sake of the husband, the wife. and their children that marriage must be a covenant relationship and, therefore, provide a stable, life-long foundation for all its members. That is of course obvious. But perhaps there is one very important aspect of marriage as covenant that you may not know. God designed marriage and family as an earthly (and therefore understandable) example of the communion of the Trinity. Blessed John Paul II (soon to be Saint) famously said that "Trinity is family." What we experience on earth is just a type, a shadow of what family really is. It's also a model of what life will be like when we fully enjoy the Kingdom of God in heaven. As Jesus said, we will no longer be male and female or husband and wife in heaven, but we will all experience a more perfect unity that we can now only experience partially in Holy Matrimony; we all will truly be one in Him.

Now here is the thought I want to leave with you: When God himself made covenant with us, he did not provide himself with an Undo Key. Because God is totally integral within himself once he covenants, he cannot break it. God doesn't have an Undo Key! When you enter into covenant with God in Holy Baptism, you have his total YES. God is not afraid to make covenant with you no matter what, for better or worse, in riches and in poverty, in sickness and in health....he will stand by you and his covenant commitment to you will not weaken or fade. When you are unfaithful, he has no Undo Key. When you ignore him and treat him as not worthy of your time or resources, he has no Undo Key. Though you are the Prodigal Son and squander his goodness and love for you, you can always come to him and receive his forgiveness. He has no Undo Key. I don't know about you, but there have been many times in my life that I have been truly thankful that God honors his covenant with me and always offers me a hand in friendship, if I will only return to him. In the final analysis, my life, the way I have chosen to live it, is my answer to God's YES. On that last day, I will give my final, my eternal response to God's YES. Unfortunately, unlike God, I do have an Undo Key.

Our good friend and dedicated council worker Bill Thompson is having heart value replacement and by-pass as well this week. Please remember him in your prayers. Page 9

home has been Arkansas ever since his enrollment at the University of Arkansas. Four months before his ordination to the priesthood in 1987, Dennis and Sue moved to Little Rock, where Dennis had transferred to continue his work putting together flight manuals for Falcon Jet. Christ the King became their home church, thus establishing where Fr. Mark would celebrate his first Mass. (For his ordination his Alabama high school friend who introduced him to the Church was present to be the first reader.) Fr. Mark is presently the pastor of St. Theresa's Church in Little Rock.

No doubt Father Mark's Arkansas presence was instrumental in bringing his parents as permanent residents into the state. In 2001, abandoning the life-on-theroad routine, they moved to Russellville, where they lived until 2005, at which time they moved to

a newly built home in Hot Springs and, we hope, are here for the duration. Here in Hot Springs they are actively involved in the Church of St. John the Baptist and are regularly part of the activities of Knights of Columbus Council 6419, especially with the council's charity work. More specifically they have heavily involved themselves with the twice-a-year Charity Rummage and Furniture Sales.

These sales consume huge chunks of hours, not only during the sales themselves but through countless days during the summer heat and the winter cold. In carrying out the sales, our workers usually have their specialties, with one person concentrating on the work of one category of sales items while others work different categories. Dennis works with Bob Koch electronics—television, DVD's, radios, camera equipment, etc. Sue's expertise lies in kitchenrelated items: dishes, flatware,

cookware, etc. She meticulously cleans stained cookware, organizes, prices, and even puts together grab boxes of hard-to-sell items, selling them for a dollar a box. The boxes go fast.

They both have been totally dedicated workers for the council's charity work, and we would be hard pressed to lose their service. We are truly grateful for all they do. They do all this and still have time for limited travel, now choosing motels and their Destin, Florida, condo instead of the former RV. Thank you, God, thank you, Father Mark for bringing Dennis and Sue to Hot Springs.

Don't you agree that from the young Mark's fascination with the Arkansas Razorbacks to his introduction to the Catholic faith and ultimate call to the priesthood and to his parents' move to Arkansas, don't you agree that God works in strange and wondrous ways?

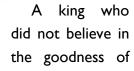


Dennis checks out a TV

Sue appraises her work



Of God's Strange and Wondrous Ways: A Story



God had a slave who, in all circumstances, would always say, "My king, do not be discouraged because everything God does is perfect. He makes no mistakes!"

One day they went hunting and along the way a wild animal attacked the king. His slave managed to kill the animal but could not prevent his majesty from losing a finger.

Furious and without a show of gratitude for having been saved, the nobleman asked, "Is God good? If He is good, I would not have been attacked and lost my finger."

The slave replied: "My king, despite all these things, I can only tell you that God is good, and he knows why these thing happened. What God does is perfect. He is never wrong!"

David Myers and Rick Dwyer collect donations for People with Disabilities

Angela Issac, principal of St. John's School, presents gift of appreciation to Hans Purkott for his work to raise funds for the school.

Outraged by the response, the king order the arrest of his slave.

Later, the king left for another hunt, this time alone. He was captured by savages who engaged in human sacrifices.

Ready to sacrifice the nobleman on the altar, the savages discovered that their victim did not have one of his fingers. According to them, only a whole person with all his/her parts intact could be offered to the gods.

The king without a finger was deemed an abominable sacrifice for the gods. So they released the king.

Upon his return to the palace, the king authorized the release of his slave. He received the slave affectionately. God was really good to me! I was almost killed by the wild men, but for lack of a single finger, I was let go! But I have a

question: If God is so good, why did he allow me to put you in jail?

The slave answered, "My king, if I had gone with you on this hunt, I would have been sacrificed instead because I have no missing finger.

Remember everything God does is perfect. He is never wrong. He made you keep me in jail so I would not be with you on the hunt."

Often we complain about life and negative things that happen to us, forgetting that nothing is random and that everything has a purpose.

Every morning, offer your day to God. Don't be in a rush. Ask God to inspire your thoughts, guide your actions, and ease your feelings. And do not be afraid. God is never wrong!

