

**Dan's Devotion**  
Ground hog Day  
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Do you remember the movie "Groundhog Day" with Bill Murray? In the movie, Bill Murray wakes up each day only to repeat the previous day. And this happens over and over. It almost drives him crazy. Finally, after many days of this happening, Murray begins to truly examine his life and his priorities.

I have a little Groundhog Day event that seems to happen every school day morning. It doesn't really drive me crazy, but it is kind of strange. After I drop my kids off at the Middle School, no matter what time it is, there is the same teacher walking from her car to the school, pulling her school materials behind her in a little suitcase type thing on wheels. I don't even know who the teacher is, but it is really strange how she is almost always walking up to the school right when I am leaving the school. It kind of feels like "Groundhog Day" all over again.

I have a feeling that many people feel that their lives are a lot like the movie "Groundhog Day." They wake up each day and everything is the same. They go to the same job they don't really like. They come home to the same family that is having problems. They deal with the same old issues day after day, not really happy, but not sure how to change or what to do about it. Maybe their lives don't even feel very meaningful.

Maybe that describes you to a certain extent. If that is the case, I want to encourage you to do something little this week to make a positive change in your life. You are the only one that can do it. Don't count on your co-worker or boss change. Don't expect your spouse to change. You make the change. It doesn't have to be anything major. Little things can make a difference. Respond to your co-worker with kind and positive words. Tell your family how much you love them and why. Volunteer somewhere. Strike up a conversation with a stranger etc... I think you'll find that after a while these little changes will begin to change your outlook on life.

There are going to be certain aspects of our lives that will always seem a little mundane, but when we get outside ourselves and starting serving others, it will give us a spark. And you know what can happen with sparks...

"Serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13

Have a great day.

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