



“Things I've Learned Along The Way”

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Wow! what a journey. Here we are our, country slowly going back to normal. Stores opening back up, parks opening back to runners and families, and masks coming off in most places. The last 15 months we have been faced with unprecedented challenges.

Some faced illnesses in their families, some faced financial challenges, and we all faced challenges of uncertainty. And then we had the unprecedented civil unrest and protests we faced on the streets. But there was one thing that never wavered or changed during these most challenging times and that is the dedication, devotion and outstanding service of Law Enforcement and our front-line responders, YOU were there THEN and are there NOW! Our city could have never survived without you and for that we owe each of you a tremendous debt of gratitude and say THANK YOU!, THANK YOU!

The following poem was given to me by one of our old timers on the street and it made me smile, please let me share it. It's called "Things I've learned along the way"...

Things I've learned along the way

That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other, and just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.

That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.

That no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt you every once in a while, and you must forgive them for that.

That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.

That you can do something in an instant that will give you heartache for life. (don't we all know that..lol)

That we should always, leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time we will ever see them.

That we can keep going long after you think you can't.

That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.

That either we control our attitude or it controls us.

That heroes are the people who do what has to be done, when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.

That money is a lousy way of keeping score.

That my best friend and I can do anything or nothing and have the best time.

That sometimes the people you expect to kick you when you're down, will be the ones to help you get back up.

That sometimes when we are angry, we have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give us the right to be cruel.

That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences we've had and what we've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays we've celebrated.

That it isn't always enough, to be forgiven by others; sometimes, we have to learn to forgive ourselves.

That no matter how bad our heart is broken the world doesn't stop for our grief.

That our background and circumstances may have influenced who we are, but we are responsible for who we become.

That we shouldn't always be so eager to find out a secret. It could change our lives forever.

Two people can look at the exact same thing and see something totally different.

That even when we think we have no more to give, when a friend cries out to us - we will find the strength to help.

That credentials on the wall do not make the person a decent human being.

That some of the people we care about most in our lives, are taken from us way too soon.

That the happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything.

Last but not least, Life is a gift, enjoy your present.

A little humor from the "Moshe Files" to keep you smiling...

A guy who had forgotten the dates for a number of his friends' and relatives' birthdays and anniversaries, and was taking a lot of heat for it, he decided to compile a list on his computer and have the dates highlighted on screen when the machine was turned on.

He went to a number of computer stores to find a software program that would do the job of reminding him the dates, but had no luck. Finally, he found a computer store where the clerk seemed experienced and friendly "Can you recommend something that will remind me of birthdays and anniversaries and never let me forget?" the guy asked.

"Have you tried a wife?" the clerk responded..... LOL...(Haven't we all been there, you only forget once...)

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