

Another of Momma's Sayings

My Momma had a "saying" for every occasion. When someone was really doing well, she would say that they "had the world by the tail with a down hill pull".

(When she saw me doing well as a young man she said - - "you never can tell the luck of a lousy calf". Go figure!).

The World by the Tail!

It seems to be that we always have the world by the tail - -

We can be pulling it either down hill or up hill - -

Or it can be pulling us!

But, until we die, we have it - - by the tail!

With a Down Hill Pull!

As Jackie Gleason used to say "How sweet it is!"

We say with joy and exuberance - - "God is Good, All the Time!"

All is well with person, home and family and we indeed are on a down hill run with the world "by the tail."

We seem to be winning the "War on Terrorism" and the bad guys are on the run. Want to be an instant millionaire (25 times over) - - just turn over Osama bin Laden (dead or alive).

The economy is on the rise and folks are returning to the shopping malls in big numbers. You can buy almost any vehicle at 0% interest and everyone is smiling again.

They are talking about tax breaks again and the congressional spirit of statesmanship seems to still be alive and well.

We have a lot to really be thankful for this Thanksgiving!

Christmas is right around the corner and everyone seems to be ready for a really joyous time - - especially this year.

We are not as scared about Anthrax as we were and everyone seems to be settling into new security where we never had it before and enhanced security where we had it.

With an Up Hill Pull!

Life is not always fair. Bad things do happen to good people. Some days you get up and it is just an uphill pull all day. You say to God - - "it just ain't fair." Your burdens all seem heavy ones and more than you can handle at any one time.

Some days you take an airplane flight and some crazy guy flies the airplane into a building. Some days you just "do your thing" and go to work - like you do every day - and your family never sees you again.

Yes, there are some days when you have an “up hill” pull, and the longer you pull the harder it gets. Indeed, it gets the toughest toward the top of the hill. And when you think you are nearing the top, the hill just gets higher and steeper!

What about those days?

Who is in control here, anyway?!

Is there some instant super tonic you can take on days like that which would give you just the push you need to get to the top? Man, if you invited something like that you would have more money than the Waltons, Bill Gates, Donald Trump and Ted Turner all rolled together.

The World Pulls Us!

Ever feel like you are holding on, and the world is whipping its tail around with you just barely managing to keep your grasp, and you are beginning to slip off.

Some days we are just not in control and just barely hanging in there!

Every day the world is going to jerk its tail, with you hanging on. That much you can count on.

Aunt Grace!

My Aunt Grace, my mother’s youngest sister, was my favorite Aunt and I was her favorite Nephew. She was more like a big sister. She took me to the circus, movie theater, swimming, out to eat and let my sleep over at her house. She always gave me just what I wanted for Christmas and took me to ball games.

When she came to visit, she made my day!

She made all the bad go away and when she was around everything was OK!

As a kid growing-up in the Church every time I would hear the preacher talk about “Grace” - - I would immediately think of my Aunt Grace.

With a Down Hill Pull!

The world is gonna jerk you around and some days you will not have “the world by the tail with a down hill pull” as my Momma used to say. Aunt Grace will not come by to visit and make everything OK.

God’s Grace! It’s just amazing! Grace is God’s action in our lives when we do not expect it, deserve it, nor have we earned it.

Grace will turn an uphill pull into a downhill pull!

Grace connects us with a divine intervention as we find Holiness at intersection after intersection, where God has stationed Holy Spirit Angels to minister to us and direct us.

Claim that Holy Grace in your life, and PULL!!!!!!