



Pastor Hanke's Blog

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After Six Days

How can time go fast and slow at the same time? Some moments seem to take forever, yet during those same moments time is passing by rapidly.

A few weeks ago we went to my Oma's house to collect the final belongings that needed to be taken to Goodwill. We loaded up four cars with stuff to clear out her house. You should have seen us when we got to Goodwill. It was a sight. We all jumped out of the cars and started unloading, which got the Goodwill guys up in arms because of their "one car at a time" policy. We obliged, telling them that this was Grandma's old stuff, then they softened and were ready to help. They took everything but the old TV; it had to go in the dumpster. After shuffling my kids back into the car, I headed around to check if my brother and sister-in-law needed help putting the TV in the dumpster. Seeing that they were fine, I started to leave when a lady hit my van. She was backing up to get out of the way of a biker, but not looking behind her. In those moments you rehash everything and think things like, "If I had just assumed that my brother and sister-in-law were ok and drove off, this would not have happened." Six days later I got the car by the shop just to check everything out. My van was fine. In fact, I had completely forgotten about the event until retelling the story to you now.

Six days can be an eternity in our mind with all life's activities and challenges, just ask Peter. Six days earlier (than where Peter is at in our reading for today), Jesus challenged him saying he was like Satan (Mark 8:31-33). Now, Jesus is taking Peter up to get a glimpse of the glory of God. Six days can change everything—from blatant sin right in front of our face making us squirm, to a glimpse of heaven reminding us that this earth is only temporal. We take time to dive into one of the most unusual stories of Jesus, a story that at the same time is also one of the most powerful reminders that keeping our eyes on Jesus in anticipation of Heaven is what life is all about.

God's Peace,

Pastor Will