

Day 102 | Monday, 29 June 2020... From the Church Mouse

How often do we complicate things? We dissect the actions and words of our friends and family trying to find motives and underlying reasons for things. If someone does us a kindness, we often look deeper for their "real" motive instead of responding in gratitude.

A dog doesn't do that. Our dog, Jonah, was a perfect example. That beautiful fawn and cream Greyhound did not try to figure out why I was going to his treat jar. He did not equate that with what he had to do to manipulate me into giving him more treats. Although he did have that one look. . .with those eyes. . .

Jonah did not think of his treat as a treat. He did not look at his leash as something to curtail his fun. He had learned that the law of those things was love.

If we simplify our lives into following God's guidance, our lives can be filled with joy. God's laws do not exist to take away from our lives but to give us true life. If we love God and follow God's plan, we will find contentment. God created us out of love and to be loved. What can be simpler than that?

"Walk in faith. We can love God, not just need God. Spend time in God's love and feel how life changes."

Devon O'Day

PS. The Rev. said that this was too short. So, how about another chickpea recipe?

Decadent Hummus recipe (makes 6 servings)

1 15oz can chickpeas, drained and rinsed

1 tbs. minced garlic

½ tsp. salt

¼ cup lemon juice

2 tbs. olive oil

3 tbs. tahini

¼ tsp. turmeric (for color)

Add olives if desired

2-3 tbs. water

¼ cup fresh dill, chopped

Add the first 8 ingredients to a food processor and blend until smooth. Add in the water, until the creamy consistency is reached.

Garnish with fresh dill if desired, and serve with pita chips, pita bread or various cut vegetables.