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Discovered along the Journey

#61 Shaking the hand and looking in the eyes of those who Serve and saying “Thank you for Your Serve” can transform grief into gratefulness

#60 The best of life is discovered in the “why” of your Serve

#59 Detours can be exactly what’s needed to gain new perspective

#58 Sometimes no words at all are the best words of all

#57 The past is called the past for a reason, leave it there and learn from it

#56 Beauty is beyond what the eye can see

#55 There’s never a wrong time to eat pizza

#54 Ice cream does not cure a belly ache, yet can create a smile

#53 Sometimes words just get in the way

#52 Puppy breath can soften a hard heart

#51 Just because everyone else likes it does not mean it’s good for you

#50 Other people’s opinion of you is really none of your business

#49 If your think you can’t; you can’t

#48 Going fishing is not always about fishing

#47 Standing in the rain looking up, with your mouth open, transports you to a better time

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- #46** It's always right to believe the best of people, until they leave no room for doubt
- #45** Sometimes taking the long way home is the best way home
- #44** Playing fetch with your dog is as good for them as it is for you
- #43** Walking past that piece of trash on the ground says more about you than the person who left it there
- #42** Wrong words last a lot longer than you want them to
- #41** Breakfast can be a good time for ice cream
- #40** Knowing more does not mean you know more
- #39** People truly do not care how much you know; until they know how much you care
- #38** It's always right to do the right thing
- #37** It's easier to dump the garbage can before its full
- #36** Opening the door for someone is as much about you as it is about them
- #35** Thinking before you say Yes, is better than having to say no later
- #34** A genuine smile can be seen and felt through the phone
- #33** Needy is greedy and not attractive
- #32** Confidence is attractive

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- #31** You cannot talk and listen at the same time
- #30** What you do not forgive you relive
- #29** Gifts given for no reason speak volumes
- #28** Mistakes are just Mis-Takes
- #27** Inch by inch everything a cinch
- #26** Time cannot be managed, task can
- #25** Hearing a song of a memorable time has transformational power
- #24** The laugh of a child is contagious
- #23** That which you hate will captivate and control you
- #22** Giving someone a fudgsicle can make bad things disappear
- #21** Spoken words of gratefulness are powerful
- #20** Written words of gratefulness given anonymously have transformational power
- #19** Saying thank you to a compliment is as good for you as it is for the giver
- #18** Being there when you said you'd be; demonstrates that you value those you are meeting
- #17** Your "First" last a lifetime

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- #16** Looking at someone when you shake their hand shows them honor and respect
- #15** Forgiving someone is less about them and more about you
- #14** Talking about the elephant in the room does more to get it out of the room than ignoring it
- #13** Getting fired can be a large gift for them, you, and someone you do not know
- #12** There is always something good to say about another, sometimes its goodbye
- #11** Sitting on the floor with your children is good for both of you
- #10** Sitting on the floor with your Grandkids is as good for them as it is for you
- #9** Giving a Hand up is better than a Handout
- #8** Cleaning your own dishes shows respect and honor to those you live with
- #7** Making your bed helps you get your day off to a great start
- #6** Grandkids are the gift of making it through parenthood
- #5** Upgrading your past happens through the words you use to describe yesterday
- #4** The way you speak of others reflects who you really are

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- #3** Giving a genuine compliment accomplishes more than pointing out a wrong, failure, or shortcoming
- #2** Seeing and speaking of the good of your parents has creative power
- #1** What seems like the end of a relationship often is the beginning