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The older I get the clearer it becomes that much of my life did not turn out the way I expected. Admittedly, few of my expectations were precise and detailed, however certain aspects of my life astound me. For instance, what it is like for me to be a grandfather.

Easter Season is full of experiences beyond expectations and even imagination. How many times did Jesus refer to his future death and resurrection, yet even his closest friends did not even recognize him at first? I wonder whether even Jesus knew what it would be like to live in a resurrected body.

Easter is also a season of hope and, after the year we have shared, many of us are eager to be hopeful. I offer you a poem generated by a personal Easter experience and I invite you to welcome God to reveal to you how love and goodness is present in your life in ways you did not expect.

Love and Freedom

Love and freedom allowed me to be an authentic grandfather,
something not learned, but blossomed from a heart overflowing.
I heard someone say, "Well no wonder they enjoy him so much;
he thinks like a toddler."
Could there be a better compliment?
Yet my Papa way started well before their births, even decades earlier,
when I opened my heart over and over again in prayer,
allowing wounds to be acknowledged that they may be healed,
to grow in the ways of beauty and goodness.
And so one more miracle has happened and continues to unfold.
But what strikes me deep and clear in how unique my way is,
not modeled but released from the seeds planted before my conception.
And in awe and gratitude I savor today and look forward to tomorrow.

May we all continue to grow in love and freedom that we may live authentically.

Peace and Blessings,
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