JUST CHECKING TO SEE



Yesterday, I had an operation. Everything turned out OK. I am home and doing fine. Today, my Linda took pal for a walk in my stead. Several neighbors asked about me and I want to thank them for their concern; it is appreciated! I also wish to also thank the many friends and family I spoke with yesterday; needless to say – Thank you!

As I ponder these things, my thoughts turned to a passage from the Gospel of Luke... Jesus said...

Luke 10 (World English Bible)

Jesus answered, "A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. ^[31] By chance a certain priest was going down that way. When he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ^[32] In the same way a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ^[33] But a certain Samaritan, as he traveled, came where he was. When he saw him, he was moved with compassion, ^[34] came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. He set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ^[35] On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the host, and said to him, 'Take care of him. Whatever you spend beyond that, I will repay you when I return.' ^[36] Now which of these three do you think seemed to be a neighbor to him who fell among the robbers?"

^[37] He said, "He who showed mercy on him."

Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Most of us have heard this passage of Scripture before, usually with an emphasis on the Samaritan, but what about the man who was beaten? When someone receives a blessing like this man did; what do they do in response? Perhaps they just might really listen to Jesus, when he says... "Go and do likewise." Today, these words mean more to me than ever and hopefully I will become a better person for listening. I hope and pray that you can say the same...

ps. By the way, that bird picture just started me thinking; it is not from my family album, nor it is a selfie. My nose is not THAT BIG!