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## My Hope for the Future is in my Freezer

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The official day designated for being thankful and eating lots of food is over.

Our children and grandchildren stayed in their own nuclear families.

Their in-laws, who regularly included us in their HUGE family celebrations, let everyone know "nothing this year"



On Tuesday DH came home with this humongous turkey, frozen solid. Huh?

Me: It will never thaw by Thursday and 2 people cannot eat 20 pounds of meat when it finally does.

DH: (Pulling out the sales slip)

It was on SALE! It cost \$.29 a pound. \$5.80 for all that meat!

Me: That's the same reason you give me for buying Mrs. Smith's pies. What a bargain!

DH: It's for the FUTURE.

Eventually this will be over and we will all be together again

I love him. 53 years married and 57 "together" and he always plans for the better times that he's sure are coming. We should be in the South Pacific, Australia and New Zealand this month.

Still he keeps the brochures and our cancelled travel itinerary on his desk for "next year"

During that horrible year he was in Vietnam, he sent me a set of china that served 12 people.

We had one little baby and a tiny extended family. He was in the jungle (Corps of Engineers) every day, not in any relatively safe rear base. I feared every knock at the door.

It took decades but eventually we DID need dinnerware for 12, even augmented with some of our daily unbreakable Corel.

So, whenever I open that freezer, it will be my visual reminder of hope for a better future.


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DH: Even the black plague ended eventually.

Me: True, but it did kill half of Europe first.

Yes, hope is necessary but we must make wise choices to ensure the future we want.

Hope for the future but take precautions to stay safe in the present so we will be around to participate in that future.

September 1969 before leaving for Vietnam, Joe had a little talk about the future with Baby Jeannie (Hayburner1969)



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yes, hope!

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**CORRIEC2**

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Wonderful husband you have

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**MTN\_KITTEN**

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Hope and Peace !!!

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**BESSHAILE**

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I absolutely love your husband. He's the real hope for the future. What a prize. I'm so happy you have someone with that kind of faith to share this crazy journey called life with.

And thank you sweetie, for the bloglove on my 'looking at december' post.

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**JUNETTA2002**

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**ELSCO55**

thanks for the positive blog

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**JUDYD207**

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**NANANANA**

So similar to my story. Married 54 years, together 51 (lots of separations for work). He came back from Vietnam in 1968 & our son was born in 1969. I also got the 12 piece setting of china which we finally got to use with friends. They said we should use disposable for Thanksgiving.

We should have been in the Caribbean this month. (5 cruises cancelled this year).

I bought the 14 lb. turkey for 33 cents per pound - \$4.65 total. Cheaper than the \$1.89/lb. breast and I got the giblets and dark meat. I smoked it and froze about 1/2.

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**KEEPITUP4LIFE**

What a heart warming BLOG. YES, Hope is what we have to hang on to so we have something to look forward to. Thank you for sharing

Susan

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**DGRIFFITH51**

Thanks for sharing. We were lucky to find a 13 pound turkey for our family dinner. Just enough with leftovers for another day.

**GREAT  
JOB!** **KEEP  
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**COOKWITHME65**

You did the right thing by socially distancing. So did I. Your husband sounds well grounded, loving and a positive person during these trying times. You both are blessed to have each other

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**RHOOK20047**

I loved the turkey analogy. We do need to have hope for the future that is for sure. We ended up with a 20 lb bird as well, however a week before. I order my groceries from Walmart and ordered a turkey breast to make for our son while we were gone. However they ran out and substituted a 20 lbs frozen turkey for the same price. I did cook it up and we made dinner (14) for folks in our parish that I knew would be alone for Thanksgiving and wouldn't celebrate with a big dinner. So they were taken care of. Loved helping others and I didn't get stuck with 20 lbs of turkey!

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**LOSINGIT2020**

Great outlook! Hope for the future!

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**SWEETNEEY**

**Well  
Said!**

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**GRANDP**

You are so blessed! Thank you for sharing a little Hope with us.

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**CHERYLHURT**

I didn't find one on a sale that great so we didn't buy one for just two of us. Leftovers would probably last most of 2021!

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**JOHOPES**

Without hope what do we really have to look forward to. Thanks for sharing a wonderful story.

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**JERICHO1991**

Sounds like good balance between yours and your husband's perspective.  
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**2BDYNAMIC**

I love seeing all the comments! My hubby talked about this hours later.....A message of hope!



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**RACHNACH**



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**FARMERGA4**

Sounds like you caught a keeper!! Large bird and all! I made a 13 lb turkey for two... I have three dogs that are not complaining about have turkey more than once!! Wandering how long it will take them to go back to just eating their dog food!! I am still enjoying the turkey and just finished up using the carcass for a soup base... a few more steps and I will have beef mushroom barley...Looking forward to that...and I freeze portion size packages for myself.

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**3VEGGIES**

Lovely blog and having an optimist in the family is great!

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**SUNNYCALIGIRL**

What a wonderful husband, and we all need that attitude--yes there will be a tomorrow!



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**BARBARAJ73**



the positivity and hope!!!

Due to all the downsized Thanksgiving dinners, I heard there were deep discounts on those big

birds!! If I only had a freezer big enough...

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**SCDALYNCH**

Oh! Good deal on the turkey!! I got one too! It was 21 pounds. I was able to shar with my daughter's home and a friend that is alone. Now I have a couple meals in the freezer that just need to be heated up!

It is good to see your husband is home. We don't say thank you often enough to our service men. We are so fortunate to live in this country.

Yes I agree that eventually this will be over. I also know the new normal will be different. I know I have learned to get along without things and I have made myself change in small ways.

Blessings to you. Thank you for writing.

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**MAWMAW101**

We just celebrated our 60th Anniversary and Thanksgiving was just the two of us. I'm sure that's our first Thanksgiving just the two of us.

Thanks for the large dose of optimism, I sure did need it!



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**GRAYGRANNY**

What an AWESOME man you have. I think he is a "Keeper" sweetie....lol.

Loved this blog!

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**BJAEGER307**

Yes someday this will end. We will be wiser, and more appreciative of the things that we took for granted. We will once again have our "normal" days. I will never take having trust for granted again. That is what this virus has robbed from me trust. I am struggling to get it back I'm looking forward to the future.

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**THOMS1**

My brother was in Vietnam in 1968 and sent each of his sisters a set of china also. I still have mine and it is beautiful. I used to use it at every holiday but not this year. It just seemed too much work to get it out for the three of us. But next year hopefully is a different story. Thank you for

sharing that wonderful memory.

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**HEALTHYANDFIT27**

I love the optimism in this blog! It is much needed right now! Thank you!

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**KALISWALKER**

It was wonderful to have the companionship of an up beat person. I hope it's not too long before you can get together with your family and feast on turkey.

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**AZMOMXTWO**

this is a fantastic blog so much to look forward to I love it renewed hope for people

have a fantastic day

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**AKA\_TROUBLE**

Great way to look at the future. I haven't needed my 12 piece setting china since my FIL died almost 30 years ago, but this year I bought another because I fell in love with it. I may never use all 12 at once, but I WILL use it because it's beautiful.



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**KENDRACARROLL**

Positivity and doing what needs to be done will get us through.



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**WATERMELLEN**

Wonderful blog -- you know, from past experience and resiliency, there's nothing that life CAN throw at you that the two of you can't manage. And there will be time for the 12 piece place setting once again!!

Thanks too for your comment on my page -- waiting for the button to pop up!!

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**UPTOIT59**

I also live my life 39 years married with an optimist and I thank God for that everyday!



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**SUSANYOUNGER**



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**BBLESSED32**

Love the positive attitude

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**NASFKAB**

Your blog made me hope for the future. ure it will all work out. Beat for both of you

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**THINCPL2004**

Another wonderful blog, your DH is a great optimist. And that is a huge bird for just the both of you, plenty of leftovers!! And I know you guys will be enjoying your trips in a little while!! Thank you for sharing!!

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**PLCHAPPELL**

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**POLSKARENIA**

Great husband + great wife = wonderful long lasting marriage!

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**LIS193**

Beautiful blog!



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**ALIHIKES**

Love your blog, and love your Husband's attitude. Thanksgiving this year was very different and everyone in my family stayed in their homes. We had a great Zoom family call, and I ate my Thanksgiving dinner while Zooming with other single friends. (I bought 1.5 pounds of turkey breast, cooked half of it and froze half)

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**FRITZYS\_MAMA**

love it. your husband sounds wonderful.

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**KITTYHAWK1949**



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**SHAKERATTLEROLL**



You write so well. Thank you again for allowing me into a few minutes of your life. Glad that Joe and you have been married 54 yrs and together 57 yrs. Marriage is a job that takes lots of works from both sides to unite and make it strong to endure the hard times.

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**CD10676776**



blog, what an inspiration,

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**HARROWJET**

It sounds like he has a good attitude. Imagine what it might be like to be with someone who was always looking at the 'down' side of things. I choose to believe he is right and next year will be better.

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