

River Together "R" Rejuvenation

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## Russian Hearts Renewed Hearts Rejuvenated Hearts



For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. "Eat and drink!" he says to you, But his heart is not with you.

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV



Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, But a good word makes it glad.

Proverbs 12:25 NKJV



For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 NKJV







Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Philippians 4:8 NKJV



Thank you for all of the love yesterday lovely people. It was a day rife with opportunity to observe character and behaviour in motion... boy were there triggers and truths kicking around like crazy! Here's what I learnt or had re-enforced:

- 1. When you fight against reality you only hurt yourself. I could have spend the whole evening playing a game of 'shoulds' in my mind (and believe me... many were) but that gap between 'what is' and 'what you believe should be' only causes stress, anger, anxiety and yet it changes nothing, except your own personal state.
- 2.When expectations aren't met, people can be super mean to people... me me me mentality kicks in (and whilst I completely get and welcome righteous anger) the poor deliverers of the message "your flight is cancelled" got some serious rudeness and anger directed at them... and again.... it achieved nothing.
- 3.Character (for me) = being extraordinary in the face of turbulence... bend the trend. In a sea of anger show kindness, smile (a big fat genuine smile) and notice the joy you get back. I had some wonderful conversations with some people yesterday who were understandably feeling very grumpy, yet we were able to have a giggle, roll our eyes and look for the silver lining.





"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJV



But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.

James 1:22-25 NKJV





- 1.Love wins. There was a moment when what felt like over 100 people were standing in a queue for their hotel room. It was manic. And spirits were being tested. Shoving, pushing, trying to squeeze forward. I noticed a lady, two people in front of me, standing there with her shoulders shaking... I knew she was crying. She had a small baby in a carrier attached to her front. So I tapped her gently on her arm and asked if there was anything I could do. She thanked me and said 'no' but the lady behind me said 'I'm not having that...' and together we marched the lady and her baby to the front of the queue. I'll never know what had her so distressed but kindness ruled in that moment and hopefully a difference was made.
- 2.Finally.... you can grumble about the rain or dance with your hands in the air like a maniac and get wet... I've just had the funniest moment of the last 24hrs. I'm tired. Super tired and hopeful that today I'll get my flight Sanity and humanity RESTORED for today...

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9 NKJV









## "R" Respond



Not good enough **Rejected – Criticised** Made fun of – Laughed at Failure – Disappointment Financial loss Abused – Bullying - Hurt **Grief - Separation** Lied to - Lied about - Betrayal SIN – South Instead North Guilt & Shame & Unforgiveness Depression Mental health - Stressed Taken advantage of Trauma – Tragedy Exhaustion - Fatigue - Fed up Abandonment – Neglect Oppressed - Embarrassed Broken heart – Sad - Lonely







He found him out in the wilderness, in an empty, windswept wasteland. He threw his arms around him, lavished attention on him, guarding him as the apple of his eye.

He was like an eagle hovering over its nest, overshadowing its young, Then spreading its wings, lifting them into the air, teaching them to fly.

DEUTERONOMY 32:8-12 MSG



O You who save those who trust in You From those who rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings

PSALM 17:5-8 NKJV