

FLEURIEU EDGE

Who's Driving?

My neighbour Tim has a figurine on his dashboard of a "wild thing" based on Maurice Sendak's beloved children's book *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Not long-ago Tim was following me through traffic and made some abrupt moves to keep up. When we arrived, I asked, "Was that the 'wild thing' driving?"

The following Sunday I forgot my sermon notes at home. I "flew" out of the church to retrieve them, passing Tim along the way. When we met later, he joked, "Was that the wild thing driving?" We laughed, but his point hit home – I should have paid attention to the speed limit.

When the Bible describes what it means to live in a relationship with God, it encourages us to "offer every part of ourselves" to Him (Romans 6:13). I took Tim's response to me that day as a gentle reminder from God to yield my "lead foot," because I am to give all of myself to Him out of love.

The question of "who's driving?" applies to all of life. Do we let the "wild things" of our old sin nature drive us; like worry, fear, or self; will; or do we yield to God's loving spirit and the grace that helps us grow?

Giving in to God is good for us. Scripture says that God's wisdom takes us down "pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace" (Proverbs 3:17). Better to follow where He leads.

James Banks

Romans 6:1-8 ¹What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. (NIV)

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