

## SO MANY ACCIDENTS

There have been so many accidents in the West Brant area these past few days. On Friday morning I left the house shortly before 8:00 a.m. to pick up my mother and take her for groceries. When I turned onto Mount Pleasant Street, traffic was backed up. I sensed right away there had to be an accident up ahead. Thankfully I was able to make a detour down a side street to get to my mom's house.

After I picked my mom up, we came upon another car accident right near the grocery store. While we were shopping for groceries, I overheard a customer saying there was still another accident that was tying up traffic in the West Brant area. Sure enough, by the time we came out of the grocery store even the side streets in West Brant were congested with drivers trying to find ways to avoid the accident areas. It was a chaotic and hectic Friday morning to be driving in West Brant to say the least.

Every Monday morning, I usually try to be at the grocery store right when it opens in order to take advantage of some of their discounted items. As I started the car, I thought to myself, hopefully the drive to the grocery store will not be as chaotic as it was on Friday. I spoke too soon. When I drove by my favourite Tim Hortons on the way to the grocery store there were two cars involved in an accident in the parking lot. Police were already on scene and were blocking off the parking lot going into my coffee place.

I realized right then I was not going to be getting my morning coffee at that location. I was surprised to see even more police cars there when I drove past it on my way home from groceries. About an hour after I got home, I received a message from my wife Nadine that she had heard about the accident on Facebook. News was quickly spreading that it was another morning of accidents in the West Brant area.

It is a bit surprising to see so many car accidents happening at this time of year considering neither day involved driving in snowy or wintery conditions. Accidents unfortunately happen all the time and not just on the roads. We often experience them in our own homes too such as spilling something, breaking something, or tripping over something.

When we come upon accidents whether while driving or around the house, we often become irritated and frustrated by the inconvenience it has caused. Something that helps me in these moments is to remind myself how blessed I am that God never makes mistakes. It can be so comforting and reassuring to be reminded of this truth in moments of frustration and inconvenience.

Moses was reassured by this truth and expressed it by saying:

**He is the Rock; His deeds are perfect. Everything He does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong. (Deuteronomy 32:3-4)**

Moses shared this insight with the Israelites just before he died. David also found it helpful knowing how God is perfect in every way:

**The instructions of the Lord are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple. The commandments from the Lord are right, bringing joy to the heart. (Psalm 19:7-8)**

Both Moses and David discovered it helpful for them to remember God never makes mistakes. Just like them, whenever we become frustrated or inconvenienced by other people's accidents or our own, ***may we pause and remember how blessed we are that God is perfect in every way.***

Reminding ourselves of this will help relieve ourselves of our frustrations and bring joy back into our hearts.

When Nadine messaged me on Monday morning she wondered if I still got my morning Tims with the accident at my favourite location. With God's help I still came home to start my week off in the perfect way with a large double-double in hand after stopping at a different location. I also came home with the perfect idea for a mid-week message. I can always count on God being perfect even when accidents cause a less than ideal start to a day.

**Keep safe and God bless,**

**Pastor Dean**