



Monday morning was a Labor Day so I did not have to go to work. I woke up early and went to explore a road that was not on my map. The morning was very foggy and the road turned out to be a dead end. As I turned my truck around and started back down this country road (to find something grand to take pictures of), I noticed this spider web stretched between two strands of barbed wire.

The air was thick and humid from the moisture of the fog, the spider web was similar to silk covered in superglue. And when the two met, it resembled an alien necklace made of crystal pearls. As the mist clung to the silky strands I noticed just how interconnected and interrelated each segment of this web was. Each individual fiber of silk was so carefully joined together that it was transformed into a single unified work of art. No longer a sequence of hundreds of tiny strands but a united whole.

I was reminded of what Chief Seattle once said, "Humankind did not weave the web of life. We are but strands within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves." Is that not true of us? We are not "Lone Rangers" unaffected by the lives of the people around us. When a member of our family suffers, it affects us. When a coworker struggles, we feel it. You may not have an "Important" or prominent position, but if you are part of the team, you

matter. What you do is important to somebody. Also, that person you seldom notice is important to somebody. We are connected.

Something to think about:

- Since you cannot do good to all, you are to pay special regard to those who, by the accidents of time, or place, or circumstances, are brought into closer connection with you. - SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO (354–430)
- We are all fellow passengers on the same planet, and we are all equally responsible for the happiness and the well-being of the world in which we happen to live. - HENDRICK LOON
- If a link is broken, the whole chain breaks. - YIDDISH PROVERB
- United we stand, divided we fall. — *Aesop*
- We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools. - MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.
- Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.

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