

## Thought for the day – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

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### Velcro – it sticks

In musing about the wildflower garden at church – I thought of the teasel – God’s Velcro – and I believe the inventor of Velcro took his inspiration from the teasel. But in nature -- there are burrs and barley and sticky little green balls that attach themselves when walking in the country.

Sometimes it feels as though I am held together by Velcro; on ankle bandages and tummy wraps and kangaroo pouches among other things. What I find fascinating is velcro’s ability to seek out things and attach, sometimes clinging so strongly that it becomes difficult to separate.

Velcro keeps pushing or pulling (not forgetting the other surfaces to which it attaches. Velcro comes in pairs, hooky and soft.

In Proverbs 18.24 it says “A man who has friends must himself be friendly. But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”. For Christians that may well be one of the ways in which we see Jesus (or the Holy Spirit).

In Isaiah 55.6 It says “seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.”

In Romans 13.14 We are told to put on the Lord Jesus Christ – in response to our salvation being nearer than when we first believed.

In Hebrews chapter 10.23 – thinking of Jesus as our great high priest, we are encouraged “let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.”

As I was hanging up my wrap and ankle bandage they were clinging together closely. I wonder what they were telling me?