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Scott's Thoughts



The current state of affairs in our country takes me back to my childhood. Each side is blaming the other and each side has dug in refusing to even think that the

other has any valid points. This is kind of scary. I don't know what I would have done when I was thirty years of age and had gotten furloughed from work for a time in excess of thirty days. I'm sure that many of those who have been going without a paycheck are in the lower pay grades and are finding it hard to keep food on the table, lights and heat on in the house and gas in the car. Some are waiting it out at home while others are asked to continue showing up for work with a vague promise of back pay when the issue is resolved.

What would I do if faced with this problem? First if I was one of those who did not have to report for work I would be out there every day searching for work. I might take something that I would consider less than ideal if it would allow my family to continue living at a subsistence level at least until the government was reopened.

In the fall of 1959 just after the 1960 model cars had been released and the United Auto Workers struck all American car companies at the same time and it was a long one. My father was caught in the trickle down effect of that

strike. He drove a transport truck delivering new cars to dealers. New cars were not being made so there was no work. Dad had always taken his responsibility to support our family seriously. During this time he did odd jobs and he and mom cut back on expenses as much as possible. He finally took over operation of a gas station and we got by. Within days of going to work at the gas station, he was called back to work as a truck driver. He turned them down. He would rather not be subjected to the ups and downs of corporate America. The job at the gas station did not last long. Dad got a job with the local fire department, which turned out to be his dream job. We were never wealthy and probably would have been classified as lower middle class but we were happy.

Without that strike Dad would have most likely spent the rest of his working life driving that transport truck. He would have been better paid but he also would have been separated from his family for long stretches. We would have only seen him a day here or there. He would have been mostly an absentee father.

Romans 8:28 (ESV) ²⁸ And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.

—Scott