

# This is the Day...Monday

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## The Wing Window

*“Therefore, I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:25-27, 33)*

Some of the greatest memories of my childhood occurred during the times we all piled into our 1961 Rambler station wagon. Sometimes the old Rambler took us to Tony’s Ice Cream in Gastonia for a Sunday afternoon treat. Other times it took us to Windy Hill Beach for a weeklong summer vacation. I never paid much attention to the features of the old Rambler. I just enjoyed riding in the front seat, between Dad and Mom as we travelled. I had a front row seat to the road ahead and usually got first choice when Mom brought out the snacks.

During one trip to the beach, I noticed that the Rambler not only had a window that could be cranked down on each front door, it also had a smaller, triangular window on each door that could be opened. My Dad called it the wing. During hot weather, the wing window could be opened up so that the air would stream in from outside directly on us. It felt so good to feel that breeze while riding in a hot car. The problem was that the wing window would also direct anything else into the car that may be flying by. One time, as we were driving down the road, a large Bumble Bee hit the window, flew into the car, smacked me on the face and flew helplessly into the back seat where my three brothers were riding. For the next few minutes, the car was filled with screaming, squirming, and searching for that misguided Bumble Bee. In a split second, the peace of riding with the cool breeze flowing across us was replaced with absolute chaos.

Sound familiar? Ever happened to you? Have you experienced a life changing event? A time when your life was cruising along with the cool breeze in your hair and then without warning everything changed? The potential of such sudden changes in life can easily be a source of worry for us. And that worry can rob us of the joy found in those cool breezes of life. Jesus recognized the destructive power of worry. He made it clear that worry will not prevent change or even extend your life.

Ultimately, the Bumble Bee was found dead in the backseat of the Rambler. He had been killed when he smashed into my face. So, all that worry and chaos that my brother’s experienced was unnecessary. On this day God has given you, do not allow worry to rob you of the joy of life that God wants you to experience. Just seek Him and the rest will take care of itself.