

Selflessness

A Two-Minute Thought by Eric

My wife was watching Animal Cops on Animal Planet the other day. It's one of those shows that can be heart-warming or quite disturbing. This particular episode she was watching was both.

She described to me a little brown puppy that had been neglected, basically starved and abused. The puppy was sad and obviously frightened. To think that someone could mindlessly do that to a helpless creature is disturbing to say the least.

When the Animal Cops showed up and took the puppy away, the puppy perked up, wagged its tail, and even licked the officer's face. With that came a sigh of relief from my wife.

This puppy had only ever known neglect and harm, but it still looked past these things and trusted (or even embraced) someone else. It didn't seem to "blame" someone else for the things that had happened to it previously. It simply went on and moved forward. It gave someone else a chance.

It may not be quite the same when it comes to us as past wrongs seem to linger. But maybe God sent us a reminder in that story - maybe God created a dog to be "man's best friend" and in doing so created a selfless creature that we could observe and even learn from in that regard?

We have a dog. She is a part of our family. And she is a reminder. Even though we don't let her sleep on the bed, she doesn't hold a grudge and will still lick my face. I pray that I, too, could possess the same selflessness that a dog does. Yes – a dog.