

Soaking Wet

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How do you respond to calamities?

A couple of weeks ago, our son Loren called. "Want to take us out to Chapo's for street tacos?"



"Sure, that sounds like a great idea."

We got there a little early. Two minutes later, the server took our drink order. When she brought the pop and water in 32-ounce glasses, I'm not sure what happened, but suddenly, over they went, 160 ounces of pop and ice water right in my lap. I was soaked through to my Hanes undies. There was great commotion, apologizing and cleaning up the mess.

Dustin, my grandson, "Grandpa, are you OK?"

Laughingly, "Of course!"

The hostess moved us to a nearby booth while they cleaned up the mess. Loren began telling a story about one of his first jobs at an Italian restaurant in Hollywood, CA. He



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was an untrained 17-year-old bus boy. He didn't know how to balance glasses on a tray. On his first night he spilled water all over his first customer! When he finished his story, I said, "That's what Turbo calls an "egg on the

face" talk. Who else has an "egg on the face" story?"

Karina, my daughter in law, said, "I can't think of anything work related, only when I was dancing." I said, "Hon, dancing was your job."

Karina was a professional entertainer on cruise line ships. She began telling us about getting a heel caught in her chiffon skirt while performing. She ended up on her rear, but the show must go on! so, her partner took her hand and spun her around on the floor.

I was eating slowly so we could enjoy the conversation. And on the stories went. This was one of our most fun family dinners I can remember. Many stories I had never heard or hadn't heard in a long time. When I



finally had my last bite, I said, "We wouldn't have had this wonderful dinner experience if I hadn't been drenched. If I had reacted, gotten mad, made a scene, blamed the waitress, we would've had an entirely different kind of dinner experience."

It's true. It's not what happens to us, it's how we respond to what happens to us that determines the quality of our lives.

So, here's an idea, see if you can find a way to introduce the subject of "egg on your face" talks



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always
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at your dinner table. The best way is to give your "egg on the face" example, then see if you can get others to tell their embarrassing stories. I guarantee you'll have one of the most enjoyable dinner hours you've had in a long time.

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