



Update



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A Message From The General Manager/CEO

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Dealing With The Outcomes

Well, we have elected our President for the next four years and we have consumed our sumptuous Thanksgiving feast. If your household is like mine, then you have decorated for Christmas and preparations are well underway for the celebration. It's a busy time of year! It is filled with excitement, wonder, family, friends, and all the things that make our lives complete.

Some might say, "My President didn't get elected!" The truth is, President Obama is our President, whether we voted for him or not. We have the right to vote and specifically to vote our conscience. We have the obligation to accept the majority rule. Difficult? Yes, but that is the give and take of democracy. We don't get to have it both ways. We can't accept the outcome of elections when they fall the way we want them to and reject the outcome when it doesn't.

Likewise you might say, "My Thanksgiving feast was more flop than feast". Unfortunately, that's the way the cookie crumbles, sometimes. What's the old saying? "The best laid plans of mice and men often flop". Well, it's something like that. The truth is, things don't always go the way we plan. Sometimes, they go better...and sometimes, they go worse. The promise that is America allows us to make any plans we want, but the flip side is that we have to accept the outcome.

As you read this, you might be saying, "I'm okay with the outcome of the election and my Thanksgiving was wonderful, but so far my Christmas celebration plans are not working out that great". Often times, the way we feel about the outcomes we experience in life is more a matter of perspective, than anything else. How do we view life? How do you view your life? Is your life dependent on a specific outcome? Does the pendulum always have to swing your way in order for you to be happy?

Outcomes, whether they are election results, a holiday, a celebration, or simply watching our favorite television show, are temporal. If we base our happiness or satisfaction in this life on those things, we will live defeated and unhappy lives. For real happiness, we have to rise above the temporal, and take hold of the eternal. We must look to God.

On that first Christmas, God became "man and God" and He lived and walked among us. He lived as we live, felt what we feel, and, at the appointed time, He died as we will one day die. He did all that so we could live above the temporal...so we could catch a glimpse of the eternal. This Christmas, may I suggest you look to Him as you prepare your celebration? Consider making Him the cornerstone of your life...the eternal rather than the temporal.

All of us here at Rio Grande Electric Cooperative want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year! If the lights should go out on your Christmas celebration, rest assured we will be there in short order to repair them!

