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DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL

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A couple of weeks ago I was on the hunt for local strawberries., the kind that leave your hands stained red with juice after you slice and sugar them. I was spoiled up north by the local Mennonite farmer who ran the farm market in town. His children (8 of the 9 of them, since the last was still an infant) would pick the product as needed in the market. Perfectly warm berries still warm from the sun. It was corn, beans, tomatoes, blueberries, and more as fresh as you could get without living on the farm yourself. I hoped to find some of those berries.

There is a small farm stand just up from the Sheetz on the way into Mount Joy. The berries looked wonderful as I passed by in the morning. "I'll get some on my way home" I told myself. By the time I passed going home, they were sold out. I will continue the hunt. It is time to search out farm markets in the countryside.

Sometime when facing a life issue, we pass by the answer again and again. God, however, is always searching for us. He is always close at hand and ready to reach out with his never-ending compassion.

Now if only strawberry season would last a little longer.

(P.S. I did finally get some local strawberries at the end of the season!)