

For examples of real sacrifice.

I want Lauren and Danny to recognize true sacrifice. I think these days the word is loosely used, and some of the examples of sacrifice we are seeing don't seem true to definition. They almost seem illusory. Sacrifice is indeed a packed word, but I think it's one that is being falsely inflated with the worst kind of self-seeking opportunism that only looks good on poster.

The sacrifice I see some boast about today, for example, is not the sacrifice we saw our own parents make in the form of what they went through and did for us and others throughout their lives. The one that is synonymous with devotion, dedication, commitment, selflessness, and hard work. Or the one that is made for country, for children, for love; that carries no start or end date, no particular agenda; and that involves time and compassion. That kind.

I want our kids, as I am sure you would want your kids, to know, unequivocally, what real and palpable, not illusory, sacrifice is about. I believe so far we have given ours a real good glimpse of it. And it is my hope that, since sacrifices do build character and strength, they don't wait until they are parents themselves, or until they are pushed into it by circumstance, to make them.

For those from whom I've learned about and witnessed true sacrifice, today and always, I am thankful.

What are you thankful for today?

Until next Thursday's post...si Dios quiere.

"You can sacrifice and not love. But you cannot love and not sacrifice." -K. Vallotton

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him

shall not perish, but have eternal life." -John 3:16

"You cannot make an omelet without breaking eggs." -Proverb

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Phillipians 2:3-4

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