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Your journey may not always go the way you plan

I went on a long journey recently. I planned it all out: The route, the timing and the destination. I knew what the goal was, where I would arrive and I even had a pretty good idea of how long it would take to get

I decided to take the trip with someone I thought would be easygoing, smart, and one I could count on for some good talks and laughs along the way.

I knew I couldn't take this long journey alone, even though I am very independent. So, we had thought most things through, left room for any changes and headed out with positive excitement.

The first leg of the journey was

pretty easy, with a few unexpected, yet amazing events. We encountered beautiful sunsets, no traffic on smooth paved highways, and an automatic upgrade on an unbooked hotel, with its balcony opening to a waterfall and river view. For these surprises I was calm and thankful.

On the way there I saw signs along the roads and highways, and occasionally I ignored them or saw them too late to change course, and once in awhile I followed them. Eventually, I was able to look in the rearview mirror to see where I had

For the next portion of the journey, there were unexpected trials and ups and downs that scared the bejesus out of me! We tried calling on friends, family, strangers and

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civil servants, but they could not help, even though they

We were stuck in the mid-dle of what was seemingly nowhere, not sure where to turn, and the lack of cell-phone service and connection was not helpful in asking

So, we inched our way to help, slow and steady, afraid, occasionally praying to get us somewhere where we could think, solve our problems, and hope to eventually reach our destination.

All along the way, every call we made, every person we spoke to told us to hang in there and make our way to the next town, and that someone would eventually help us

one would eventually nelp us get to our next point. As we worked our way towards the closest town, sure enough, with some dis-cussions, some laughs, some tears, and some negotiations. via some crazy tows, fixes and

roundabout out-of-the-way roads, we eventually made it to our next destination with all the help and support com-

As for the people along the way, I will always remember the pleasure of encounter-ing them and for that, I am thankful.

For the support and laughs I received along the journey, I am thankful.

For eventually reaching my goal, even though it was not on the date planned, I am

thankful.

For deciding to take the journey and following through on it, through those

tough moments of not knowing what the out-come was going to be, I am thankful.

am thankful.
What are you thankful
for today? I am thankful
for being able to set goals
and challenges and having
the resources to find my way out of any obstacle ..

Happy Thanksgiving!

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