



...ON QUICK FUN

Late night pizza always brings up a few hesitations for me. If I eat it, I know it's going to show up on the scale the next morning. If I don't, I know I've missed some fun. At our place, pizza is rarely just something hot from a box, it is the emotional equivalent of, "Come on, Mom, let's have some fun."

Looking for laughter is always a good thing for families to do, and sometimes it comes along with calories. While we have plenty of grumpy meals at our place, we also can be surprised how fun shows up around our dinner table. Vern has a dry and exaggerated sense of humour, Adam can imitate any Monty Python character and insert Dueck quirks into the play, while Elise is a teaser and prankster.

Among the things I'm learning along the way to having fun in our family, is that I've got to be available for it. We're not yet one of those families who has a schedule and knows that on a certain night of the week, it's time for a fun night. For us,

there has to be enough flexibility that we can respond when the time arises. It means being spontaneous, and that isn't always the easiest attitude to cut loose to.

If I am to take Christ seriously at His promise that He has come that we may have life, and have it to the full (John 10:10), I know that includes much time of laughter. It also means we have to trust Christ with the chores and tasks that consume us, and compartmentalize them for those hours that invite us into fun.

It means we have to enter into what is fun for those we love. Adam likes nothing better than if I sit down and watch *The Simpsons* with him, a program I detest and could sermonize and moralize on. But since others already have, I'll accept that this is just a way he likes to have fun, so I'll join him. After all, there is a time for everything, especially fun.

"I know that there is nothing better for men [people] than to be happy and do good while they live."
Ecclesiastes 3:12 NIV. &

The Dueck family having fun!

