

So ... What is good about this?



It was Marilyn Monroe who said ...

'I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change so that you can learn to let go, things go wrong so that you appreciate them when they're right, you believe lies so you eventually learn to trust no-one but yourself, and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together.'

What an incredibly profound statement it is and one which has rung very true to me this week. This article is a continuation of last week's story about 'staying true to your values' and so I would recommend that if you didn't read it you have a quick read before going any further ...

Where we left off from last week ... if you remember Laura and I had withheld information about having a dog to get accepted to a rental property that we really wanted. Then after signing a lease agreement which clearly stated **no pets without the written consent of the landlord** we experienced a serious values conflict which led us back to the agent to own up and tell them we did have a dog!

We felt so much better about our honesty and after the agent sounding pretty confident and our bond cheque actually clearing, we thought we were pretty much 'home and hosed'. We were excited about moving into our new home with no secrets! We still, however, had to wait for confirmation that we and our very cute, very well behaved, very small and very quiet dog had been accepted. This meeting happened on the Thursday and so we waited - no news on Friday or over the weekend. No news on Monday or Tuesday and as time moved on and as the end of our current lease grew closer, I just assumed we were right or surely they would have told us by now - so I was quite relaxed. That was until the Wednesday (last week) ...

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I got a message on Wednesday to call the agent - so I did. Expecting the best, I rang him to find that the landlord had not approved our application and was adamant that he did not want a dog in the house. I sat stunned for a moment and thought about our predicament - We had to be out of our current apartment in 16 days, I had paid a bond which had cleared and would take 7-10 working days to get back and we had no-where to live. So, I asked myself the question, 'So ... what is good about this?'

How easy it would have been to pull out my hair and go into 'sooky la-la' mode, but I simply thought about what was good about this situation and what the lesson was. Straight away I thought that there must be a reason why we weren't meant to be in that house – I am grateful that this happened now before we had gone to all the effort and expense to move and then find out. I also knew deep in my heart that there is a better place for us, that everything would work out and we would find it. So with no time to waste we got on the internet and starting looking again – all of a sudden there was a house that we hadn't seen before and it looked really good ...



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We got on the phone to the new agent and enquired this new house and before we had said too much we asked ... 'are pets allowed?' We got a positive response and found out that the property would available within a week and so we booked a time to inspect the very next day.



The place was beautiful. We met the owners who were lovely, the house was just what we were looking for and they love dogs!! We filled out an application on the spot and walked away feeling pretty confident and happy that we had got this place. It was all confirmed on Friday and so we are moving next week!! All this happened within two days of finding out that we had been rejected from the last property and left with no where to live!

Wow, pretty powerful stuff! Was it luck, was it co-incidence or was it, as Marilyn said so well that ' ... sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together.'? I believe this was the case and I truly believe in life that the things which at the time seem so bad or undesirable are really a doorway to something much better! I have experienced this in my life time and time again.

It all depends on how we look at things

Does this seem like an overly 'Polly-Anna' or unrealistically optimistic point of view? Well, maybe it is but that is how I choose to look at the things that happen to me and around me and it hasn't failed me yet! I strongly believe that everything happens for a reason and it is all about our own individual perspective as to what opportunities will be presented to us through adversity.

If we see things as just bad then they will be. On the other hand if we can view all challenging situations as opportunities for something better, and if we can get good at asking, 'so ... what is good about this?' then we will start to really see and believe the abundance that is available to all of us!

Have an amazing week!

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