

Greetings to all in the Name of Christ,

March is here and anything can happen. When I had my rock shop in Quartzsite we would do a club show in Cottonwood at the end of the month. Many a time I would be picking up a few things from our cabin in Seligman and surprised by a blizzard. The only way to get out was to leave early in the morning when everything was frozen. I had some pretty harrowing experiences but never missed a show. I also remember a day at the end of March when we reached 105 degrees in Quartzsite. Not often, but unexpected.

So, March has become my anything can happen month. We will be going through Lent in preparation for Easter. We are often encouraged to give up something in our lives so we can be in solidarity with Christ as he gave his very life for us. You want to try something hard? Give up television. I did this one year. I never realized in our society there is a TV blaring almost everywhere you go. Not to mention those silent, hulking black screens staring at me in each room of our house. I did it but have trimmed back what I want to give up.

However, the other thing I do doing Lent is to try to take up something that will improve my life and possibly the lives of this around me. The one thing I can say is in my life Lent becomes the incremental rise of anticipation and hum of energy the closer we get to Easter morning.

I'm paying attention and realize I will probably be surprised again. Not only by the weather but by the event and experiences that will be coming my way. I hope you will be experiencing Lent with a similar attitude.

Only by God's grace!  
Pastor Bob