I've learned ...That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned...That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned...That when you’re in love, it shows.

I've learned...That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned...That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned...That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned...That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him or her in any other way.

I've learned...That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned...That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned...That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned...That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

I've learned...That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned...That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned...That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned...That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned...That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

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I've learned...That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned...That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned...That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned...That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned...That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned...That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned...That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned...That I wish I could have told my Mum that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned...That you should keep your words both soft and tender, because tomorrow you may have to eat them.

I've learned...That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned...That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his or her little fist, you're hooked for life.

I've learned...That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you’re climbing it.

I've learned...That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done. 

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YOU ARE MY FRIEND AND I AM HONOURED!