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I went to the grocery store yesterday morning and the associate who was monitoring the self-checkouts greeted me and ~~when I asked how I was doing. I said, "Good, how are you?" in which he was,~~ he replied, "Well, it's a Monday. -I hope the week goes by fast."

Comment [p1]: Writing my dialogue isn't important to the point I'm making. His response is what was most important.

-Considering that it was only 6:30 ~~pre-coffee, in the morning and I still hadn't finished my coffee,~~ the easiest and most socially acceptable response ~~was the only thing that~~ I could come up with ~~was:~~ "Yeah, I hope it does, too." ~~This left me with a stinging feeling in my gut I winced at myself.~~

Comment [p2]: This is a way easier way to say "before I had my coffee".

Comment [p3]: See how this wasn't actually necessary? Once I removed it, the sentence is already stronger.

Comment [p4]: Instead of describing the actual feeling, I wrote an action that implied that feeling. Fiction writers are trained to do this since it is more of showing an emotion rather than doing the work for your reader and telling them. It also gives a better visual to the scene.

It's sad how the norm is ~~the feeling of constantly~~ looking forward to the weekend. -While ~~I am confident that~~ there are many people out there who love their jobs and don't ~~necessarily wake up every morning to check off the day on their calendar in the countdown to Friday~~ relate to the norm, ~~it still seems like the typical feeling is to want to get to~~ there are plenty of us who just want the weekend.

Comment [p5]: This sentence read very awkward before I removed these words. Just extra words that cluttered the sentence.

Comment [p6]: I don't have to say that I'm confident about something necessarily, I can just say it.

Comment [p7]: Again, way too wordy. I can simply just refer back to "the norm" that I mention earlier in the paragraph and it gets the point across.

Comment [p8]: This wording felt weak to me, so I revised here. I got stuck on "get", so I rephrased without it. Sometimes "get" weakens sentences.

~~And~~ ~~as~~ much as I love my weekends, my response to the grocery store associate wasn't entirely truthful.

Comment [p9]: There are a few places where I indented my paragraphs to make the blog post more readable. Long paragraphs make it difficult to stay engaged as a reader.

One of my worst fears is to ~~reflect on how I lived my life and get to the end of my days and~~ regret ~~how I chose to live my life~~ it. - Maybe that sounds a little bit

~~too much, but stay with me.~~ If I lived every week just waiting for the weekend and ~~then started it~~ just to start all over again on Monday, how would that feel at the end of my life? -How would I feel if I knew that I spent my time on this earth simply counting down the days until my time off from work?

Comment [p10]: I revised this section because I was again being too wordy with awkward phrasing and saying unnecessary things. So I revised to simply state my fear and removed the "Maybe that sounds..." since it didn't really have a greater purpose and weakened my point of view.

Comment [p11]: This felt like awkward phrasing here, so I revised.

I'll tell you:- I will feel terrible. ~~I don't like to live with regrets, but I assure you, I will~~ regret that.

Comment [p12]: This phrase made the sentence too long and wordy and I can still make my point by removing it. I also sound more direct this way.

~~Let's all try something. Let's identify a long-term struggle. Whether it's a job you don't like, a relationship you don't enjoy, or whatever it may be that is constantly a barrier to truly enjoying your life. I understand some things aren't necessarily in our power to change, but think about the things you do have control over.~~

Comment [p13]: I removed this paragraph because I strayed away from the main message. I want to stay on topic with not looking forward to the weekend every week and here, introduce other ideas that may make someone live with regret. It just felt out of place.

Now it's your turn.

~~What can you do to improve your life? If something is causing you to count down until the weekend each week, what sacrifices might you have to could you make to one day truly live a life where you don't live for the weekend enjoy each day? You're in control. Maybe it's going back to school, maybe it's finding a new job, or pursuing other relationships. I think we all have it in us to create a life that we can love.~~

Comment [p14]: I tightened up this conclusion paragraph because it carried over some off-topic ideas from the previous paragraph and I wanted it to be more of a simple conclusion with a direct final sentence.

Now, take a look at the clean version:

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Considering that it was only 6:30 pre-coffee, the easiest and most socially acceptable response I could come up with was, “Yeah, I hope it does, too.” I winced at myself.

It’s sad how the norm is looking forward to the weekend. While there are many people out there who love their jobs and don’t relate to the norm, there are plenty of us who just want the weekend.

And as much as I love my weekends, my response to the grocery store associate wasn’t entirely truthful.

One of my worst fears is to reflect on how I lived my life and regret it. If I lived every week just waiting for the weekend just to start all over again on Monday, how would that feel at the end of my life? How would I feel if I knew that I spent my time on this earth simply counting down the days until my time off from work?

I’ll tell you: I will feel terrible and regret that.

Now it's your turn.

If something is causing you to count down until the weekend each week, what sacrifices could you make to enjoy each day? You're in control.