

We Cannot Have Yesterday Back

My mom and dad's house sits empty; the life that filled that dwelling is gone. Since I can remember my grandparents and their children and grandchildren filled that home with life. As grade school students, we would go to grandma and grandpa's house and watch cartoons and Perry Mason after school everyday, until mom and dad came to pick us up. I can recall when that home became our home, right after grandma passed away. I was a senior in high school, and before we moved in my dad worked tirelessly, putting up oak paneling, painting and putting in a new suspended ceiling in the living room. Dad had new carpet laid in the house, and central heating and air installed. About twenty years ago my parents had a new laundry room and bathroom added on. Three years ago I completely renovated their kitchen, building new oak cabinets and laying a marble countertop for my mom. She was so proud, that was her first very nice kitchen. I stood in that kitchen Wednesday looking around and remembering. Time waits for no one; life moves on.

Time is moving us all toward our appointment with God: "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," Hebrews 9:27. And, given the culture of America in 2009, I want to take my family's hands and say, "Lord, come and take us HOME!" But, instead of that, God needs us to live; He needs our influence and Christian living in this culture. He needs up as modern day heroes of faith to show people how God's family loves, lives, worships, and Honors Him. He needs the future of the church to be stable through sound teaching, through our acts of service, and maybe even through our martyrdom. We may be living in the same country and state our forefathers lived in, but we are not living in the same United States of America.

The worst thing that Christians could do today is to longingly look back, and do nothing. For a moment on Wednesday, that is exactly what I was doing. God still must be glorified in my living? God still must be served! And God's word still must be taught and embraced by his people! We cannot have yesterday back; but we can have today and tomorrow with God and His people. This world is not our home; Heaven is!!!

With Love in Christ,

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