

MEMORIES

Before my grandfather passed away, he had convinced many in the family that there was \$2,500 hidden in the house somewhere. It got to the point where some of the family started looking for it. There was no money. He was suffering from a memory problem.

I had an aunt who was found stark naked wandering the streets in their little town. It was in the mid-winter.

We had a sister who because of a very bad medical error was admitted to a nursing home. We would visit her and sing hymns to her. She seemed to relax during those visits.

We have a brother-in-law (now deceased) who would escape in the middle of the night and wander the streets in his underwear. He, for some reason took the deck in back of the house apart while his wife was gone. A good day for my sister is when she visits him in the memory unit and he looks at her and smiles. She is there every day.

We have a friend whose spouse is in a confused state. He wakes up in the middle of the night and doesn't know where he is and sometimes cries because he can't remember who he is or where he came from. The other day he left his wife at the store shopping. He just disappeared.

Many of you probably can relate to this terrible disease. So, I think it's time where we get to where the rubber meets the road with this month's greeting. It is important for all of us through the Holy Spirit, to continue to walk with Jesus while we still have the opportunity to do so. Prayer, Praise and Give Thanks daily. Take a stroll through scripture and find new ways to praise our Lord and help to hold on to His hand...tightly.

Why do these kinds of things happen? Have you ever questioned, if God is in control, why? I know several people that have this same question. What's the answer? Was it something that we do to ourselves that causes these problems?

In my case, I smoked 3 packets of cigarettes a day, drank V8 juice, about a quart each day, was overweight, low on exercise, so I know why I have all of the health problems, in fact, I'm thankful to be still alive. We know the Lord gave us our body as a temple to Him and how we sometimes misused this precious gift. This doesn't explain why some people get memory problems like our friend or any of the problems people are having.

One thing I do know is that when Adam and Eve fell into sin, this changed everything. What God was willing to do for his new creation was normal, before the fall. Perfect peace, health, and uninterrupted happiness will never be normal again in this life corrupted by sin. But by God's grace, the forgiveness he won for us through Jesus, we will have it again in heaven. Until then, turn to him for the strength and wisdom to overcome the many painful trials of this sinful world, and our sinful lives.

Deuteronomy 20:4 ESV *For the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.*

Psalms 73:26 ESV *My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.*



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