

## ***One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!***

**# 38 *“Lord, I commit all of myself to you that I am able;  
and I accept Jesus as your divine Son.”***

As we approached the last of the 1960’s, I sensed that my spiritual journey was about to reach a turning point. The struggle had been growing with increasing intensity over the preceding years. I had read the Bible, taught and even spoken from the pulpit, but I knew the person I was trying to build was not adequate, nor complete.

Finally, in true labor lawyer style, I negotiated a settlement with God. I couldn’t bring myself to surrender my will in one step, but I agreed in the early summer of 1969 I would surrender on August 10, 1969, my 44<sup>th</sup> birthday

My birthday finally arrived. Following a celebration with my family, and without advising anyone of my intentions, I walked up the stairway, down the hallway, into our bedroom. There I knelt alone and confessed something like this:

***“Lord, I commit all of myself to you that I am able;  
and I accept Jesus as your divine Son.”***

Without realizing it, I was born again spiritually on the anniversary of the day I was born physically. My physical and spiritual birthdays were the same—but 44 years apart! For me there were no flashing lights or emotional outbursts at the time. But that birthday did mark the death of my old life and the beginning of a new life in Christ and His Kingdom.

Faith is a gift. But I finally realized we must humble ourselves, surrender our will, and receive the gift in order to have it!

*From Grandpa With Love*

### **A Note From the Writer**

Moving into my nineties caused me to reminisce. It was eye-opening to realize how much I had been changed by one-liners. I decided some of these might give others a new insight or a chuckle, so—enjoy! You can reproduce this material, provided the copies are complete, including this copyright note, and circulated free of charge. © 2017 Marvin J. Martin