

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

### **# 43 “*And if I perish, I perish.*”**

I was concerned clients wanted a tough, no-holds-barred attorney and I would lose business if people found out I was following Jesus. Finally, my wife and I went to Colorado for a week so I could think through the problem.

One afternoon on a hillside near Gunnison, God gave me the answer. It came from the biblical story of Esther as she struggled with whether to reveal her Jewish identity to her pagan husband, the king, and ask him to save her people from being slaughtered. When I read her courageous example, I decided it was time for me to take a stand. So I dedicated my law practice to God and said, like Esther, “*And if I perish, I perish.*”

The opportunity soon came to put my declaration to the test. I was listening to a speaker and heard him ask, “Who would be the hardest three people for you to witness to?” I knew immediately, and they were all important clients. With much fear and trembling, and being careful not to impose on work time, I found opportunities to give each of these three men a short summary of my spiritual journey.

In retrospect, I don’t know how much my speaking out helped any of these men. I decided I didn’t need to know because that is between them and God. But I do know it surely helped me.

It made speaking out easier after this difficult beginning. It also drew clients in tune with the work God had given me to do.

And I never perished as a result!

*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