

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

55 *“Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God!”*

Several of us were invited by a friend to go to Billings, Montana, to share our faith. One night I was asked if I would share my spiritual journey at a breakfast meeting the next morning. Before going to bed my roommate and I knelt and prayed. Like John the Baptist, I asked to become less and that Jesus would be greater.

Little did I know what I was praying!

The next morning we arrived in the large banquet room in the hotel. We saw the stage had been raised several feet above the floor, and there were rough wooden steps leading up to the speakers' platform. As I started up the stairs, one foot slipped, I fell spread-eagled across the stage, and an embarrassed hush descended on the room. I picked myself up and moved to the microphone, and blurted out a jumbled version of St. Peter's statement, *“Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God!”*

Laughter broke the tension, God was glorified and I survived.

The early Apostles were described in the Bible, as *“fools for Christ”*. Sometimes, we do the most to advance God's Kingdom, when we appear the most foolish in the eyes of the world.

God meant for us to act as rivers carrying out into the world what He entrusts to us, although it may be embarrassing, or even dangerous. If I keep His gifts to myself, I can become a Dead Sea: stagnant, stale and smelly.

It has been better simply going ahead and being a “fool”!

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. © 2018 Marvin J. Martin