

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

#72 “S O S!”

I thought it would be difficult to make the break from full-time law practice, so I wrote to a few friends who were also in their sixties. I explained this was an “S O S!” for some “Sold-out Seniors for Christ” to encourage one another as we retired, semi-retired, or kept going full pace as the case might be.

Several responded and for about fifteen years we met weekly, using the Bible as our guide as we prayed and exchanged experiences. Some died and were replaced. By the time we were in our late 70s and early 80’s, I spoke with the men and it became clear it was time to disband. Here is part of my final letter:

“As I talked with you, it became apparent that we all enjoyed the fellowship, but the reason for getting together no longer has the importance and urgency that it once had—and that other things have become more important and need our time and attention..

It seems, therefore, that it is time to “be wise” and put “S.O.S.” in our memory book. It has been “beautiful in its time”, but it always seems a shame to hang on to something good too long and spoil it by trying to make it outlive its purpose.”

As the years have progressed, I have become increasingly aware how essential it is that we have fellowship, particularly in the difficult transitions of life. There is a time to call for help and to walk through a chapter of life with some like-minded friends.

And there can also be a time to “let go” and move to the next chapter!

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