

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

100 *“If they want to be with you!”*

I have never forgotten a crackling short wave radio broadcast in 1934 and a voice saying: “This is Admiral Richard E. Byrd from Antarctica!” Years later I read his book about his bleak time, alone, in that frozen wasteland. It was titled simply, *Alone!*

Years later I asked one of our daughters how we know if someone loves us. Her answer was simple: ***“If they want to be with you!”***

God made it clear to Adam that “*It is not good for man to be alone*”. When Moses hesitated to go to Egypt, God said, “*I will be with you.*” As Jesus left His disciples He assured them, “*I will come back and take you to be with me*”, and He promised to send the Holy Spirit “*to be with you.*”

Even as a young boy I knew others loved me *if they wanted to be with me*. As God and others loved me I found I wanted to love and *be with* others. And I found nothing beat Homecomings—after a War, a day at the office or Christmas time!

I received much from others in Boy Scouts, Air Force, Fraternity, Rotary, Church groups, informal gathering of friends, and meals and conversations with others who were hungry for God and people. It seemed not only natural, but commonsense, to practice law over 40 years with partners. And the highpoint was a lifetime of marriage, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren!

So, remember, when I leave: ***“I’ll look forward to seeing you in Heaven—because I love you and want to be with you!”***

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