

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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Ellie, my dear wife of 61 years, went Home on September 2, 2009. She was the light and love of my life and it was a wrenching experience. But it was God’s will, and neither of us ever questioned it was the right time for her. We wouldn’t have wanted it any other way.

However, it did leave me in a quandary. I knew it was to be a new life, but I didn’t know just what to do. When I asked for direction, I seemed to get the same answer He so often offers those who are searching: *“You must follow me.”* (John 21:22)

My dilemma came to a head after Ellie had been gone about a year and a half. Here is how I described the result in my journal:

I was given the DVD, “UP”, an animated movie. Showing a couple of kids growing up, marrying and growing old together. They started with an “Adventure Book” with blank pages showing what they were going to do. Finally she dies. As an old, sad man, he opens the book and then realizes she had put in pictures of their life together. At the end of the last page was a note he hadn’t seen before. She had written: ‘Thanks for the Adventure. Now go have a new one.’ Love, Ellie.

I asked is this your word, and Ellie’s word to me—to go forward and do whatever you have yet for me to do. To reach out? To risk more? To love and to live?... Dear Father, Show me now Your way and Your Adventure until you bring me home..”

My answer came a few months later and it was a total surprise!

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