

One-Liners . . . That Changed My Life!

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A few months after I saw the *Up* movie mentioned in the last One-Liner, a leader of my old church called and asked, “*Would you come and do your recent seminar on ‘The Last Half of Life?’*” I still had many friends there, and I was honored to have the opportunity to share some of my journey with them.

The seminar was given on Wednesday nights following a weekly church supper. Two wives of deceased friends and I began to eat and then go to the seminar together. The next thing I knew the weekly dinners turned into other times with Joan, and we both were suddenly aware we were attracted to each other in a totally new way. We had been family friends for over 30 years, but this was different! A short time later, we decided to remarry.

We have had sign after sign that we are in God’s will. But others were concerned. I found it is great for those on the periphery, but sometimes disconcerting for those who are closest to us. When we discussed it with others who had remarried they told us about similar experiences. This was confirmed by a young pastor who counseled children faced with similar new family dynamics.

One younger person thought it was “*weird*”. (And from their viewpoint it probably was!) An older widow quipped that she didn’t want to be a “*nurse or a purse*”.

But neither of us ever had doubts. The seminar went well—and so has the marriage. I’m so glad I said, “*Yes*”, to both!

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