

## Reflections

Thanks for taking this journey with me as I reflected on a life time of conversations, scriptures and experiences God used to teach me a series of truths that changed my life forever. I am grateful beyond measure to Him and to all the people He used to make me face reality.

I have concluded one of God's purposes in sending us here on this earth is to give us the opportunity to be changed into His likeness. We call it by theological names, such as being "redeemed" or "sanctified", *but it has to be done by Him*. I didn't create myself and I can't change myself. But I can surrender my will and watch Him change me bit by bit, and piece by piece.

Hopefully, these stories gave you an insight or an uplift that will help you in your own journey. And perhaps a better view of where you are now and what God may have for you in the future. He does work in many ways, including rebukes and reproofs that are sometimes humbling. But the trip is certainly worthwhile—when we walk with Him and not on our own!

Now, let's close with one of Jesus' most familiar parables about four soils that determine whether our lives will be fruitful or barren. It is based on a scripture from Isaiah that captures the key to a changed life:

*For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes.*

*Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.*

(Matthew 13:15)

My prayer is that God will enable us all to *see, hear, understand, turn and be healed*.

***See You in Heaven!***

*From Grandpa With Love*