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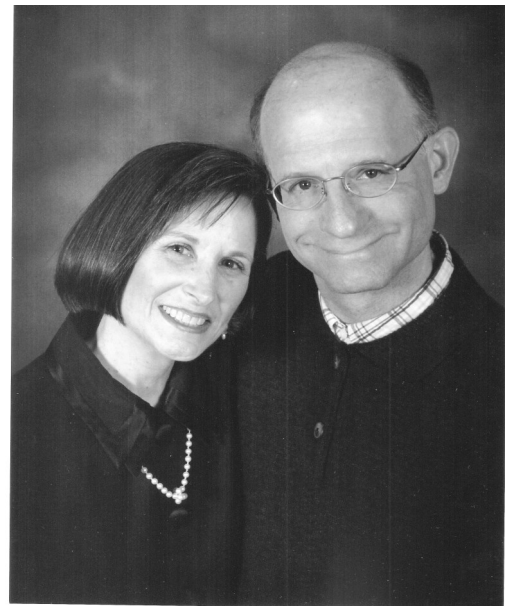
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Looking Through a Glass Darkly

It has been quite a long time since I (Debbie) have contributed to our newsletter but I told Tom that I would like to kick off the new year by writing our January edition. I've been thinking quite a bit about this particular New Year, partly because I am entering it as a new retiree (do the happy dance with me!) and partly because...yikes!...I'm really old enough to retire!

Coming from a financial planning firm, one of the wise insights that I have learned about preparing to retire from a working career is, 'It's not what you're retiring from but what you're retiring to' that should be one's focus. I have been incredibly blessed throughout my years in the outside work force, especially during the past 17 years to have been working for Godly men in an office where serving the Lord by serving our clients with integrity and compassion have been the norm. So, I have retired from a position that I very much enjoyed and where I worked for men of integrity who are brothers in Christ and are quite like family to me. We shared each other's challenges, burdens, sorrows, victories and joys – I was privileged to work in a very special place!

So now the question, what am I retiring to?! LOTS!! With suddenly more flexibility in my daily schedule and



*He has committed to
us the word of
Reconciliation.*

*Therefore, we are
Ambassadors for Christ.*

2 Corinthians 5:19,20

numerous want-to-do's and need-to do's that have been on my back burner, I am looking forward to much productivity, more time to spend with family & friends, and especially increased ministry alongside Tom.

I have never been one to relax for very long when I'm home so I hope to enjoy some getaways once in a while, also. 😊

OK, so enough about me and on to the real reason for this writing. As I've been contemplating my future, the Lord has been reminding me that perspective is everything. My perspective can be skewed or flawed by outside influences that only contribute emotions such as frustration, confusion, anger, strife, jealousy, hopelessness, and despair – who wants to be engulfed and guided by those?! I certainly don't so I daily ask the Lord for His perspective because I know I can easily fall into *leaning on my own understanding*, persuaded by a misguided mindset which is not the way I want my retirement years, or indeed my life,

defined!

Our asking the Lord for His perspective (or asking Him for anything!) must be surrounded with our conscious, relentless, persistent, pursuit of Him in prayer and in His Word. The more I pursue Him, the more I realize how desperate I am and how I desperately need to know Him more. It isn't always a bad thing to be desperate; it depends on what we are desperate for. In the days in which we live, I find myself increasingly desperate for God, to know and understand Him and His Word, to finish well with my remaining days on Earth. I have found that, in my desperation, as I humble myself in quiet stillness before Him and immerse myself in His Word, He faithfully meets me and nourishes me with His Bread of Life.

An examination of my life is included with Him meeting me

because it's imperative that I recognize where I've been, where I am and where He wants me to be. The result is two truths that stand out to me:

1. Today is the first day of the rest of my life. Today is what I have right now. Today I make an impact, one way or another. I don't know if I will have a tomorrow so today is the day that the Lord has made for me to be who He has called and created me to be – a light in the darkness of this present age; a testimony of His grace, mercy, love and forgiveness; His mouthpiece speaking the truth in love as He opens the doors of opportunity; today is the day I choose to not fear man but to trust Him; let all that is within me glorify Him TODAY!

2. Hindsight is 20/20.

Knowyourphrase.com offers the following definition of this cliché: "Looking back at a situation or event that occurred and having a clearer understanding of it and how it could have been done better. As the saying goes, hindsight is 20/20, but what do those numbers mean, anyways? It basically refers to the *normal visual acuity* of a person, the sharpness or clarity of their eyesight."

Like me, you undoubtedly have some regrets when looking back at your life. For some, regrets of the past paralyze us so much that we can't move forward. However, God never wastes any experience, including regrets, as He goes about His business of transforming us into the image of Jesus Christ. God uses hindsight to show us our constant, desperate need for Him, for His perfect visual acuity.

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My goal, my ambition in 2020 is to seek Him with all my heart, to be a yielded vessel, to press on toward the prize of His calling in Christ Jesus.

I desperately want and need clear 20/20 vision, not clouded by the voices of man but illumined by the Holy Spirit, equipped and ready for whatever lies ahead. Absolute Truth is what I need, and it is only found in God's Word: "The sum of Thy Word (*the totality of all it entails*) is truth" Psalm 119:160. God's promise is to make us free in the light of His truth: "You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" Jn 8:32, and there is a truth in the Bible for each situation that surrounds me and you right now but we must diligently mine the treasures of God's Word to uncover His truth.

¹⁶⁹ Let my cry come before You, O LORD;
Give me understanding according to Your word.

¹⁷⁰ Let my supplication come before You;

Deliver me according to Your word.

¹⁷¹ Let my lips utter praise,
For You teach me Your statutes.

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¹⁷² Let my tongue sing of Your word,

For all Your commandments are righteousness.

¹⁷³ Let Your hand be ready to help me,

For I have chosen Your precepts.

¹⁷⁴ I long for Your salvation,
O LORD,

And Your law is my delight.

¹⁷⁵ Let my soul live that it may praise You,
And let Your ordinances help me.

¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments."

Psalm 119:169-176

2020 offers us 365 days, one *today* at a time, to be steadfast, immovable, abounding in hope because of who we are in Him and because of who He is on our behalf: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, Deliverer, our soon coming King! Join me in making

2020 a year of good choices, pressing into God, a year of few/no regrets, a year of saying 'Yes' to God, dying to self and our self-indulgences, of yielding to His way instead of demanding our way, a year of living in the present but keeping our eyes fixed on the hope to come.

"His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence."

2 Peter 1:3 "For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."

Philippians 2:13.

"For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part but then I shall know fully just as I also have been fully known." 1 Cor 13:12

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