

Weekly Devotion for October 21

Reflections of a Life Well Lived

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"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps."
— Proverbs 16:9

"Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails."
— Proverbs 19:21

Being in my later season of life gives me time to reflect on the adventures, milestones, births, and, yes, even the losses that have shaped my journey. Reflection allows me to marvel, to appreciate, and to remember the hardships I've survived.

Some memories feel as fresh as if they happened yesterday: the births of my daughters and now my granddaughters. How can my daughter already be a mother herself? I think of the years I spent teaching special education — thirty-eight rewarding years of laughter, patience, and purpose. I remember traveling the world, facing serious illness, and even living through a major earthquake in 1989. Through it all, I see the steady thread of God's hand guiding me.

When I pause to take it all in, I find myself asking:

- Have I lived my life well?
- What more do I want or need to do?
- How will I be remembered?
- What will my legacy be?

My list of hopes and dreams still feels endless. Yet I am reminded—it is not my plan, but God's. Each day, He directs my steps according to His purpose.

So, I choose gratitude. I choose trust. I choose to keep walking forward with open hands, letting Him continue to write the story of my life.

Journaling:
As you look back over your own life, where can you see God's guidance most clearly?

What lessons, blessings, or moments of growth are you most grateful for?

How might you live the days ahead with deeper purpose and peace, trusting in His plan?


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