

FBC Devotion Thursday September 10 2020 2 Corinthians 5:8 Marching to Zion

“Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord.”

Where is home for you?

If you live long enough, and if you move around enough, the answer to that question will be a moving target. When I was growing up, home was a small village in Trooperslane, Co Antrim, N. Ireland, and I moved three times after Wyn and I were married.

Since we came to Canada, we moved 7 times. That seems like a lot, until you realize Statistics Canada says the average Canadian moves about 6-7 times. For us, as immigrants, we were just finding our way in a new country.

Lambton County has been our home for most of our lifetime, and we love it here. For some people though, when they move a lot, it's hard to know where home is.

On a trip to India, I called Wyn and left a message saying I was looking forward to coming home. I didn't mean I was looking forward to the house where we were living. When I got home, I didn't hug the drapes and say, “Drapes, I'm glad to see you.” I didn't say to the rug, “Oh, rug, I missed you so much.” The house is beautiful, but it's home because the people I love live there. **Home to me is where they are, and if they're not there, it doesn't seem like home at all.**

That's the point Paul is making in 2 Corinthians 5:8.

Our home isn't in this world. Our home is somewhere else. We will never really be at home in this world because we're constantly saying good-bye to the people we love the most. They leave us, or we leave them. Our children grow up, they leave home, they come back for a visit, and all too soon they leave again.

As the years pass, the visits grow more infrequent. If you're looking for a place where you won't have to say good-bye, you won't find it on Planet Earth. You'll have to go somewhere else. The good-byes of this life are meant to make us homesick for heaven.

Adrian Rogers said it this way: “If you sometimes feel out of place, without roots, detached for whatever reason, take heart—that's how homesickness feels! Your Chief Shepherd is preparing a permanent home for you in heaven, and He's waiting to see you there!”

If you don't feel at home in the world, that's a good sign because we're pilgrims on our way to a better place.

Keep your chin up, child of God. We're marching toward heaven.

Soon we'll be at home with the Lord.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, what would we do without you? We look forward to being at home with you in heaven forever. Thank you for giving us hope death cannot destroy. **Amen.**