

## **A Mentor to Many: O.H. “Mitt” Mittelberg (1927- 2025)**

“Don’t give until it hurts. Give until it feels good.”



### **Let Me Get Home Before Dark** by Robertson McQuilkin

It’s sundown, Lord. The shadows of my life stretch back into the dimness of the years long spent. I fear not death, for that grim foe betrays himself at last, thrusting me forever into life: Life with You, unsoiled and free.

But I do fear. I fear the Dark Specter may come too soon - or do I mean, too late? That I should end before I finish or finish, but not well. That I should stain Your honor, shame Your name, grieve Your loving heart. Few, they tell me, finish well . . . Lord, let me get home before dark.

The darkness of a spirit grown mean and small, fruit shriveled on the vine, bitter to the taste of my companions, burden to be borne by those brave few who love me still. No, Lord. Let the fruit grow lush and sweet, A joy to all who taste; Spirit-sign of God at work, stronger, fuller, brighter at the end. Lord, let me get home before dark.

The outer me decays - I do not fret or ask reprieve. The ebbing strength but weans me from mother earth and grows me up for heaven. I do not cling to shadows cast by immortality. I do not patch the scaffold lent to build the real, eternal me. I do not clutch about me my cocoon, vainly struggling to hold hostage a free spirit pressing to be born.

Of Your grace, Father, I humbly ask . . . Let me get home before dark.

## **Today’s Message: Influencers for Eternity** **Luke 16:1-15** **November 9, 2025** Pastor Kent Hinkel

### **When losses become gains and hindrances become advancements**

The Apostle Paul and the Praetorian Guard

**Philippians 1:13 and 2 Timothy 2:9**

“Self-denial doesn’t come naturally. It’s a learned virtue, encouraged by few and modeled by even fewer.” – Chuck Swindoll

## **Listening with Your Heart**

