FLEETING

James 4:14

When we experience loss among our biological or church family it reminds of our mortality. We are reminded that we will not be here forever. Sometimes as youth we feel we are invincible but several years go by in a hurry and we realize that our days are fleeting. The word “fleeting” means “passing swiftly.” The older we get the swifter they seem to pass. It has come to our attention once again that we are not in ultimate control of our life. We had no control over when we would be born and we do not know the day of our passing. Thus we are to make the most of our days.

We should want our days to count for something. I believe our best investments are those who Christ would invest in. Jesus invested in Paul who was the ring leader of the enemies of the church. He invested in Peter who was a three time loser; Zacchaeus who was a cheat; the thief on the cross who had nothing to give; no money, no time, no energy and no abilities, so the possibilities are endless for who to try to win and who to love. Our time to do this work is not endless. Remember our life is fleeting. It is swiftly passing.

Only a week ago one of our young men was killed in an accident. I think he would have said that his life passed swiftly. What we are going to do we must do quickly. A man told me the very day of this writing that his father passed at age 94. He wasn’t saved until he was 85. His conversion came a year after his wife had died. His testimony was that he should have accepted Christ before his wife died for she had prayed many years for him. Life is fleeting. Another man that I had much respect for died this past week. I think he was 84. He was baptized with my dad many years ago in Hale Creek. He lived for the Lord. I believe he would say it wasn’t long enough to do all he wanted to do for the Lord.

We just simply cannot waste time when it comes to getting saved or getting others to the Lord. Our days are fleeting.

Yours in Christ,

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