

Life Reflections For Harry Nugent

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Well, I would like to take some time to acknowledge our dear brother Harry's passing. Harry Nugent, he finished his course on Thursday around 6:30pm By God's grace, Mary was home from the hospital. We're very grateful for the Lord's overruling on that, and Mark and Roberta and Mary were there with a caregiver over that time. So he was surrounded with love as he departed this world.

I want to play two clips from Brother Harry when I interviewed him for a discourse I was working on, and I asked him this question. What does growing old with grace mean to you? And we're going to listen to what Brother Harry said about that is really growing in wisdom.

There are things in my life that once I was not particularly tolerant of or wasn't aware of it. But as life went on and one thing, old age takes a lot of things away from you, but nevertheless, you become sympathetic towards others. That is one of the things that old age will give you is sympathy, or it should, and insights into others which you may not have had before. So I find old age both gives you insights and patience. Well, I don't know how patient I am.

I hope so, and a more profound appreciation, especially of brethren, but of humanity in general, because when you get to this point, you say, where has all the time gone?

So Brother Harry, his focus was others at his life, and so he was focused on the brethren and he was able to think about more about them and his concern for them, and he sees the world and how broken it is and his heart was truly reaching out at that stage of his life. So it's a beautiful expression of where he was in his age of grace, looking out to others, and then he continues with another little clip that I thought was fascinating in the interview, and if we could go to clip two.

In my life, I think I'm experiencing the finals and of course, the answers haven't come in yet and I'm still. But many of the things that I cannot be tested on as I was in the past, and so I'm in the finals, and my focus now, though being old, often your focus is looking back. But in the case of the Lord's people, we are looking to be with the Lord.

This is the most important thing in our life and we're excited over it, and I hope that my excitement is justified with my final fruitage. Thank you for playing those. So his excitement to be with the Lord, if he qualified with his fruitage at the end of his course, and did you hear his voice raise up with Joy when he spoke those words, that was Brother Harry always with expression flowing from the heart.

So I felt that that might be a great way to remember him, and please remember that Mary and Harry were married for 73 years, and please keep Sister Mary in your prayers and give her the love and support she needs through her grief. She's without her best friend, and it's been so many years that she had her best friend next to her. Well, Sister Jewel and I had the privilege that day of going to the home around 12:30, and Mary had just gotten back from the hospital, and she was beautifully holding his hand and keeping her head down.

She was in prayer and just reflecting with Brother Harry at the bedside, and when we came in, we hoped we didn't disturb her. But we had a Little fellowship for 15 minutes. We didn't want to stay long because we knew she was tired from the hospital. But before we left, I was able to go right up to Harry's, the head of the bed, to talk to him.

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And I had a scripture that came to mind. It was Proverbs 3, 5, 6, Trust in the Lord, which is one of our favorite scriptures, and at the end of that scripture, I said, Harry, until we meet again, and I think he heard it. I think he acknowledged it with an expression on his face.

And I'd like to open with a singing of hymn number 64 for brother Harry in memory of Brother Harry, and after the singing of that hymn, we would like to ask Brother Steve if he could open our meeting with prayer. Hymn number 64, Ra.

God be with you Till we meet again.

God be with you Till we meet again Till we meet Till we meet again Till we meet Jesus.

Word is unfailing of you I be with you Till we meet again Will we be willing Will we be.

Till we meet Till we meet again.

Our most kind and loving heavenly Father Hallowed be thy most holy and precious name Dear Father, the sentiments of this hymn strike our hearts this morning as we remember and with joy and thanksgiving the many years that we had the fellowship on this side of the veil with our dear Brother Harry. We thank you for that. It has been a great uplift to us. He has been a great teacher to us in many different ways through his words, his actions, his attitude, and so, dear Father, we, as the sentiments of this hymn express, till we meet him and so many others again at Jesus feet, the feet of thy dear son.

We thank thee for the honor of knowing him and of having our life, our lives, touch each other. We ask at this time, especially dear Father, Thy presence and thy blessing and thy comfort and peace to be with Sister Mary in her difficult time of loss, and we know that regardless of the fact that we have this wonderful hope there is still a loss when a family member so close has departed this life, and so we ask you to be with Sister Mary and with all of us as we comfort her and encourage her and be with her as we know that thou art with her and we leave her in Thy tender hands knowing that you, your love and your mercy and your tenderness will be with her at this time. Now we ask a blessing on our meeting to follow and our study.

Please bless Brother Jonathan as he directs us and please bless each one of us as we sit at thy feet and learn of thee and learn of thy dear Son. Guide us and direct us by Thy Holy Spirit and we leave the interests of this meeting in thy care and keeping asking it in Jesus precious name. Amen.