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**A New Calling?**

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**As we end the first half of 2025 … somehow, I wish I could predict the future.**

**I was happily married for close to a half-century to the same devoted woman, the father of two, grandfather, a leader in the political community and contributor to a number of service organizations. My name – as well as Claudette’s – can be found on community plaques, records and murals. History says I done good.**

**But then, I got old and many of my dearest friends, including my beautiful wife, passed into eternity, leaving me here alone, trying to figure out what comes next. There are a couple of close friends I see almost every day, but I have nobody to cling to when the going gets really tough. The one person closest to my heart worships me from afar one day … and despises me the next!**

**Something came up about sixteen months ago that has slowly re-directed the focus of my life. Yeah, it’s corny, but the Holy Trinity has begun to make a huge difference! You know: They call it the combination of the Holy Spirit, Jesus Christ and God His-own-self! Ancient teachings say that the Holy Spirit lives in our hearts; Jesus is alive and close by; and God is always listening and available for consultation.**

**In the late ‘50s, the house of God and I parted ways when after 11:00 one night I couldn’t get into Church. It had a padlock on the front door with a note that said, “Sorry we’re closed. Thieves take our Sacred Objects and Vessels. Open 8:30am.” Then I remembered what my dad had told me one night outdoors when I was a kid. He said, “Look at that! All that stuff up there in the heavens. You know what? Whenever you get lonely, you can always come out here and talk with God. He listens.”**

**Psalm 90:10 says some of us can live eight decades, but that’s about it! “The days of our years are threescore and ten;” (70 it says), “and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years …” In other words, we get to 80, won’t be long ‘til we croak.**

**I ran across the reason why so very few humans have made it to 120. In Genesis 6, God’s having a hard time with the reason He has Noah building that Ark – a way to save some life so things can start over after everything else drowns in the Great Flood. God is ashamed He allowed mankind to become so evil and live so long. People turned shameless at about 35 and lived hundreds of years back then. In verse three, God says, “My Spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.” Since that time, very few humans have made it to 120.**

**God’s challenge is simple: “Is there one good reason you can’t live to 120?” Nope. I’m just gonna have to …**

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