



# ***REFLECTIONS***

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**Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.  
I praise you for remembering me in everything and for  
holding to the teachings**

*1 Corinthians 11:1-2*

## **Remembering**

That morning something put my feet on the floor earlier than usual. It led me into my morning sanctuary for the traditional quiet time that prepares me for the day. Among the materials I picked up, a single word captured my eye. Remembering.

The word referenced a fictional character in recovery from a life altering accident. The story captured the subject remembering life as it once had been but would never be again. Consumed initially by anger and grief from his misfortune, his mind finally transitioned toward his life yet to come. Life for him would never be as it once had been. So, he had a choice to make. Remembering could become a permanent residence for his life; or it could become a springboard for making a productive life ahead.

But that story only introduced the theme for the day. The afternoon presented the word again through the televised funeral of a respected public figure. Fixed on the bottom of the screen the word again grabbed my attention. Remembering. One by one, those who knew her well shared their memories that captured the essence of her life, the mark she made, remembering in grief yet remembering as an inspiration for tomorrow.

The word lingered with me well into the day. Remembering. Tapping into a database of memories that builds the pathway to the place we call today, and onward toward times that are yet to come. Remembering shapes tomorrow. Indeed, remembering shapes today.

Life in this world is finite and what lies ahead looms in uncertainty. But tomorrow, indeed today, is fueled by remembering. Truth, beliefs, and emotions formed from memories create the foundation for actions to take now or in the future. God wired us with instant replay, but remembering is not a gift for living in the past. Remembering is a source of lessons learned—lessons when suitably applied are credited as wisdom.

But remembering has an even more important role to play. Remembering keeps us anchored to the perfect example of Jesus Christ.

*You are the light of the world,*

*Richard +*

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