



# ***REFLECTIONS***

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**If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.**

*1 Peter 4:11*

## **Living Translations**

As a young boy, the King James version of the Bible was so prevalent that I came to believe its vintage English and Shakespearian prose was the language of God. Yet I found it difficult to read and understand. So, I learned the Bible mostly from stories others told me.

Me Maw was one who read me Bible stories almost every time I was with her. I am grateful for her teaching and the many lessons I learned from her, but my grandmother's influence reached well beyond the stories she told. She walked the talk, and in a way that brought to life the stories and lessons contained in them. She and others of my mentors were believable because their lives served as living translations of the lessons they taught.

Today, I live in thanksgiving for Me Maw and the many other Bible mentors whose lives made a difference in mine. I'm thankful for the Bible lessons, but especially for their translations of how to live them.

*"You are the light of the world."*

*Richard +*

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