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## *Scott's Thoughts*



Seventeen years ago today I was living in Holdenville, OK (9/11/01). I remember it vividly because I try to catch a little of the news each morning

and on that morning they were reporting that a plane had hit one of the towers of the “World Trade Center” in New York City. They showed live scenes of the plane stuck in the side of that building and were speculating about how something like that could possibly happen. They were not sure of the size of the plane and kept talking about it as an accident. Then while I watched the coverage of this incident another plane appeared in the sky and rammed the other tower and the whole world knew this event was not an accident.

We were moving to Mississippi in just a few days. We had just taken our youngest daughter to college at UCO in Edmond, OK. The world had just been turned upside down. Our country had been attacked and we were moving to the southeast side of Mississippi and leaving our youngest child behind! We had two vehicles to drive so we were in separate cars. We had accepted the challenge of working with the “Rocky Creek Church” in Rocky Creek, MS. and did not know anyone there. The drive took a long time we were both a wreck. Emotionally

we had been hit from every direction.

I remember thinking this morning that seventeen years has passed so very quickly. That time changed our lives forever. Our daughter would visit us in the summer and holidays but would never again live with us as she did before leaving for college. She would stay in the OKC area after her graduation and eventually marry a man from Edmond. They would have two children that we would get to have them stay with us for a few days this summer. Our other two daughters would make their homes in Texas and Arkansas. Ava and I would make our home in Texas for fourteen of those seventeen years. Things would eventually settle down since that emotionally fraught period and peace would again surround our lives.

Time and time again we go through times of testing. Why do we experience such stress? We experience things that stretch us to our limits only to find we are more capable than we thought. Not because we are so incredible but because He is and He is with us every step of the way. Romans 8:28 (ESV) “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Thanks for listening and let us know if we can help

—Scott