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Scott's Thoughts



Do we notice how much goes on in the “here and now?” I can remember the very first time I looked at something under a microscope. There, right in front of me

all this time, was a whole world that I never knew existed. A single drop of water from a pond was filled with life. A leaf was so much more than just a small green thing; it was filled with thousands of highways for life. Just think of where we would be today if pioneers in medicine had not taken the time to look around. Polio would still be attacking millions each year, but as it is now this crippler has all but been destroyed in almost every country in the world.

The chance to enjoy each other is here and now. We are always looking ahead and for the most part that is good. It helps us to deal with what is coming up, deal with changes that need to be made and so on, but sometimes we need to slow down and look around. This week has just vanished. I have had a project in mind for some time now and I took time to work on it this week. I made a lot of progress on my project but it seems like every step has taken so much time. I have had to make some choices that I really didn't want to make, but they had to be made in order to work everything in here

and now.

“I'm looking forward to...” Again there's nothing wrong with having something to look forward to, except when we miss what is right in front of us. We come together for our regular assembly each Sunday while looking forward to some special event we have scheduled. In the process of thinking about and planning for the event, we look right past the “here and now.” What can I get today from our assembly that will make me a better servant of God? What can I do to draw closer to my brothers and sisters as we walk this path together?

Everything is crying for attention: work, family, friends, and hobbies. How do I fit them all in? I really wish I could give each one of us a formula for how to do this, but yours will be different from mine. I do know we have to make the effort if we do not want regrets. It is so easy to make a phone call, write an e-mail, drop in for a quick visit, make a favorite dish. Why then do we struggle to bring balanced to all of this?

It is not the “New Year” but maybe a fall resolution is in order. Dial the phone, write the letter, or e-mail. Stop by that friends house and let them know you have missed them. Fix someone their favorite dish and surprise them for no special reason other than we want to let them know they are important. Let us know if we can help and thanks for listening

—Scott