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# Scott's Thoughts



These thoughts have taken a really different direction than I thought they would when I first started writing them down, but I'm glad they did.

"Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our

likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.'" (Genesis 1:26, ESV)

I have a friend from high school that I disagree with on many things. In spite of our disagreements we still manage to be very civil with each other and are able to visit without any anger. We simply agree that we view many things in life from very different perspectives. The really odd thing is we have become better friends many years after exiting high school. We were more acquaintances at that time than real friends but a few years ago we met again through social media and are now good friends. Social media has been a real boon to my list of friends. I value every friend I have and the more I come to know them the more I find how much we differ, but also how much we agree. Each one has become an important part of my life.

I have learned that I'm not always right, just ask my children. One thing I want to be known for is that even in disagreement I still love. This has not always been the case but I'm trying to make this a goal in my life. We need to realize that just because we don't understand someone's thinking, or agree with their conclusion, they still

have value to God, and should have value to each of us as well.

I have had the privilege to travel to very poor sections of Mexico and Ukraine, places where the daily necessities of life are in short supply. I have found those people, for the most part, are happy. Not happy that they have to struggle to gather their daily necessities but happy in the love they enjoy with family and friends. We also have in this country areas that are poverty stricken and many of them also exhibit this love for each other. I have been welcomed into their homes and to their tables to share with them.

I use the word share because, my goal and greatest privilege in life is to share with others God's love. Jesus came to this world in humble circumstances and lived his life the same way. He never really had anything to call His own yet gave all he had even to those who had defamed and criticized Him. His critics decided he was wrong before He even spoke. I have been guilty of that. Rich, poor, educated, illiterate, "red, yellow, black, and white they are precious in His sight". He died for all. We will not always agree but I want to see the value in you even if no one else does, because God created and died for you.

"and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised." (2 Corinthians 5:15, ESV)

So let's talk about spending eternity with God, together.

Thanks for listening and keep on shining

—Scott