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-Ryan Parsons-

One of our members recently encouraged me to write down my story so that future generations of my family would be able to know me and remember my life. I thought this to be good advice. Then, I traveled to Texas to conduct a memorial service for a 32-year-old young lady who died of cancer. I hadn't know the amount of poetry, journaling, and writing about events in her life she'd left behind. It was a treasure trove of confirmation of what we already knew about her relationship with God, and it revealed a depth of that relationship we hadn't realized before. They were a source of great laughter and tears. It was as if she knew her family and friends would need that encouragement after she was gone. She was right.

What I find remarkable about the appeal and example given to me is that God has already done that for us. He gave us his living and active Word (Hebrews 4:12) to show us who he is, what he is doing, and his intent/plan for us. Praise God!

**John 20:30-31**

*Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.*

This week I encourage you to do a few things:

- Spend some dedicated time reflecting upon your walk with God and the blessings he has provided.
- Write or journal specifically about what God has done for you in your life.
- Share some of your reflections with someone this week.
- Spend time praising God that he has shared his story with you through the Word.

Have you written your story down so that future generations will know? God did. What a blessing!

Hesed,  
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