

WHAT I LEARNED ON MY TRIP

Learning by Watching, Listening, and Thinking

- **Luke 14:1,7** Now it happened, as **He went** into the **house** of one of the **rulers** of the **Pharisees** to **eat bread** on **the Sabbath**, that **they watched Him closely**...**He** told a **parable** to **those** who were invited, when **He noted** how **they chose** the **best places**...
- **1 Timothy 4:16** **Take heed** to **yourself** and to **the doctrine**. **Continue** in **them**, for in **doing** **this you will save both yourself** and **those who hear you**.

The Trip

- **Not a vacation**
- **Not a tax-deductible “business” trip**
- **Family business** “A Wedding and Two Burials”
- **Met many people, made new friends**
- **Was mutually encouraged** by old and new friends & family **Heb. 3:13**
- **Accomplished what we went to do** **John 4:34; 17:4**

The Trip and Lessons from It

- We made a **promise** when we left **Florida** to go to **Romania Psalm 15:4** it took **29 years** to **fulfill it** because of paperwork and opportunity
- We tried to visit several folks in the area; some had **died Heb. 11:4**
- **Worshipped** at **New Smyrna Beach Wednesday** and **Sunday; Marian and Gabi** were there; saw pictures of **Christians in Romania; workers there**
- **Searched** for pm service (**Claremont**) (contact cards at Livingston Ave.)

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- We attended wedding for Tom & Joy's niece Amineta to Braden Roth; solemnity and joy when God joins them together in covenant relationship of marriage **Matt. 19:3-12**
- Dinner with Kristofer's mother Wendy and her new husband Freddie Newman; they were invited to move to Middleburg to work with Jerry Crolius and others
- Dinner with Kevin & Sherri Kelly; talked about activities at Temple Terrace

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*I write to you, **little children**, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. I write to you, **fathers**, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, **young men**, because you have overcome the wicked one.*

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- Thursday breakfast with some men from Temple Terrace congregation
- **EVERYONE IS IMPORTANT 1 Corinthians 12:12-27**—in **the body**; **Matthew 9:36-38** the **lost 1 John 2:2**

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- Went to Eagle Lake; visited Papa's relatives; picked out Norwegian stone for cemetery marker; consulted about burial place for Meme and Papa; buried their remains Monday
- Aunt Jean called many people to check on them and to share news; told everyone she loved them **Heb. 3:13**
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- **GOD REQUIRES SACRIFICE FROM US Romans 12:1-2:**
- **in marriage Ephesians 5:21-33**
- **in family 1 Tim. 5:8**
- **in the church Eph. 4:11-16**
- **in self-control Galatians 5:23**
- **emotional investment and effort in all relationships Luke 16:1-15**

The Trip and Lessons from It

- **Lessons** are not new but **clarified** by recent **circumstances**
- **I AM NOT READY TO DIE**
- **My house** not in order **2 Samuel 17:23**
- **Still have work to do** for **the church** to be in order **Titus 1:5**
- **Self** is not in order **1 Tim. 4:15-16**
- **ARE YOU READY TO DIE?** **John 8:24; Hebrews 9:27; 5:8-9; 10:22-24**

