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## I Will Remember You . . .

By Bryan Trotter on July 26, 2022

### **TODAY'S READING:** Philemon

Let's take a trip down memory lane. If I ask you who your best friend was growing up, what name/face comes to your mind? What brought you together as friends? My best friend growing up was Ryan. We knew each other in elementary school, became friends through junior high and then became best friends in high school. We were part of a large group of friends from our youth group. We had similar tastes in music and played in a worship band. We even attended the same university together and he was a groomsman in my wedding. Even after years spent together, countless adventures as friends and weathering the best/worst of life together, I have not spoken to him in over 15 years. This recent revelation has truly saddened me. I know it is not unique to me but the result of moving 21 hours away from our home town, starting a family and making new friends along the way. Though, I still think really positively of Ryan and our friendship.

I have thought often on this passage because Paul is so thankful for the others and for their love for one another and work in the gospel. This passage is short, but it really hits me between the eyes about how I am loving others and pointing them towards the gospel. Do you ever think on how you will be remembered? Or maybe what others think of you when they remember you? This is a hard question to answer and we cannot truly know how we will be remembered. Most often, our memories of a person are based on perception and feelings.

I have learned a good lesson from a bit of age and some perspective from moving far away from home. This lesson is that I want to be a better friend. I want to be remembered as a great friend who points people toward Jesus and encourages others. I am certainly not, at this point in my life, but this is where I want to go. We cannot wait until the time is right to change. We must change now. It may help to describe the person that you want to be and then work backwards. If I want to be an encourager, what things do I need to do today to be known as an encourager? It is simple to think through, but more difficulty to implement, but today is the best day to start. Let's be the people of God who others are thankful for. Today, spend some time in prayer and ask God to help you love others well.

### **TOMORROW'S READING:** Hebrews 1

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