

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church
Conversations With God

Father, why don't people talk about the dead, those who have left us? For instance:" Betty really could cook, she loved to cook for 'Meals on Wheels, " or "Tom used to go in the neighborhood and help his neighbor work his yard, just for the pleasure of their fellowship." Isn't that a good way to remember them?

Why are our friends and loved ones just a distant remembrance instead of remembrance of yesterday and will be again tomorrow? Why do some feel uncomfortable when a parted one is spoken of? It seems we are willing to discuss others (likes and dislikes) that we are around all the time; (GOSSIP) but don't speak of parted ones. We are always wondering why are memories of someone are dimming?

We keep pictures and look at them frequently and show them to others, which is acceptable; but, "don't bore me with talk of them." I wonder, Father, do we "get on with life" and leave them farther and farther behind. Or do we bring them along with us? I hope and pray that when I'm the parted one, people I come in contact with don't push me out of their memory.

Help us remember parted ones as we remember famous people in history. Aren't everyday people just as important in Your eyes? If we are critical when we talk about parted ones and friends, give us the courage to do whatever it takes to remember them as we would like to be remembered

Your Son
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