



## *Pastor Hanke's Blog*

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#### The Interpreter

Bible Reference: Luke 24:36-53

I am not sure what it was this weekend, maybe the congregational meeting, but something made me think of my grandpa Hanke and miss him. In my mind I was going through my memories of him and I'd like to share a few. My grandpa loved to eat cottage cheese with black pepper. His house always had Hershey's syrup to go in your milk. Him and I enjoyed going together to Oggie's for root beer floats. My grandpa's office always smelled like a pipe. He preached with authority and was passionate about evangelism. I tried to remember the last things he said to me, but can't really remember. I'm sure at the time I didn't know it was going to be the last time I was going see him.

From the time I was 13 until my ordination, I lost 3 key men in my life—both my grandpas and my dad. The encouragement of all three of these men was instrumental to me becoming a pastor. Sadly, they never got to experience the man, or the pastor, that I have become. I'd love to have a book filled with their stories, encouragements, and final words that I could read over and over again. They had such an influence on my life, both positive and negative. But no matter what the state of the relationship was at the time, I'd love to have back to those final moments with each of them.

The disciples had a unique opportunity. Unlike many of us, they knew that the moments they were spending with Jesus were going to be the last. It was very clear that Jesus was leaving and He was giving them final instructions. I am sure they got out their cool moleskin notebooks and took notes. They wanted to make sure they didn't forget His words.

I can only wish I had the words of my dad and grandpas to read and remember, but the words of our Lord and Savior are clearly stated and preserved exactly for this purpose! This weekend we take time to reflect on these final words of Jesus verse-by-verse. Jesus was speaking to the disciples, but their job was to get those words to us. Jesus even sent us an interpreter to help us with what we don't understand. What a joy it is that we have the opportunity to read and treasure the final words of Jesus!

*God's Peace,*  
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