

We Are from Evangel

Acts 20

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This is a pdf file of the PowerPoint® notes for the meditation by Pastor Dave Tietjen on Sunday, July 23, 2017, Evangel's "Farewell Service" before the sale to Vineyard Church of DuPage is finalized August 1. See the website for information on the journey Evangel has been on, culminating with the sale and creation of the Evangel Baptist Foundation, which will carry on the legacy of Evangel through missions support. Access to sermon resources will remain available on the website for an undetermined time into the future.

The expression we determine

“I’m from . . .”

. . . might mean *representation*

“I’m from the Insurance Company . . .”

“I’m from Human Resources . . .”

“I’m from the DNR . . .”

“I’m from . . .”

. . . might mean *relocation*

“I’m from Michigan . . .”

“I’m from Sweden . . .”

“I’m from Illinois . . .”

The emotion we display

Not famous last words



“No, you certainly can’t.” *John F. Kennedy*

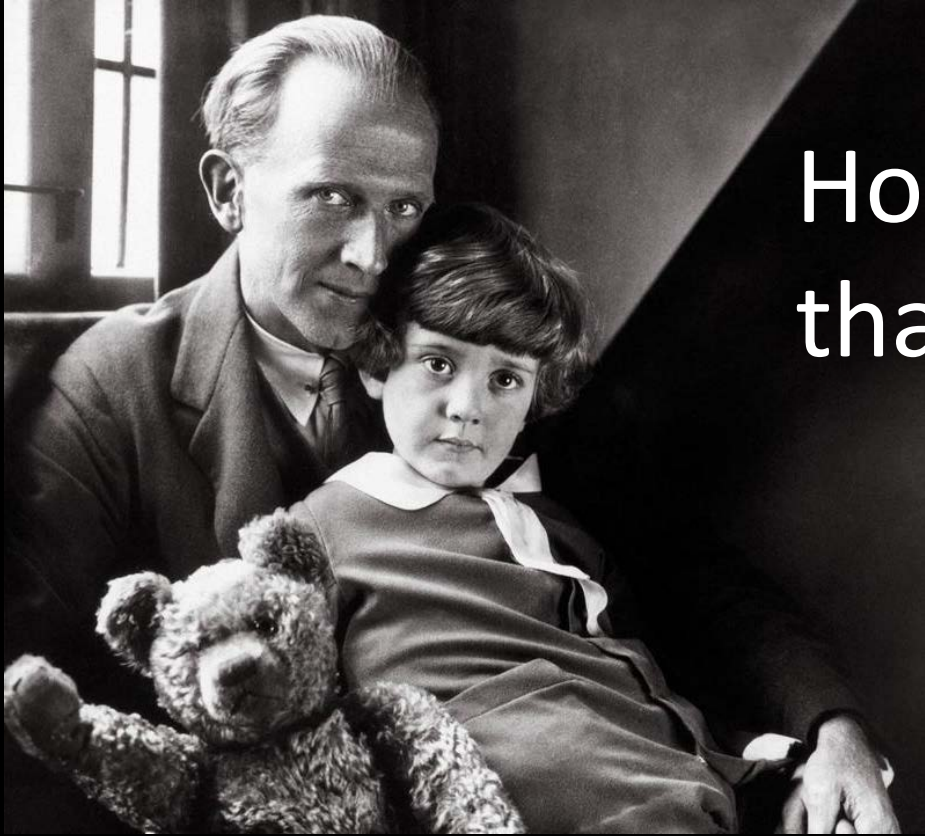


“Thomas Jefferson lives.” *John Adams*



“Surprise me.” *Bob Hope*

... but fond farewells

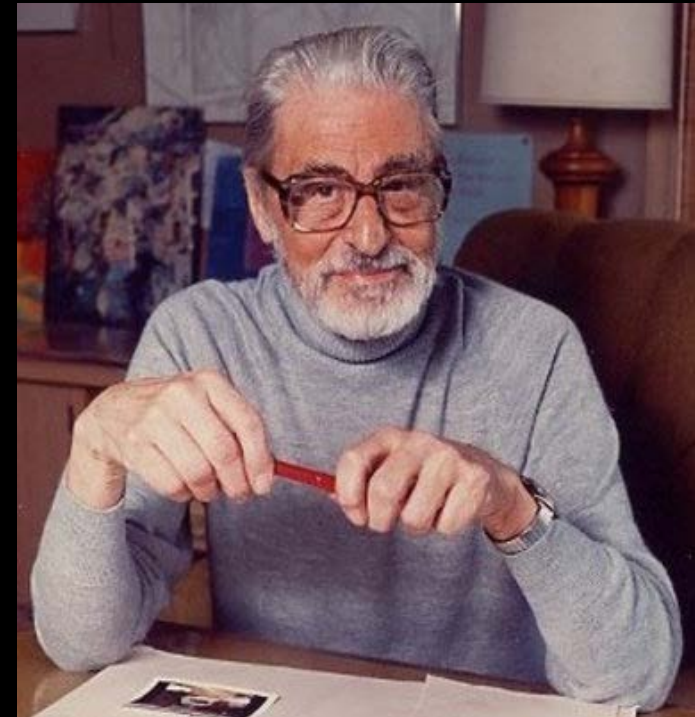


How lucky I am to have something
that makes saying goodbye so hard.

A A Milne with son Christopher

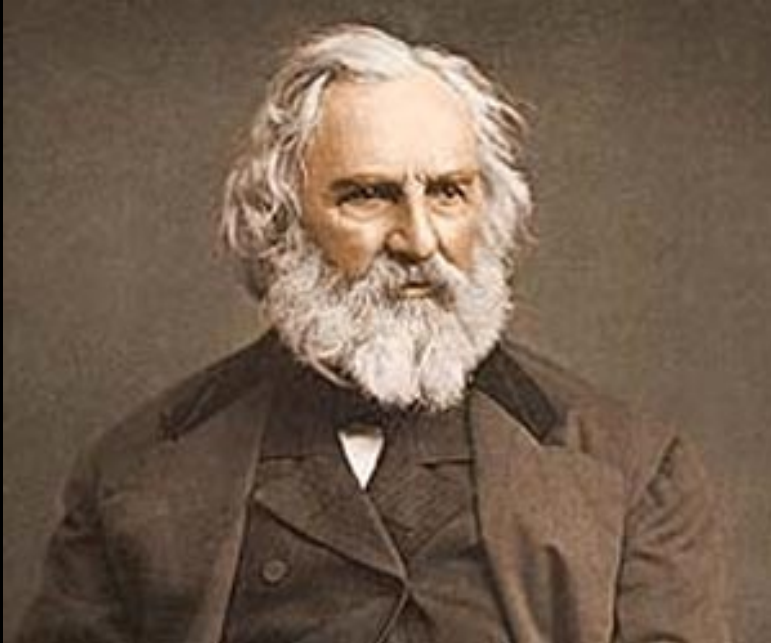
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Don't cry because it's over,
smile because it happened.



Theodor Seuss Geisel
Dr. Seuss

... but fond farewells



Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

Great is the art of beginning,
but greater is the art of ending.

... but fond farewells



Helen Keller

So long as the memory of certain beloved friends lives in my heart, I shall say that life is good.

... but fond farewells

Goodbyes are not forever; goodbyes are not the end.
They simply mean I'll miss you, until we meet again.

Unknown

The emphasis we desire

Acts 20:17

Exemplified by Paul

- He shared his affection
Acts 20 vs. 19, 20, 25, 36-38
- He stated his affirmation
Acts 20 vs. 24, 29, 32

Encouraged by Pastor Dave

- Affirm God's leading

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The familiar structure

Your fellow saints

Encouraged by Pastor Dave

- Affirm God's leading
- Acknowledge your loss
- Adapt to the change

Carry your memories: *converse regularly*

Continue your ministry: *connect rapidly*

Public worship

Personal growth

Private gathering

Practical service

Enduring permanence

We cannot go back to our old church.

We can go on to a new community.

As former baseball announcer (and faithful Christian) Ernie Harwell said, “It’s time to say goodbye, but I think goodbyes are sad; I’d much rather say hello. Hello to a new adventure.”

May others say of us and our values:

You must be from Evangel.