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A father's legacy

My wife, Peggy, lost her father recently. This will be her first Father's Day without him. Today she and I share a wonderful memory. We both had godly fathers.

Though my dad has been gone for a long time, his life continues to impact mine. And the example that Peggy's dad, Alfred Paul, set for her will continue to influence how she lives her life for Jesus.

Peggy's dad almost never missed church. If the doors were open, he was there. He and Peggy's mother attended the same church, Calvary Temple in Concord, Calif., for an amazing 54 years. The string was only broken when they moved to Missouri to be close to us.

And he never failed to tithe ... even in the early years of their marriage when they were dirt poor. God honored that, and as God blessed him, he gave far beyond 10 percent.

Peggy's dad did something else. He touched people's lives in many ways. These were things he didn't talk about, but we've



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His favorite hymn was "Supper Time." In her dad's final moments, Peggy asked me to sing it to him.

"Come home, come home, it's supper time," I sang.

When I couldn't continue, Peggy sang the next line, "The shadows lengthen fast."

Together we finished: "Come home, come home, it's supper time. We're going home at last."

And he was home.

Peggy's dad and mine get to spend this Father's Day together.

Ken Horn

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