

Daily View

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called ‘today’” Hebrews 3:13

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When I was a kid, we almost went to the “Cliff House” in San Francisco. I got all excited about that for some reason; I didn’t know it was just a fancy restaurant. Anyway, we *almost* went which is to say we didn’t go.

“Almost...”

Christie told me once, in passing, that she was listening to a radio station and they had one of those call-in contests. She called in, was first to answer the question, and won a set of Beatles bobblehead dolls. When she told me, I asked if she still had them and she told me no, she’s not sure what happened to them and that was that.

Fast forward about 25 years. I’m reading the Orange County Register and I come across a story reporting that Sothebys auctioned off a set of Beatles bobblehead dolls for \$2.2 million. There was a photo of the dolls. Remembering what Christie had told me, I showed her the photo — before I told her what the story was about. She said, “Oh, those look exactly like the ones I won in the contest on the radio. We were almost rich.” There must have been something unique about the ones in the news, to go for that ridiculous amount, but still...

“Almost” can be a sad word or a word of disappointment or a word of relief or...just a synonym for “nearly” or “I dodged a bullet” or “just about.”

Like most of us, I’ve got a plethora of “almonds” in my life. I was almost in a serious auto accident three times, almost became a songwriter at Capitol Records, almost went to Vietnam, almost became an officer in the Army, almost went to Pepperdine University, almost became a lawyer... on and on I could go.

I mean no offense to songwriters or lawyers or graduates of Pepperdine, but I’m glad none of those “almonds” became my reality. If they had become reality it is highly doubtful that I would be where I am today. My life would have gone in a very different direction.

But it’s irrelevant because “almost” is not our reality. That’s why they say, “almost only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades.” There’s some truth in that. Almost means it something didn’t happen. Sometime tonight — or days from now — one of two men will have to say, “I was *almost* elected president...” But there are no participation trophies in elections or in real life.

Nothing comes from “almost.” That’s especially true in salvation. Remember this?

Then Agrippa said to Paul, “You almost persuade me to become a Christian.”

And Paul said, “I would to God that not only you, but also all who hear me today, might become both almost and altogether such as I am, except for these chains.”

Luke, Acts 26:28-29 NKJV

And this?

“Seems now some soul to say, ‘Go, Spirit, go thy way. Some more convenient day, on Thee I’ll call...’

“Almost cannot avail, almost is but to fail. Sad, sad that bitter wail — ‘Almost, but lost.’”

— *Almost Persuaded*, Phillip P. Bliss

That’s when “almost” will be the saddest word in the English language.

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