



How do you answer the bonus question?

July 2016



Dear Friend,

What is the best graduation speech that you ever heard?

We just celebrated graduation season. In May, my niece Lindsey graduated with her doctor of veterinary medicine degree (and her husband, Joshua, earned his Master of Divinity degree).

One popular (and brief) [graduation talk video](#) in 2016 was from Dean James Ryan of the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

Dean Ryan suggests 5 questions we should ask ourselves and others:

- **Wait, what?**
 - the importance of understanding an idea before you advocate for or against it
- **I wonder...why or if?**
 - So we remain curious about the world and how we can change the world
- **Couldn't we at least?**
 - To help us get started or get unstuck
- **How can I help?**
 - Asking for direction with humility
- **What truly matters (to me)?**
 - To get at the heart of issues and your beliefs

And as a bonus question, from a [poem by Raymond Carver](#), he adds:

- **Did you get what you wanted from this life, even so?**
 - Recognizing the pain and disappointment of life but the hope for joy and contentment

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Watch how 9-year-old Khloe makes & fills bags for the homeless – so they know they're beloved.



Late Fragment

How do you answer the bonus question? Dean Ryan suggests that the answer to the bonus question should be: **to feel beloved and to help others to feel beloved.**

I love these questions as I think about:

- the issues facing our country
- our current Core 4 Innovation work in Bridge of Hope
- [mentoring friends](#), [Bridge of Hope families](#), & [social workers](#) who are building friendships

[Let's talk](#) – about how a church in your community can ask these questions and help a single mom and her children to know they are beloved by their Creator and others – as they experience an end to their homelessness.

What's New?

- [Services Matter: How Housing & Services Can End Family Homelessness](#)
- [7 reasons you should unplug this summer](#)
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- July 26 is the 13th annual [Golf Classic](#) at [Foxchase Golf Club](#) (Stevens, PA). Special thanks to hosts [Signature Custom Cabinetry](#) and [Bomberger's Store](#). Join me in [thanking all the sponsors](#), golfers, and food/door prize donors!

Blessings,



And did you get what you wanted from this life, even so?

I did.

And what did you want?

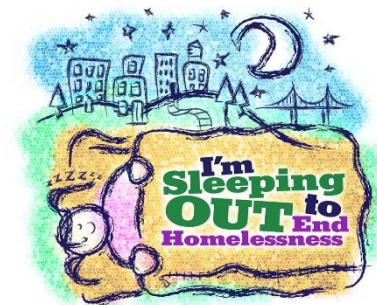
To call myself beloved, to feel myself beloved on the earth.

-Raymond Carver



I'm proud of these **Bobcats** from my church. Their **#SleepOut** raised \$2008.50 to **#EndFamilyHomelessness!**

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