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A Teacher's Hope: Being Remembered

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How do you want to be remembered by your students? And, more importantly, when?

For your awards or accolades and only at the end?

In some big ceremony, retirement, or a funeral attended by many,

Which of those ways do I want to be remembered by my students? Not any.

I want to be remembered during certain times by those whose lives I've touched;

I want my students to remember me and to understand I've loved them so much.

When a former student is sad, I want him to remember a joke I told him and laugh;

When a former student is weak, she remembers my words or deeds and her problem she attacks;

When a former student is treated badly, I want him to treat others with dignity and respect;

When a former student has the chance to be a hero, I want her to do what I expect;

And when a former student feels alone, I want him to ask for peace,

Because God is always with us, the greatest and the least.

I want to be remembered in ways that empower the students I've known,

For that means I truly helped them and through my teaching they have grown.

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