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RE- FLECTING GOD

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One of my favorite memories of growing up in church includes breezy Sunday evenings with the sanctuary windows open. Cicada chirped outside while Brother Ron, Brother Roy, Sister Mary, or others gave testimonies. Sometimes their voices rang confidently as they told about God's goodness in their lives. At other times, their voices were edged with tears as they talked about their temptations and fears, and faith that God would guide them to victory.

Just a small church in a primarily blue-collar neighborhood. None of the people held positions of power or had wealth or social influence. The members of our congregation may not have looked like world-changers.

But they changed my world.

These men and women taught me to give praise for victory to the One who deserved it. They taught me that even when we love Jesus we'll face challenges. Over the years, I have learned from many famous Christian speakers and authors. But I don't think any of those important, well-known people taught me anything about God that matched the truths of those ordinary saints with the pure hearts.