

PS's Ponderings



Now... how long is this Receiving Line? Have you ever been to a large wedding and been 163 in line to congratulate the bride and groom? I find myself constantly peeking around the folks in front of me wondering if the line is even moving in those situations. Sometimes I think, "If I just use all of my will power I can speed this up!" I imagine my facial expression of deep concentration in those moments might resemble someone in the deep discomfort of constipation.

Sometimes I find myself shouting in my head, "Short conversations! Short conversations! They don't need the whole family history right now... It's a receiving line for crying out loud!" And don't even get me going on my impatience on exiting an airplane... "Why O why was I given a seat in row 32! Grab that carryon and let's get moving!" Lines and waiting. <sigh>

Yeah... I know... I have patience issues, and I probably should be seeing a counselor, but it worries me if I tell them that I try to move a receiving line using my inner-will-power that they might recommend me to a long-term "treatment" facility. I look terrible in white jackets and I like to have the freedom to move my arms.

On Wednesday, February 21, Rev. Billy Graham died and entered the presence of Jesus. In my mind's-eye I imagine him taking 5 steps past the Gates of Heaven, receiving a hug and a "well done!" from his Savior... and then being greeted with the longest receiving line ever seen. People who were experiencing the joy of Heaven and the presence of God, because of his ministry to share the Gospel message of Jesus. And perhaps, just perhaps... he is still standing in that receiving line even 4 days later.

A life well-lived. A ministry of immense impact. A reward well-deserved. Billy was famous for saying, *"My home is in Heaven. I'm just traveling through this world."* He lived every moment of his life true to this profound truth. So, today I celebrate a great man of Gods' graduation to his true home, and I say a prayer for the person who is 1,320,341 in line... man, I **feel** for that guy!