The Book Title of My Life

So far, so good.

There's a lot of pain and memories of difficulties, but compared to the glory that is on its way, those other things are not worth comparing.- That's why I can say 'what is in the past is shaping me for good.' It's not delusion or pretension. It's the assurance I have that if Jesus is really Lord, then what do I honestly have to worry about? Things will continue to test me, to challenge my commitments and to give me opportunities to grow. You see, I'm becoming the man God wants me to be, to become better than I was, and to help make others to be the people they are meant to be.

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Message to Loved Ones

To my loved ones... my message is still the same. Love God; love one another; love the weak; be kind. See, there's nothing new here. Nothing especially flash.

The most enduring story of the apostle John and this message comes from early church tradition, famously recounted by the 4th-century church historian Jerome. According to the account, in his final years in Ephesus, John was so frail and old that he could not walk on his own. His disciples would carry him into the gatherings of the believers on a chair or stretcher. Because he was no longer able to preach long, complex sermons, he would simply offer the congregation the exact same teaching every week:"Little children, love one another."

Eventually, the local believers grew a bit weary of hearing the exact same, simple phrase every single week. They asked him, "Master, why do you always say this?" John replied:"Because it is the Lord's command, and if this only is done, it is enough."

I never tire of that story. It's the clearest clarion call to do what God says. To love as he loved. Sacrificially. Without thought of oneself.

And if you don't mind, take care of the old ones in our family. That could

include me. It should include Gigi. There might be others. Care for those who no longer can care for themselves. They probably had some time and resource into caring for you. Go and do likewise.