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- *¹⁶ Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way.*
- *¹⁷ The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do,*
- *¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?*
- *¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him." (Gen. 18:16-19 ESV)*

Something personal

- My grandmother, Lucy Jones.

My Grandfather and Grandmother Jones



Something personal

- My mom, Baby Ann Spivey.



Something personal

- My dad, Ernie (Earnie) Spivey.



Something personal

- Vernon and Elsie Butler, Cathy's parents.



Something personal

- Our boys, Tim, Randy, Paul and David.



- Hey Pops!
- That was a great day yesterday.
- I appreciate a lot about you, but in the context of your retirement, I wanted to mention these.....
- I love that your default posture is curiosity and not judgement. I'm sure that has served you well in conflict. It definitely has made you approachable as a dad.
- You're a great teacher. I might should have realized that from sitting in the pews for 18 years, but I really noticed when Lucy started driving. I thought I would just automatically know how to teach her. I didn't. She learned more in her 1 impromptu driving lesson in the Riverchase parking lot than all of her sessions with me. Since then I've noticed that gift more.
- I think you model Jesus' idea of leadership from Matt 20. You have been in positions all your life where your words carry weight, but I don't ever remember you using that to elevate your own agenda--at work or in our home. Can't think of many lessons more important than that.
- Hope your first retired Monday is a good one. Love you. paul