Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

There are two great days in a person's life — the day we are born and the day we discover why. —William Barclay

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When you're a child, you love birthdays! You can't wait until you are a year older. You even break your age into segments. You are 6-and-a-half years old! You continue to love birthdays until you have children of your own. Then you have to plan birthday parties attended by screaming little ones. The thrill is gone.

When your grandchildren arrive, you are totally over your own birthdays. They're a nuisance, but it's okay, you suppose, if a small fuss is made over you.

Betty Reid Soskin turned 100 this year. When you reach that age, you understand why people are going to take notice of you. You are a rare species of life! A centenarian! This is an amazing achievement.

It was even more so in Soskin's case, because she was still employed! However, she chose to quit working when she turned 100. Her decision was covered by the media when it discovered that she was retiring as the oldest active National Park Service ranger!

Soskin's most recent job was to lead programs at the Rosie the Riveter World War II Home Front National Historical Park in Richmond, California. She told about her own experiences since she lived through World War II, the very time period she was hired to explain and interpret!

At Soskin's retirement party, April 16, 2022, people were quick to bless, praise and thank her for her many years of service. And perhaps that is what birthdays are for, at least for us adults: to give others around us an opportunity to express appreciation for the love, friendship and guidance we have been able to offer.

This may surprise some of us. We might be astonished to discover that we actually mean something to others — that others genuinely care about us!

That's why birthdays are a good time to remember that God cares about us, too. The Bible says that we should "cast all [our] anxiety upon him, because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

So the next time our birthday comes around, let's rejoice because of God's loving care for us, and because of the love that others show to us.

Perhaps, we might even revert to the childhood habit of counting our years. We now will proudly tell others, "I am 84-and-a-half years old, going on 85!"

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for the years of my life, and the life in my years. In your name. Amen.

Blessings,
Lisa & Pastor Ben Mot

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 9-12
Monday: Daniel 7-9
Tuesday: Daniel 10-12
Wednesday: Esther 1-3
Thursday: Esther 4-7
Friday: Esther 8-10
Saturday: Psalm 119

Verse to Remember
Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

—Psalm 119:105

THE WORLD OF SCIENCE

Using the code of mathematical and scientific symbols in the column at the left, decipher the names of famous scientists who advanced our knowledge of the world.

$A = \neq$
$B = \lrcorner$
$C = \Sigma$
$D = \cong$
$E = \alpha$
$F = \supseteq$
$G = \{$
$H = \}$
$I = \leq$
$L = \infty$
$M = \leftrightarrow$
$N = \pm$
$O = \notin$
$P = \pi$
$R = \Omega$
$S = \nabla$
$T = \angle$
$U = \sqrt{}$

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C. $\notin \pi \pi \alpha \pm \} \alpha \leq \leftrightarrow \alpha \Omega$ _____

D. $\alpha \leq \pm \nabla \angle \alpha \leq \pm$ _____

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H. $\neq \leftrightarrow \pi \alpha \Omega \alpha$ _____

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J. $\pi \neq \nabla \Sigma \neq \infty$ _____

Solution:
A. Galileo
B. Archimedes
C. Oppenheimer
D. Einstein
E. Curie
F. Bell
G. Fleming
H. Ampere
I. Celsius
J. Pascal