

St. James Lutheran Church

1315 S.W. Park Ave.
Portland, Oregon 97201

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Dear Walter:

Your brother Dan called at 6:59 p.m. and said, "Watch 60 minutes" and see what happens to Walter".

I hung up, kicked the dog, swapped T.V.'s with the children, and turned on 60 minutes - then waited for Walter.

Now my response - It was marvelous! I cried most of the time! It was inspirational! I've been bragging about it every chance I get. It was liberating! I loved that line - it is in dying we find life. But also - it was substantial! What a clear example of the power of understanding!

You are to be commended. And you can thank for me your students, your guests, and any others who helped create the course.

Now - what good is a nice letter without a commercial? Maybe only a suggestion. In Portland in Washington Park the Veterans are putting together a Viet Nam Memorial which is like a seven acre arena sunken in the middle that you walk through. Lining the path are a variety of stones with quotes

names, dates. You might be aware of this
for one of your pilgrimages. Or maybe a
video-tape of 60 minutes might be shared
with them - to become a part of their program.
Just a thought.

All goes well at St. James. We are building
the membership up after losing a lot of people due to
jobs in 86. Your brother is leading a committee to
get a new pipe organ in place before our 100th
Anniversary. We have a new Vicar from P.L.T.S
She is great. Her name is Heidi-Dew-fish.
And everything is fine in the family.

So the end of a letter - but I'm still
a flutter from 60 minutes. Again - you are
to be commended! Thanks,

Joe Smith