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#### Autobiography Project: Chapter 4: School and Church

**Write a chapter about your experiences in school and church. Some questions are listed below to help prompt your thinking, but remember to not use them as a strict outline for your writing. Organize your thoughts and use transitions to make them flow together naturally.**

1. Where have you gone to school?
2. What was your first day of school like? Who was in your class? Were you excited? Afraid?
3. How many different teachers have you had? Who are they? What stands out about them in your mind?
4. Who were some of the “big guys” when you were in the younger grades? What was your perception of them compared to how you think of yourself at this age?
5. What subjects have been easy for you? Which ones difficult?
6. What is your favorite part of school life? Least favorite? What is your favorite time of the day?
7. What is it like to walk into school at the beginning of the day?
8. What have been your favorite games at school?
9. What field trips to you remember? What have been your favorite field trips or school activities? Describe what you liked about these activities.
10. What are some achievements (assignments/projects/responsibilities) in school that you feel good about?
11. What memories do you have doing something that you shouldn’t have? How did you feel about your actions? What happened to you?
12. Have you felt gratitude for the opportunity to get an education or has it felt like a waste of time?
13. What are some of the things that you have learned in school that you are grateful for?
14. Have your relationships with teachers and fellow students been enjoyable or have they been a source of tension and strife? Do you have any particular memories in regard to the “feel” of these relationships?
15. What injuries/accidents have you been involved in at school?
16. What memories do yearbooks spark for you? (Look through the yearbooks from the years that you were in school)
17. What “fads” have you seen come and go during your school career?

Church prompts (if applicable)

1. What church(es) have you attended growing up?
2. What kind of church-related activities were you involved in growing up? Think religious services, special meetings, social events, outreach programs etc.
3. Who were some of the “pillars of faith” in your church?
4. Were there any people in your church who were extra-interesting in some way or extra-ordinary? How?
5. Are there particular songs or verses or phrases from church that stand out in your memory?
6. In what ways have you seen people in the church support and help each other? How has your family been helped by other families?
7. Are people at your church willing to volunteer and get involved in its activities?
8. What special practices or traditions help to make your church more effective in fulfilling its purpose?
9. How would you describe the mood of worship services at your church?
10. What are some memories of Sunday school over the years?
11. What are carry-in meals like? What memories do you have of carry-in dinners at church?
12. What are some important truths or values or lessons that you have learned in church over the years?
13. What are some responsibilities or roles that you have filled in the church?
14. What are some of the difficulties or hard things that you have experienced in relation to church?
15. What do you appreciate about your church?
16. What is a goal or desire that you have for your church?