



As the **Shadows Lengthen**

Sermon by Father Chuck Owens | Hebrews 13:20-21

"As the Shadows Lengthen" Thoughts to Ponder

1. In recent months health issues have dictated that I take a seat on the sidelines of ministry.
 - a. I've received it as a blessing; how would you have responded?
 - b. It has been a joy to see parish life continue uninterrupted; would you be disappointed to learn that everything you had poured so much into did not fall apart without you? Why or why not?
2. I've long taught that "we live life forward but understand it backward."
 - a. Have you found that statement to be true? Please explain why, using an example or two.
 - b. Senior citizens talk most about the past while young adults talk most about the future? Why do you think that's so?
3. One of life's fundamental questions is: "What are you living for?" Most adults these days say they're just marking time, waiting for something unknown to happen in the future. How would you answer that question?
4. Have life's bumps and bruises taken a toll on your faith? Please give examples of times when you thought God didn't care about you.
5. The Scriptures teach that God has a purpose for your life. (Jeremiah 29:11)

- a. What do think your God-ordained purpose is and why do you think that?
 - b. Have you fulfilled your purpose? If not, please explain your strategy for doing so. If so, please revisit the question in #3 above.
6. True love always has a high price tag. How have you experienced this truth in your life?
7. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die." (John 11:25)
- a. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior?
 - b. You may not know when you're going to die; but do you know how long you're going to live?

