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More Than Just a House

In some ways, houses are a lot like people. Some are old, some new, some rather expensive looking, some simple and quaint. There are warm, friendly looking houses and austere ones...modern and old fashioned ones...functional and completely ridiculous ones.

But regardless of looks, a house's basic function is to provide a place in which to live; and it's what's inside that house that makes the difference. Even one that looks austere won't keep visitors away if the life inside is warm and friendly.

Sometimes, a house gets a "face lift," like a coat of paint, or has its insides altered, like a new furnace to replace a broken one; but the life inside goes on.

And, eventually, any structure that's made of wood or brick grows old and slowly crumbles...the wood to ashes...the brick to dust.

But,

"In my Father's house are many mansions" [John 14:2]

said our Lord.

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So we move out of the old ones, the broken ones, the sad and rejected ones...into one that's been prepared for us; and life goes on. A warm, friendly, loving life, because His house is more than just a house.

It's home.

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