

***WHY A MEMOIR FOR DAD?
25 BELOVED QUOTATIONS SAY IT ALL...***



***“There comes a point in your life
when you need to stop reading other people’s books
and write your own.”***

Albert Einstein



***“We need to haunt the house of history
and listen anew to our ancestors’ wisdom.”***

- Maya Angelou



***"If you don't recount your family history, it will be lost.
Honor your own stories and tell them too.
The tales may not seem very important,
but they are what binds families
and makes each of us who we are."
—Madeleine L'Engle***



***“Don’t forget,
no one else sees the world the way you do,
so no one else can tell the stories you have to tell.”
– Charles de Lint***



***“The best-loved stories are not from books or films,
but those from our own families.”***

—Jane McGarvey



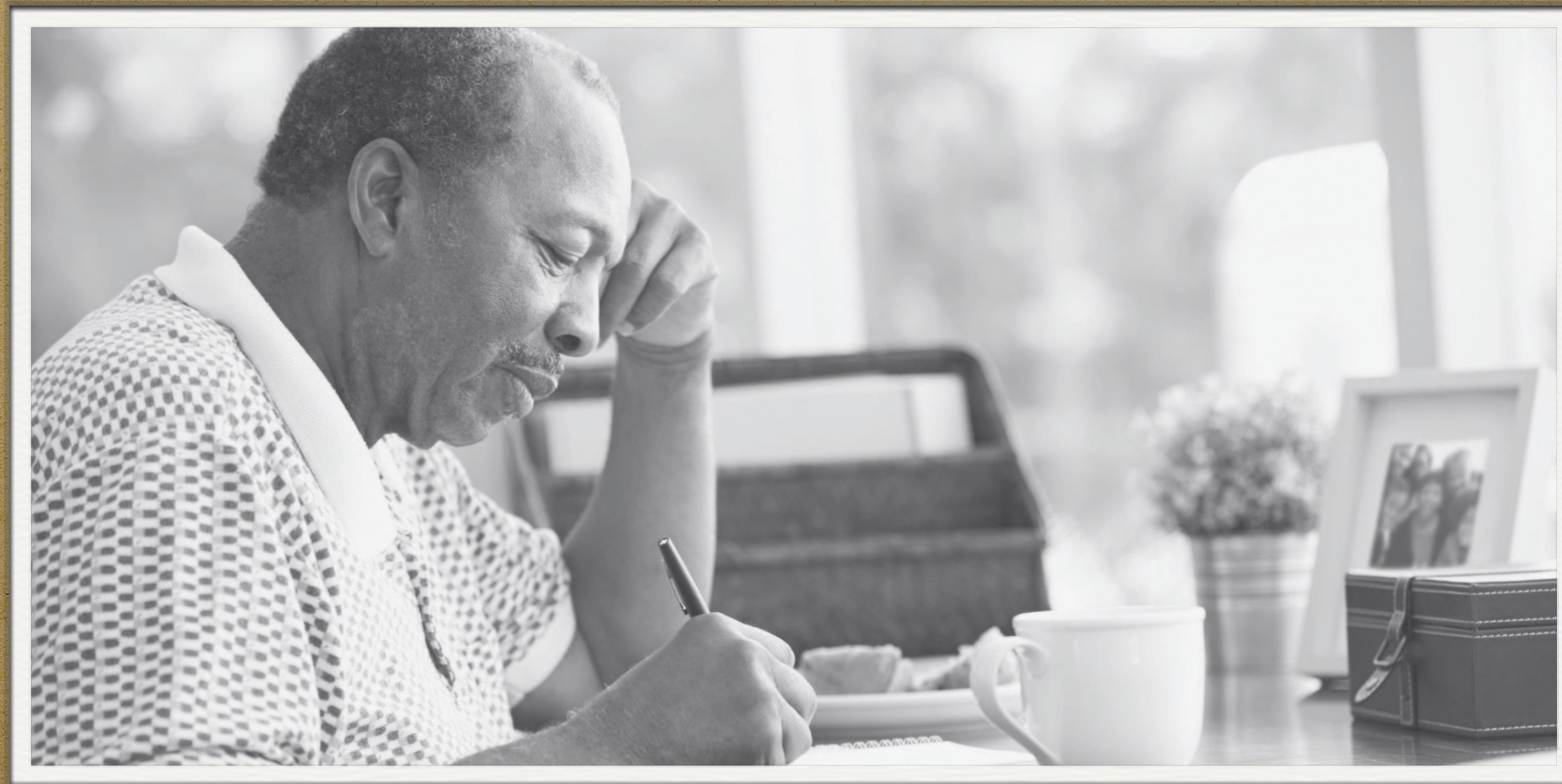
“The thing that interests me most about family history is the gap between the things we think we know about our families and the realities.”

- Jeremy Hardy



***"In life, you must write your own story,
or one will be written for you."***

- A. J. Garces



***Each of us contains this inheritance of soul.
We are links between the ages, containing past and present
expectations, sacred memories, and future promises."***

- Edward Sellner



***“To forget one’s ancestors
is to be a brook without a source,
a tree without a root.”***

- Chinese Proverb



***"Stories have to be told,
or they die, when we die,
we can't remember who we are or why we're here."***

–Sue Monk Kidd



*Let no family go into eternity
without having left their memoirs for their children,
their grandchildren, and their posterity.*

- Spencer W. Kimball



***“Each of us is a book waiting to be written,
and that book, if written, results in a person explained.”***

Thomas M. Cirignano



***“With a memoir,
you have the clay of your life to work with.
When you're writing a novel, you have to make the clay first.”***

–Bill Clegg



*I will say, that the memoir must be honest.
You must be truthful.*
– **Elie Wiesel**



***"I'm making a kind of memoir
of certain aspects and times in my life.
When I'm older I can look back and analyze some things
and see the root of things."***

– Lourdes Portillo



“When you stand and share your story in an empowering way, your story will heal you, and your story will heal someone else. When you tell your story, you free yourself and give other people permission to acknowledge their story.”

–Iyanla Vanzant



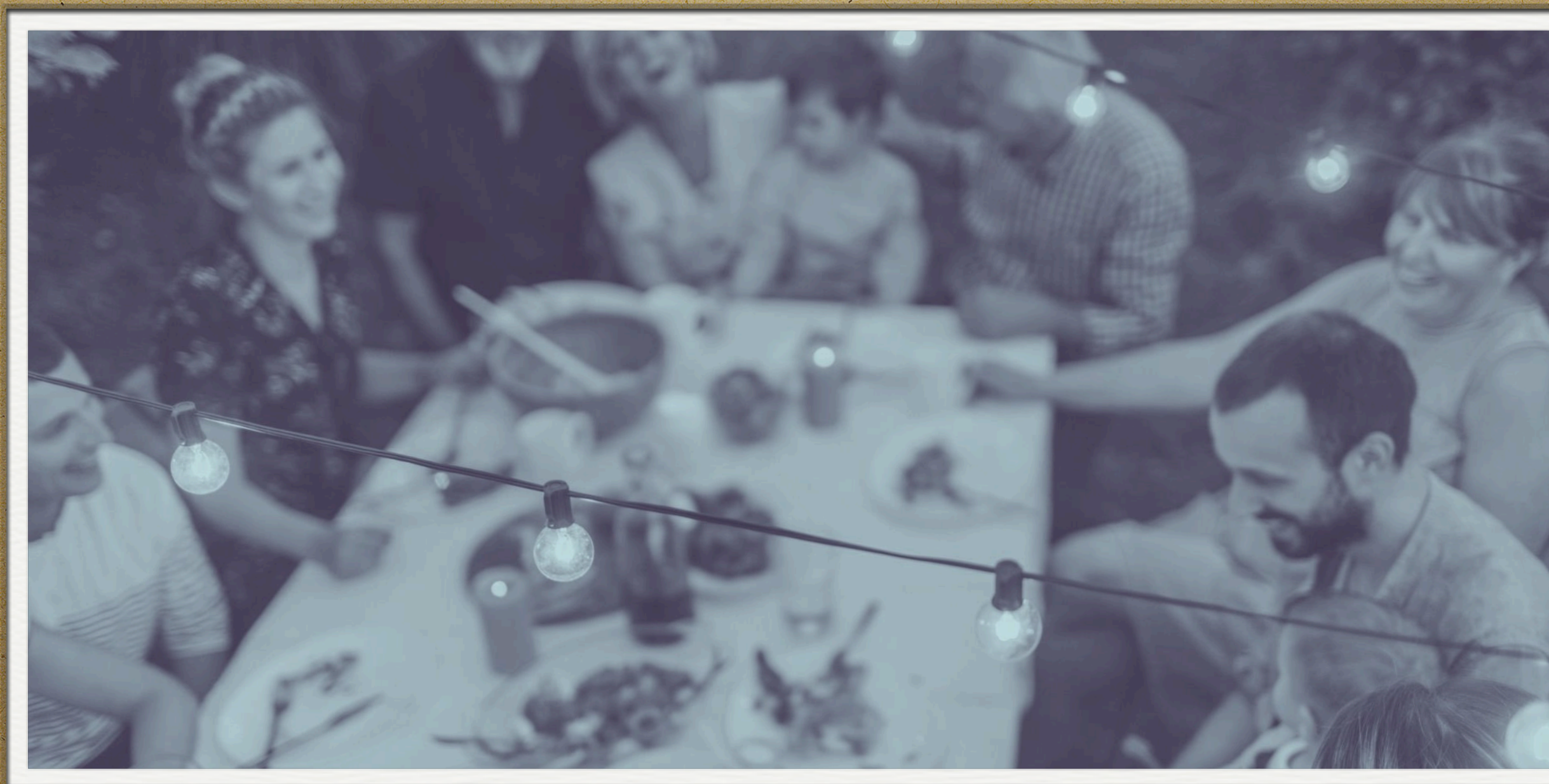
***“When you stand and share your story in an empowering way,
“Anyone who believes you can’t change history
has never tried to write his memoirs.”***

David Ben-Gurion



“Family stories casually chatted about at the dinner table or regaled again and again at family gatherings can parallel great epics or notable short stories. The memorable stories of our lives and of others in our family take on special importance because they are true, even if everyone tells different versions of the same event. These tales are family heirlooms held in the heart, not the hand. They are a gift to each generation that preserves them by remembering them and passing them on.”

–Heather Forest

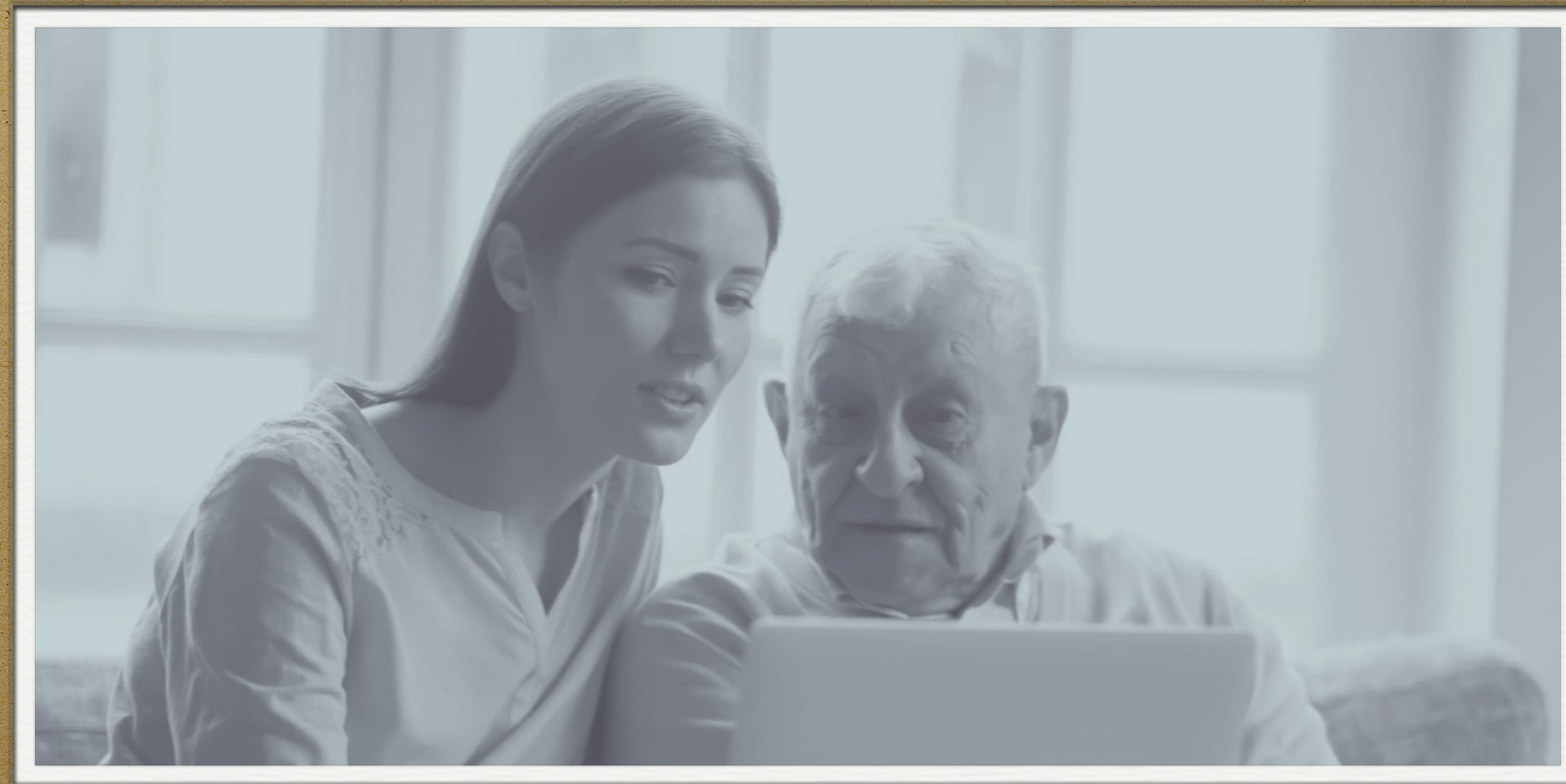


***“Remember that you’re a living, breathing novel,
literally writing your own story.
Your very own authentically personal piece of art.
It’s pretty glorious.”
- Victoria Erickson***



***"A memoir takes some particular threads,
some incidents, some experience from a person's life
and gives an account of it."***

–Richard Hell



"Memoirs are the backstairs of history."

-George Meredith



"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...

Until you climb into his skin and walk around in it."

-Atticus Finch in To Kill a Mockingbird



"Your life story is a gift, and it should be treated as such."

-Emily Gordon



***Life can only be understood backwards;
but it must be lived forwards."***

-Soren Kierkegaard

