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A photograph of an elderly couple in a dimly lit room. The man, on the left, is wearing a dark jacket and light-colored trousers. The woman, on the right, is wearing a light-colored patterned sweater and dark trousers. She is adjusting the man's jacket. They are standing in front of a glass door that leads outside. The room has dark walls and a polished wooden floor. The lighting is low, creating a somber and intimate atmosphere.

That was the Christmas I learned I was dying.  
I thought: This will be my last Christmas.

I didn't want to go. I wanted to sit home alone.  
Have you felt this way before in the face of adversity?  
What happened? Did you overcome it?

Every human being knows they are going to die.  
The difference is, I feel it with every twitch in my muscles.  
What brings awareness of death to you?  
How does that awareness make you feel?




**"Ed, you need to be a Yogi Berra Christian—'It ain't over till it's over.'"**  
What kinds of things do we tell ourselves that make us forget we are still alive, still here?

**Billy's phone call was God speaking to me with a New York accent.**  
How has God spoken to you before?


**And I realized that I was really dying because I had given up.**  
Have you ever given up? Have you ever felt like giving up?  
What would you have missed if you'd given up in that moment?





My wife has become the hands in my life when my hands don't work right.  
Who has been there for you when you aren't "working right"?  
Name those people aloud.  
Thank them for being there for you.

It's not about how long I have left; it's about how I spend the time I do have.  
How do you plan on spending the time you have left,  
whether it's one year or fifty?  
What will you stop doing?  
What will you keep doing until the end?



I have my own story to share.

How do stories change us?  
Whose story has changed your life?  
Who needs to hear your story?

And what do you hope will happen when you share it?

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