

The Five People You Meet in Heaven
Mitch Albom

Consider as we bring closure to this story:

Mitch Albom said, "Food and stories. For as long as I can remember, those two things have been intertwined." His love for the stories that were always told at dinner made him feel part of something and gave him stories of his own. This is how he began to write.

What would happen in your home if you encouraged your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, sisters, and brothers to begin telling stories about family, war, college, and history during dinner? Can you see any benefits to having a family story time? Could it become a tradition?

This Thanksgiving, if one does not already exist, consider starting Story Time with your family. If it already exist, consider what you could do to expand on it. Record the outcome in AJ.

"You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you." Consider reading Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. You might want to use it with Albom's book, *Seedfolks*, and *Bronx Masquerade* as your four books to have an Accountable Book Talk.

"Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt; then he wears it every day." (From a 7-year-old. See <http://character-education.info>). "Do you want to be able to change the future? Learn to catch people doing something right, and encouraging them for it."

Go to the Alliance for Youth Achievement Web site at www.allforyouth.org/fundraisermain.html for research on a fundraising opportunity to help orphans.

"We have flown the air like birds and swum the sea like fishes, but have yet to learn the simple act of walking the earth like brothers."

-- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.