



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

"Life is like a camping trip: short, rough, and not our home."

This Is Not My Home

When I was growing up, we as a family went camping in a popup trailer shown below. I remember many adventure including hiking, making camp fires, finding shrunken heads, my mother falling into a creek, playing at [Shenandoah Acres Resort](#) and so much more. The trailer had no electricity, running water, no air conditioning and little modern conveniences. When it rained you were often bored and got wet. By the end of the weekend, we were glad to leave our temporary rough living.

Modern camping started in 1861 when Frederick Gunn, who owned a boy's school, took his wards on a two-week trip into a wilderness area. In 1874, the YWCA established the first camp called "Sea Rest" catering to women only. The first Boy's Club camp was in 1900. The Boy Scouts of America established a camp in New York., in 1910, followed by the first Girl Scout camp in 1912. During the 1930's, the National Park Service developed thirty-four Recreation Demonstration Areas, a complex government name for campgrounds. Long-time tentmaker Eureka! introduced the first fast-to-set-up freestanding tent in 1959. The first travel campers were built, in 1910, at the Los Angeles Trailer Works and Auto Kamp. The first tent trailer arrived, in 1916, built by the Campbell Folding Camping Trailer company. Pierce-Arrow's Touring Landau, debuted the first motor home, at Madison Square Garden in 1910. A back seat that folds down into a bed, a chamber pot toilet and a fold-down sink are a sensation, but the whole idea of a "motor home" did not catch on. According to "[A Short History of Camping](#)" by Jeff Adams of ReserveAmerican.com, "despite technological innovations that offer a more glamorous experience, 3.2 million Americans still make tent camping trips—a million more than RV excursions."

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." John 14:1-3 "For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven." II Cor. 5:1,2



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Where will your home be when this short trip called life is over?



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