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### The Things they Left Behind

One line that stood out to me in *The Things They Left Behind* by Stephen King is, "I think that we're not the strangers we were," she said finally, "and making a new friend is never a bad thing." At this point in the story, Scott and Paula were out to lunch so that Scott could get out his feelings about the objects that showed up in his house. This particular line attracted me because it highlights the human connection. The story talks about these objects that begin haunting Scott because they all belonged to people who died in 9/11 on a day when Scott was supposed to be there. He becomes so desperate to make sense of these things that he asks a person who he barely knows to talk about them with him because he has no one else. She nonchalantly agrees, but soon realizes that this is something that needed to happen because Scott was losing his mind. You can also tell that both characters are somewhat lonely, Scott because of his response to 9/11 in which he becomes isolated from people and Paula because she is married to someone who is barely there. It seems that because of these objects, these everyday things that seem so insignificant, Paula and Scott establish a connection.