

It's 'Historical'

Two college classmates, meeting after some years, went way into the night reminiscing. The next day, they were discussing how their wives reacted to their coming home so late.

One reported that his wife understood, but the other confessed that his wife became "historical."

"You mean 'hysterical,' don't you?" his friend inquired.

"No, I mean 'historical.' She brought up all I had done the last 30 years," came the response.

While there is something funny about that story, it does carry an important message. We must treat the past as historical without becoming hysterical. The guilt we carry with us over bygone deeds and circumstances can keep us from living the abundant lives for which we were intended.

History serves a purpose. It is a good reference point, and an excellent training ground for the present and the future. But it should not become a ball and chain that inhibit us from reaching our potential.

--Beecher Hunter