



Monday Matters

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Expect The Unexpected

A few years ago our entire family, including the grandchildren, took a short vacation to the Cumberland Falls State Park in southern Kentucky. We had a couple of cabins and the weather was extremely cooperative. The first evening, at about 6, we were in our cabins preparing for the evening activities when we heard a very unusual noise outside. We couldn't determine what it was causing this unexpected noise, but it was loud.

The second night we were eating outside at the same time as the previous evening and the noise came again. It sounded almost like thunder. We looked up over at the road, and we caught a glimpse of the unexpected noise makers.

The following evening I was prepared to capture the entire event on camera. I was expecting the unexpected to happen at 6. If you watch this video you'll see and hear what we were expecting that evening.

There was a stable up the road from our cabins for visitors to go horseback riding. Every night the horses were sent back to the barn down the road on the other side of the cabins. We came to expect this unexpected herd of horses.



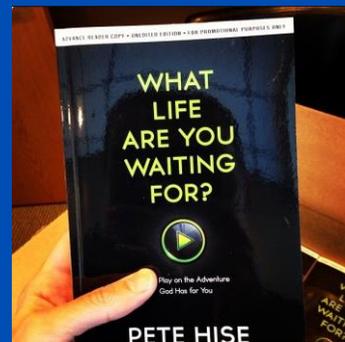
Linda and I attend a church called Quest Community of Frankfort. It is a satellite church of Quest Community in Lexington, Kentucky. When we first set foot inside the doors of the church, we had no idea what to expect. We found the music was loud. The vast majority of the people attending were in their 20's and 30's. The pastor, Pete Hise from the Lexington church, was dressed in jeans and his shirt hanging out. This was not the type of church we were expecting or had previously attended. But we liked it.

That Sunday one of the people in the congregation stepped up to the platform and gave his "story." An older generation would call it a testimony. We came back the following Sunday and the next and the next. Each Sunday a "story" would be shared. Each story told how lives were unexpectedly transformed. We heard about drug users and alcoholics being set free in a radical way. We heard how marriages were radically changed. We hear every week about how God has done the unexpected in healing people's lives and bodies.

We have come to expect the unexpected. We have come to expect to hear about how God is transforming lives daily. We never want to take this for granted. I remember Tommy Barnett closing services at his church as people fled to the altar saying, "People, don't get used to this." We never want to get used to seeing God transforming lives.

Are you expecting the unexpected?

This past weekend Pastor Pete shared parts of his new book called "What Life Are You Waiting For?" It truly isn't about Pete Hise. It is really about the "stories" of people being transformed by God and finding a new life. It is filled with somewhere around 150 stories of people's transformed lives. In reality there could have been hundreds even thousands more stories about what is taking place. This is a book filled with life experiences and stories that will help you step into the future God has intended for you.



Check out this website to learn more about the book at www.whatlifebook.com. The book can be pre-ordered through the website or at www.amazon.com.



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