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Building Great Memories

The weather in our neck of the woods in Kentucky has been perfect the last couple of weeks. However, that all changed almost overnight. The leaves are changing color, fall is in the air, and winter is on its way.

As a kid I remember this time of year with wonderful memories. The holidays are approaching and families will be gathering to have turkey for Thanksgiving and putting up the Christmas tree and presents beneath. While I have those memories, I also think back to those Thanksgiving mornings in Chicago, dressing warm and meeting a bunch of dads and their sons from church to play football for a few hours before we went back to our homes for that turkey dinner. I looked forward to that time each year.

On Christmas Day the same groups of dads and their kids would get up early and head to the Des Plaines River or the Skokie Lagoon to spend a few hours playing hockey on the ice. In the old days in the Chicago area, the river and lagoon would freeze thick enough to skate on. Again those were times of building great memories.

A couple of weeks ago in our Life Group from church we



Didn't I Walk On The Water

Quote of the Week

"I believe there is something - Someone - inside us who tells us there is more to life than sitting in the boat. You were made for something more than merely

discussed the night Peter walked on water. What must it have been like to see Jesus walking on top of the water towards the disciples in their boat? And then to see where Peter, calling out to Jesus and saying, "Hey, I want to walk on water too." Jesus said, "Well come on over." Peter stepped over the side of the boat and began walking on the water. He took the risk of believing this was Jesus and that He would create this miracle. Somewhere in the back of my mind I'm thinking the other eleven disciples in the boat were telling each other that Peter was crazy. But Peter did it and even when he realized what he was doing and fear started to set in, the Lord was there to help him overcome the fear and to continue his walk. I'm sure that Peter had great memories of this night.



Our Life Group leader asked us what Jesus is calling us to do that we were fearful of doing. Were there things that He wanted us to do but for whatever the reason we were unwilling to take the risk? Our leader then asked us to spend the next five minutes praying, meditating, thinking about what Jesus wanted us to do that required some form of a risk and we were reluctant to do it. After those five minutes, some in the group shared what stepping out of the boat would mean for them. He also suggested that we go home that night and pray about what the Lord was showing us and start working on taking those steps.

None of this was taking astronomical steps like selling all our worldly possessions and starting a church in Iraq. It was simply doing something the Lord wanted us to do where we were today. In the years to come I know I will look back at what I feel I was being asked to do and reflect on the building of great memories. And I know those memories will push me to build even more.

What is the Lord asking you to do? Do you need to step over the side of the boat, take the risk and walk on water? Like Peter, you need to take that first step. He won't let you drown. Years from now you will look back at those great memories you built by stepping out of the boat.

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avoiding failure. There is something inside you that wants to walk on the water-to leave the comfort of routine existence and abandon yourself to the high adventure of following God."

~ John Ortberg ~

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