

Day began in anticipation of family activities

This was a big day for the Rains clan. Anticipation loomed in the days as each of us gracefully rolled out of bed.

We had been talked about for weeks, for it was on this day we would enter into a land, into a place that only the bravest of the brave parents dare to tread without their children harnessed by one of those leash things.

We were embarking to Disney World.

Actually I was the one that needed the harness! I couldn't wait to see our boys faces as we headed across on the boat, and then to enter through the main gate. It was a day I will never forget and hopefully will have the opportunity to live again.

We made our way to as many rides as we could. We stood in line at Space Mountain for about 3 years, only to have it break down as we were making our way up the first



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big hill. They finally fixed it, but we had to ride with all the lights on in the building.

It wasn't supposed to be that way. The good news is they let us jump in the front of the line, they cut the lights and we were off. After our second ride the thing broke down for good and they shut it down for the day!

All us Rains boys are big Buzz Lightyear fans so when we saw the buzz ride we were ready to help blast to infinity and beyond and save the galaxy from the dreaded Emperor Zurg. Our mission was accomplished and you can be grateful for

our effort! Rest assured you have a friend in us.

Do you know what I like about that place – The Magic Kingdom? It is there because someone was willing to take a risk. They say that Walt Disney suffered some major setbacks when he started out, but he never quit taking a risk.

As I sit here and right this thinking about risks. My mind races through the pages of Scripture recalling all the stories that involve risk.

Stories like Moses crossing the Red Sea. Or what about Moses having the guts to go back to his people and lead them out of Egypt after being away for 40 years? Or Peter getting out of the boat to walk on water? Or Peter after denying Christ three times getting back on

the team and preaching the first message of Acts.

Here is the biggest one. What about God being willing to send His Son. Asking Him to leave the spender of heaven and come to a messed up earth to die on a cross?

Perhaps you find yourself reading this today, and you are facing a major decision. There are risks involved that are enormous. I can't tell you what to do, but I want to tell you where to step. Step towards Christ, with pure motives, and a heart that wants to please Him and you will win.

It is true risks are scary, but taking them isn't as dangerous as doing nothing. Don't be like Miss Ethel Jones, an elderly spinster, who lived in a small Midwestern community. Her claim to fame was she was the oldest living resident of the town.

One day she became sick and the next day died. It was big news

that the town's oldest resident died, and the newspaper editor wanted to honor her with a story about her life.

He began to research Ms. Jones only to begin to get discouraged. There was no information about her. No arrest records, no jail time. She was as clean as a whistle. That is okay, but at the same time, neither he nor anybody he talked to could think of anything noteworthy:

She made no contributions to the quality of life, served on no committees, and planted no trees in the park.

The editor got together with the tombstone proprietor and told him his dilemma he was having with not finding any information concerning Ethel Jones. The tombstone proprietor said he was having the same issue.

They tell us that if you pass through that little mid-western com-

munity and visit the local cemetery, you will find the following chiseled on a tombstone: Here lie the bones of Ethel Jones. For her, life held no terrors. She lived an old maid. She died an old maid. Not hits, no runs, no errors!

Funny? Yes, because it is a joke. But what if it weren't? What if someone lived a lifetime so carefully and quietly that no one remembered a single act – not even an attempt – that touched someone else?

Make your life count and step out of your comfort zone. God did, so can you. Besides, we took care of Zurg what else do you have to worry about?

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Does time seem to move too fast?

Psalm 90:10 says, "In themselves the days of our years are seventy years; and if because of special mightiness they are eighty years, yet their insistence is on trouble and hurtful things; for it must quickly pass by, and away we fly."

Do you ever feel like that? Many find time passing by too quickly, life too full of problems, the future too uncertain. There is even a saying: "The only two things in life that are certain are death and taxes."

The Bible assures us, though, that other things are certain, that we can find comfort even in the troubled world today and that we can look forward to a better future.

Romans 15:4 says, "For all the things that were written aforetime were written for our instruction, that through out endurance and through comfort from the Scriptures, we might have hope."

Jesus came to the earth to give comfort.

At Matthew 5:3, 4, he said, "Happy are those conscious of their spiritual need, since the kingdom of the heavens belongs to them. Happy are those who mourn, since they will be comforted."

In chapter 11, verse 28, he said, "Come to me, all you who are toiling and loaded down, and I will refresh you."

Jesus often said he came to do his Father's will, that what he spoke was not from himself but from the Father and said that those who knew him also knew the Father. He was imitating what he learned from his Father.

1 Corinthians 1:3, 4 says that includes offering comfort: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those in any sort of tribulation through the comfort with which we ourselves are being comforted by God."

A major act on their part to provide comfort is the sacrifice of Christ's life for our sins.

1 Peter 1:18-21 says, "For you know that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were delivered from your fruitless form of conduct received by tradition from your forefathers. But it was with precious blood, like

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that of an unblemished lamb, even Christ's. True, he was foreknown before the founding of the world, but he was made manifest at the end of the times for the sake of you who through him are believers in God, the one who raised him up from the dead and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God."

Psalm 37:9-11 tells us what our future can be: "For evildoers themselves will be cut off, but those hoping in God are the ones that will possess the earth. And just a little while longer, and the wicked one will not be. But the meek ones themselves will possess the earth, and they will indeed find their exquisite delight in the abundance of peace."

Acts 24:15 assures us that death won't keep us from that future: "and I have hope toward God, which hope these men themselves also entertain, that there is going to be a resurrection of both the righteous and the unrighteous."

1 Peter 5:6-9 tells us that action is required on our part: "Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; while you throw all your anxiety upon him, because he cares for you. Keep your senses, be watchful. Your adversary, the Devil, walks about like a roaring lion, seeking to devour someone. But take your stand against him, solid in the faith, knowing that the same things in the way of sufferings are being accomplished in the entire association of your brothers in the world."

We need to be humble, willing to study the Bible and learn from it, in order to gain everlasting life. We also have to take a firm stand against the Devil. But God assures us that we can throw our anxiety on Him, and He will help us.

Matthew 7:7 says, "Keep on asking, and it will be given you; keep on seeking, and you will find; keep on knocking, and it will be opened to you."

And with that comfort from Him and an accurate knowledge from the scriptures, we can comfort others.

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Wednesday: Evening Service: 7 p.m.

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