



THE DAY GOD SPARED

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Last summer our family vacationed by Table Rock Lake in Missouri, U.S.A. We were able to enjoy many boating activities as my in-laws and other family members owned two speed boats.

One evening, knowing we were running low on fuel, we asked the other boat to follow us home in case we did not make it to the dock. So, our whole family, (I, my husband and two daughters) but my son Bobby, were in the first boat. Bobby was in the second boat following us to the dock.

Before I go on with the story, I have to insert an important public announcement here Never allow another boat to follow directly behind you when you think you may be stopping, because from the back, they cannot see that you have halted. The boat, unlike a car will not continue rolling, it stops immediately and without warning.

Well, you guessed it, we went along and suddenly the boat failed after

having sped around 35 miles and hour. We chuckled about it for only a moment because to our shock, as we turned back, we saw the second boat heading directly for us. What made it worse was that my son Bobby, then 12 years old, was at the steering wheel for the first time. He was totally unaware of our situation, and his "supervisor" Grandpa was indeed standing behind him, however, his head was turned toward the back of his boat in conversation with the other passengers. In horror, we frantically waved and screamed at them to stop or pull away. As we tried, Grandma (who just had eye surgery two weeks before) noticed us and quickly notified her husband of the danger ahead. He then took control of the wheel and sharply turned it away. Although we saw this, the boat was so close that we all braced for the collision.

To our great surprise, God stepped in and spared us from any harm. Only water was violently splashed into our

boat. All of us on board sat silently stunned for what seemed like a long time, when my daughter broke out and yelled, "Bobby almost killed us! The whole family!" Although Bobby was not to blame, he still felt some guilt.

Bobby is a very sensitive boy. No child would be able to accept an accident like what could have happened easily, yet Bobby would have multiplied the agony and I doubt if he could bare to live with such a memory. Later on I realized what had happened and said to him, "Bobby, God spared our lives today,

He loves us. Yet, I believe he had an even stronger love for you today because he spared you the torture of bearing the responsibility for the rest of your life of being a part of so many deaths. You see, while we could have been in heaven, you would have had to stay living with this tragic scar."

As the days went by God spoke to me and asked me how many times my life had been spared. Well, I started

counting all the "close calls" I had since I was a child. However, he said, "No, I mean all the times I spared you from the same agony Bobby would have had to have." Well, I have never thought of that before.

I suddenly remembered a major one that I never thanked him for. That was the death of my father. Although I hated for it to happen, God took him away quickly and with little pain. In taking Dad home then, God had spared many of us from the torture of seeing a loved one suffer. I always thought He was relieving Dad of the discomfort, but had failed to acknowledge God's love toward me as well.

So, the next time something happens to those around me, I will stop and thank God for sparing me, His love is ever faithful and endless. Although He knows we will never be aware of all his love toward us, he still continues to cradle us with his care.

Have you been spared recently? 

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