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There's something very special about mountains, and I've been fascinated by them since childhood. I used to look at pictures, and dream of actually seeing one. When our neighbors said they were going to the Smokey Mountains for vacation, I looked it up. Those weren't mountains; they were just big hills!

My first glimpse of an actual mountain took place during spring break my freshman year at Lincoln. A couple of friends and I were heading to California in a Pontiac convertible when we spotted our first mountain in New Mexico. We decided to drive to it, and followed a gravel road until stopped by a fence. It looked like it was just a short ways off, so we climbed the fence and started walking. We never got to it! They're even bigger than I thought!

Marilyn and I have been to the mountains many times, both with and without the kids. She never liked driving mountain roads in a van, but loved it on a motorcycle, and wasn't afraid. She could always see the edge of the road.

My Hunley grandkids had seen the mountains of Disney World several times, but had never seen the real thing. With Grace heading off to college, I figured this would be my last chance to get them there. In spite of a tornado that almost altered our plans, we packed eight people in a minivan and headed to Colorado for a week of high country adventure.

The day we spent driving rocky trails in Jeeps was over the top...literally! We danced on the edge with mountain goats! But as much fun as that was, the highlight for me was when Grace looked at the mountains and said she had never seen anything so amazing. Indeed, there is something very special about mountains.

The Bible mentions them almost five hundred times. When God spoke to Moses He did so on a mountain top. And I can relate to the Psalmist when he said, "I will lift up my eyes to the mountains; from whence shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth."

As amazing as the mountains are, I can't wait to see heaven! God Bless, Rick



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FATHERLY ADVICE TO THOSE HEADING OFF TO COLLEGE

A communion meditation by Paul Hunley

As most of you know, Grace is heading off to college tomorrow, and due to her very active schedule I haven't got too much of a chance to give her some fatherly advice. So I thought I would seize this opportunity right now. I figure she is wide awake after Grandpa's sermon, so this is a great time. So here goes. I have titled it "Life Advice From Your Earthly Dad and Heavenly Father."

1. I Corinthians 6:19-20 "Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body."
2. Don't skip class.
3. Acts 2:42 "And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, the breaking of bread and to prayer." Do church, find a body of believers who care like a family. You have had a great example of this growing up.
4. Call your mom and dad. We will love to hear your voice.
5. Mark 1:16-19 "And as He was going along by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew, the brother of Simon, casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.' And they immediately left their nets and followed Him. And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were also in the boat mending nets. And immediately He called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went away to follow Him." These friends had the same beliefs. These were also friends who would die for the truth. Pick your friends wisely.
6. Nothing good happens after midnight.
7. Matthew 5:13-14 and 16 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how will it be made salty again? It is good for nothing anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." Grace, there is no doubt in my mind that God has a plan for you at ISU. You are being placed at a university that needs to see the light of God, and I have full confidence that you will let it shine. Stay focused on the truth and the foundation that you believe in. I know it will not always be easy, but your reward will be great. Now, unlike Jesus with Zacchaeus, if a man is staring at you from a tree do not invite yourself to his house to stay. Witness in any other method.

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Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM
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STATISTICS

Worship Offering	7/12	94
		\$6,731.65
Worship Offering	7/19	73
		\$4,845.16
Worship Offering	7/26	84
		\$3,440.16
Worship Offering	8/2	53
		\$3,031.00
Worship Offering	8/9	58
		\$9,114.35

UNTIL THINGS CHANGE THIS WILL BE OUR PRACTICE ON SUNDAY MORNING

ONLY THE WORSHIP SERVICE
WILL BE OFFERED

CHILDREN ARE TO REMAIN WITH PARENTS
AT ALL TIMES

THERE WILL BE NO NURSERY

ALL ARE WELCOME
BUT NO ONE AT HIGH RISK
SHOULD COME

THE USE OF MASKS IS
ENCOURAGED

ALL DOORS WILL BE LEFT OPEN
FOR AIR CIRCULATION AND
ENTERING AND EXITING

VISITING SHOULD BE LIMITED
TO THE PARKING LOT

THE SERVICE WILL BE
LIVE-STREAMED AT 9:15

THE RECORDED SERVICE WILL BE
AVAILABLE AFTER THE LIVE SERVICE

PARKING LOT PROJECT

We are now in the process of looking into resurfacing and repairing our parking lot with the funds on hand. Please pray for guidance as we seek to be the best stewards possible.

ADVICE CONTINUED

- Don't walk at night alone, find a friend to be by your side.
- Your body is the temple of God. Woops, how did that get in there again?
- Matthew 21:21-22 "Jesus replied, 'I will tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, "Go throw yourself into the sea," and it will be done. And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.'" Don't ever underestimate the power of prayer. Your heavenly Father is always there and always listening. Talk to Him as a friend, and ask with His will in mind when you are asking. He is a comforter, healer and a protector.

Grace, I know these are some very lofty goals and standards none of which I doubt that you can do, but always remember that your father, mother and heavenly Father will always love you no matter what. And not only will we always love, but we will always sacrifice for you. And we will always forgive. Nikki and I have loved and sacrificed and forgave a lot along the way while you were growing up, but none of that compares to the love, sacrifice and forgiveness that Christ has done for you.

You are holding in your hands a love that is deeper than we can even imagine. You are holding in your hands emblems that represent the greatest sacrifice. You are holding in your hands emblems that represent the greatest sacrifice. You are holding in your hands Christ's blood and body which wiped away your sins to be totally forgiven and your slate made clean. A Father who sent His Son, who died for you, that is His gift.

Grace, we love you. Let your light shine as your wings spread, but never forget Christ loves you more.

Let Us Pray For...

—Jack Ruebush in intensive care after surgery to reduce pressure on his brain.



Theo is very excited about the 2012 Toyota Noah with only 31,000 miles on it that he was able to purchase with the funds we sent to him. He said people will now ride with him, because they know he will be able to get them home.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to several guys who have been working around the church lately. Casey Blakley researched and then ordered for us much needed new sound equipment, and has been crawling over, around, and through the building ever since. Cory Moore checked out several options after our main water heater broke down, and has now installed a new water heater for the bathrooms. Dave Bales repaired and refinished the benches in the playground.

Thank you guys for all the work you do for the Lord, and for all of us.



I miss our Sunday School interaction. It is an important part of our learning and growing process. That was surely evident when I met with Kate Sperry last week.

Kate really enjoyed an apologetic book we discussed in Sunday School last year titled *Seven Reasons Why You Can Trust the Bible*. Being able to defend your faith makes it your own and leads to a stronger, deeper walk with Christ. Kate is currently putting what she learned to the test. She has been witnessing to a young Muslim individual over the internet for the past couple months. He is questioning the core teachings of Christianity, but Kate is standing firm not on blind faith, but on informed faith. Her journey in establishing firm, sound, logical reasons for believing in the divinity of Jesus and His resurrection has led her towards the idea of posting some apologetic videos for those in similar situations.

Kate has outlined a variety of apologetic points to prove the resurrection of Jesus such as enemy attestation (the Jewish leadership admitted the tomb was empty), the conversion of skeptics after the resurrection like the Apostle Paul or Jesus' brother James and the early creed of the church which centered around the resurrection (legends take awhile to develop).

That is just the beginning! Kate wants to cover the overall credibility of the Bible by touching on key points addressing translations and source material. The Dead Sea Scrolls, for example, showed the accuracy of current translations and brought us 1,000 years closer to original source material.

Please pray for Kate on her apologetic adventure!