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FAITH---Father Always In Thy Hands

Growing up in a small town in southern Georgia it was always God, Country, and SEC Football. In that order. On Sunday mornings the streets and sidewalks had little activity. Most folks were in church.

My mother was my inspiration in my faith early in my childhood. Her faith inspired me to want to learn more. Faith was her anchor in any storm that came our way. Gratitude in all things she would say. Proverbs 22:6—*Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will never depart from it.*

When I moved to Michigan away from my family and familiar surroundings I took a leap of faith. Matthew 14:29-31 resonated with me. Jesus tells Peter to come to him on the water, and Peter initially walks on the water. However, when he sees the wind he becomes afraid and sinks. Jesus rescues him and tells him of his lack of faith. Stepping out of the boat with faith, think about Peter walking on the water. His willingness to step out of the boat and trust Jesus led to a miraculous experience that strengthened his faith.

This story is a metaphor for taking a leap of faith. It's about trusting God to take you through a difficult situation, even when you don't know how it will work out. When we step out of our comfort zone, we step into Gods calling for our lives. Wherever our life journey takes us, we will be called to step out in faith and fulfill a special calling.

We moved here from Virginia in April 2018 after Fred retired from 22 years in the Navy. Me, I wasn't sure if I was ready to retire and wanted to be involved in our new community. It has been 7 years of delivering meals to seniors and spending my Tuesdays at BACN. God has changed us in ways we would not have known. Our move to Benzie County is exactly where we are supposed to be; an experience that has strengthened our faith.

Hebrews 11:1 *Now faith is confidence of what we hope for and the assurance about what we do not see.*

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