

Chaplains' Corner
On the Road to Discover Whether There is
More To Life Than Going Around in Circles

Slow and Steady Does the Trick

Hello from Grand Teton National Park [just south of Yellowstone National Park] in the great state of Wyoming! We spent our Labor Day weekend here basking below two-mile high Mt. Moran. The mountain is so high it still has a glacier. We got as close as we could to Skillet Glacier when we kayaked around Leigh Lake, a lovely small body of water fed from glacial run-off. While we were in Canada a few weeks ago we got to ride out on top of the largest glacier on this continent. We even stood out on the glacial ice.

What makes a glacier a glacier rather than just extra deep snow pack? Glaciers move. The pressure of all that ice actually melts the lowest layers. So the whole thing, which can be hundreds of feet deep, actually floats along on a thin layer of water. As the glacier moves it carries boulders and all sorts of debris along with it. When the ice melts the boulders are dropped along the way. And the debris collects in big piles. So, this pile of slow but steadily moving ice has the power to carve out mountains and reshape valleys.

What do glaciers have in common with winning races?

Very seldom does the racer who is way out front in the first lap go on to win the race. He usually manages to find a way to get into trouble somewhere along the way. The wise driver bides his time while planning every move so as to stay clear of trouble while keeping a close eye on the leader. That is the one who more often than not ends up on victory lane.

Way back when East Bay Raceway first opened, one of our Florida racers who had become a big super star up north during the summer season came out to race with us local boys during the winter. Did I ever want to show that guy how good I was! I couldn't even wait until the races got underway.

During hot laps I realized I was running right outside him. I thought I could get around the track as fast as he could, maybe even pass him. He probably knew what I was up to. We sped along side by side for several laps when a bolt vibrated out of my carburetor and stuck in the intake manifold holding it wide open. When I tried to back off going into the third corner nothing slowed down. I smacked that wall so hard they cut the car apart to get me out.

My impatience almost killed me that night. Maybe with a little better preparation and a lot more patience I could have saved my charge for the race. Hey, I might have beaten the guy!-Natz

As the apostle Paul came to the end of many full years of service to the Lord Jesus he wrote to his young friend and fellow minister: **“I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord...will award to me...”** [2 Timothy 4:7]

Here is a man who knows that slow but steady is what completes a life of faith. Here is a man who understands that faithfulness is more than wishful thinking. He has lived in deprivation and endured hardship but he stayed the course. He never flinched in adversity. Paul was a mighty man unafraid to keep on keeping on no matter what came his way. Wow, what a giant of faith.

We all do well to live our lives in a manner that will assure us that we will be there at the end, having loved God and accepted his Son as our Savior.

We wish Steve Sherwood and his sweetheart the very best as they embark on the road of marriage this week end. Thanks for filling in as our chaplain, Steve. Give Darlene Korte and Jill Marie big smiles of thanks from us for taking on Kids Club this month.

See you in a few weeks,

Your Chaplains Natz & Elana Peters