

Grandma's BLOG

My dear grandson, sometimes it seems we live in different worlds: You relax by hanging out with your friends from school and from your culturally-diverse neighborhood. My way to rest, however, is working a crossword puzzle while eating a bowl of popcorn and watching "Jeopardy" on TV.

Actually, your comfort zone is better than mine. I sit alone at home, while you are out in the world, with more God-provided opportunities to witness His love to others.

I have a plaque that says, "A boat is safe in the harbor, but is that why boats are built?" Boats need to spend some time in the harbor for maintenance and repair, but they serve their purpose only when they are out in the water, working as their maker designed them.

Think for a moment about Jesus' comfort zone. As He prayed in the garden before dying on the cross for us, He asked His Father to remove that cup from Him; then He said, "Yet not as I will, but as You will." Jesus willingly stepped out of His comfort zone to save us from eternal death.

I need to learn the lesson that you, and Jesus, are trying to teach me. Get out into the world. Talk to people — people who may not be Christians. Develop friendships that provide opportunities to share Jesus' love. Talk and walk the faith.

Does your school still need volunteers to help with ESL classes on Saturday mornings? I'd love to come and be part of that!

And, just like I give you a nudge once in a while to keep you on the right track, would you occasionally give your old Grandma a nudge to keep me out in the world?

[I]f only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace (Acts 20:24b).

