

Facing Life's Fears Head On

This past weekend many of the men went to the men's conference at Pine Cove. We were able to relax and enjoy the beautiful outdoors, worship together, spend quality time in fellowship with one another and most of all, we came away being spiritually reenergized.

On Saturday afternoon, we had a few hours of free time to do whatever we wanted to do and I did something amazing. My words won't adequately describe this experience, but this is what happened.

I slowly climbed up a 30 foot telephone pole. On top of the pole was a small platform, barely big enough to kneel on. Of course even getting onto the platform was a little intense, but I made it. Once on the platform, fear began to flood my mind. The distraction of being so high up in the air with nothing to hold on to, made the next step very difficult—stand up. As the pole ever so slightly swayed, I managed to get one foot beneath me, then finally the other. As I looked around at the tree tops, my legs began to shake and I was overwhelmed with fear and wondered why I chose to do this little exercise. The point of this activity was to stand, jump out and grab a bar seven feet away (trust me, it looked much farther than seven feet). The guy on the ground told me he would count to three and yell "jump" and I was supposed to jump. I told him, "Nope, not yet." He assured me to take my time and that I could jump when I was ready. The shaking never stopped and as I stood petrified thirty feet in the air, I finally yelled, "I am ready", I counted to three and jumped. My outreached hands grabbed the bar, but I couldn't hold on. As I fell, the cable attached to my harness quickly became tight and I floated in the air as they lowered me down.

What a rush! Even though I couldn't hold on, I felt like I truly accomplished something big.

We all face fears from time to time. Fears in relationships, fears in the trials of life, even fears in sharing Christ with a friend. While those fears are very real, they can be overcome! Christ is not only our encourager, He is our harness. We can be comforted in knowing that He never forces us to make that jump and most importantly, if we slip and fall, we have the assurance that He catches us.

Saturday afternoon, I had a choice. To jump and experience a feeling I will never forget, or climb back down the pole and walk away. In your life, I want to urge you to step out on faith in whatever circumstances you are facing, knowing that you can fully trust Him because He loves you and will never let you down.

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BBC Family Update

- Praise the Lord for a very successful men's retreat. We had 22 men in our group attend this year's conference with Pete Briscoe. It was a spiritually refreshing weekend for all of us. Special thanks to Bill Bailey for leading worship and Paul Rushing for bringing the message.
- GraceLife Ministries—Pray for Charlie Bing as he leaves this Friday for the Philippines. He will be teaching for two weeks at the Word of Life Bible Institute.
- Pray for the Women's Retreat in Pine Cove February 24-26. Pray that the Lord will work mightily in them and that they would each experience spiritual refreshment.

February 24-26th, 2012
Womens
RETREAT

CHILI COOK-OFF & SUPER BOWL PARTY

- 3:30—Flag football game
- 3:45—bring you chili
- 4:00—judging begins
- 5:00—party!



BRING BOARD
GAMES



BRING
DESSERTS

Winners will be announced at halftime!

PLEASE submit newsletter items to the church office no later than Monday, February 27th.

Evening of Prayer



February 6th at 7:00pm

Aluminum Recycling Program



Remember to drop your empty cans in the recycling bins at church and bring your cans from home too! All proceeds go to support the Burlson Pregnancy Aid Center!

Youth Group

Youth Leadership Fellowship—February 12, 2012



Feb. 5th
3:30pm
Flag
Football
Game

YOUTH
vs.
EVERYONE
ELSE

See Rick Bartmas or Karen Jones for more details.