

A Life of Service

Have you ever thought of your life as like being on a seagoing vessel?

Max Lucado, one of my favorite writers, makes the analogy in his book *Grace for the Moment*. Lucado is the author of 100 books with 100 million copies across 54 languages in print. Here is what he had to say about a life of service:

God has enlisted us in His navy and placed us on His ship. The boat has one purpose – to carry us safely to the other shore.

This is no cruise ship; it's a battleship. We aren't called to a life of leisure; we are called to a life of service. Each of us has a different task. Some, concerned with those who are drowning, are snatching people from the water.

Others are occupied with the enemy, so they man the cannons of prayer and worship. Still others devote themselves to the crew, feeding and training the crew members.

Though different, we are the same. Each can tell of a personal encounter with the Captain, for each has received a personal call.

We each followed Him across the gangplank of His grace onto the same boat. There is one Captain and one destination. Though the battle is fierce, the boat is safe, for our captain is God. The ship will not sink. For that, there is no concern.

I like Lucado's picture of a life of service. It is the mission we in Life Care and Century Park are called to do. We signed on to serve God by serving others. We, too, have been given differing responsibilities to meet the needs of those we encounter.

And I am glad we are all in this together.

We are many, but in Christ we are all one body. Each one is a part of that body (Romans 12:5 NCV).

– Beecher Hunter