

Abbreviated Journey

Months and months had been spent in final preparation for the journey, and what an adventure it promised to be. The small sailboat had been checked and re-checked. The sails were new and tested. A map and compass were in the hands of the able seaman, Captain Lang Smith. The long-awaited day had arrived.

Smith cast off from the pier in his seaworthy vessel 25 miles south of North Vancouver, British Columbia. His goal: To sail around the world, a trip of 50,000 miles. The estimated time for the venture was 2 ½ years.

Nothing, it seemed, could stop Smith now. He was on his way to adventure and new and wonderful experiences. But, alas, the unforeseen and unexpected happened. About 55 miles out, he hit a submerged log near the east end of Vancouver Island and was forced to call off his quest.

Life is much like Smith's abbreviated journey. People tend to make great plans and boast of extraordinary feats and victories that await them on the horizon of tomorrow, only to find disappointment and heartbreak.

It is good to have dreams and project a vision for the future, but Scripture warns us to be careful not to boast of tomorrow. Rather, let us apply our hearts and our skills to the work of today. As we go through the calling we have in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home, let's make every day count – for our residents, for our associates, for ourselves and for God.

After all, we have no assurance of how long our journey upon this earth will be.

--Beecher Hunter