

FISHING WITH FATHER

James Boswell (1740 – 1795) was a lawyer, diarist and author, best known for his biography of Samuel Johnson (1709 – 1784), English poet, essayist and critic.

It is said of Boswell that he often referred to a special day in his childhood when his father took him fishing. The day was fixed in his adult mind, and he often reflected upon many of the things his father had taught him in the course of their fishing experience together.

After having heard of that particular excursion so often, it occurred to someone much later to check the journal that Boswell's father kept and determine what had been written about the fishing trip from the parental perspective.

Turning to that date, the reader found only one sentence entered: "Gone fishing today with my son; a day wasted."



The incident is a reminder to those of us as parents about the value of time spent with our children. But it is also a lesson to us as leaders in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home. Our associates look to us for instruction, discipline (which can mean order, respect, authority), example, and, often, just to hear what they have to say.

Time spent with them can be a far greater investment than we can ever imagine.

– Beecher Hunter