

Lost on a Jet Ski

The *Chicago Tribune* reported that on Father's Day 1997, Ricardo Enamorado set out on a jet ski from Chicago's Wilson Avenue boat ramp and headed north along the shoreline of Lake Michigan. After traveling several miles north, at about 3 p.m., he turned around to go back south when the engine on the jet ski suddenly quit.

Unable to restart it, he floated along nonchalantly, expecting help to come quickly on the busy waters off Chicago. Gradually, though, the wind and waves pushed Enamorado farther and farther from shore, and help did not come. By dusk, he was frantic. Dressed only in cutoffs, tennis shoes and a life preserver, he spent the night on the chilly waters of the lake.

The next day, Coast Guard helicopters and a Chicago fire department chopper equipped with special radar began searching for the lost man. By the end of the day, they still had not found him, and Enamorado, hungry and sunburned, spent another night on the dark waters of Lake Michigan.

Finally, the next morning, one of the search-and-rescue teams spotted a flash of light. Enamorado was signaling in the search team's direction with a mirror. The nearly two-day ordeal was over at last.

A loss of power can be more dangerous than we realize. The Christian understands that his or her power comes from God, and His reservoir is never depleted.

In the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles, and in the work of Life Care at Home, we draw power from one another as we love, encourage and motivate - - as well as understand -- each other. Empower those around you today.

--Beecher Hunter