

The Boss May Come

Sir Ernest Henry Shackleton (1874 – 1922), was a polar explorer who led three British expeditions to the Antarctic, and one of the principal figures of the period known as the Heroic Age of Antarctic Exploration.

While on one of his expeditions to the Antarctic, Shackleton was once compelled to leave some of his men on Elephant Island, with the intention of returning for them and carrying them back to England. But he was unavoidably delayed, and by the time he could go for them, he found to his dismay that the sea had frozen over and his men were cut off.

Three times he tried to reach them, but his efforts ended in failure. Finally, in his last effort, he found a narrow channel through the ice.

Guiding his small ship back to the island, he was delighted to find his men not only alive and well, but all prepared to get aboard. They were soon on their way to safety and home.

After the excitement ended, Shackleton inquired how it was that they were ready to get aboard so promptly. They told him that every morning, their leader rolled up his sleeping bag, saying, “Get your things ready, boys, the boss may come today.”

The lesson? Preparedness.

In the work of Life Care and Century Pak, preparedness is extremely important, and not just in the clinical protocols, treatment and services available for our patients and residents. What about ...

- The landscaping – well-defined to include colorful plants and flowers in season; no trash on the grounds?
- The flag, parking lot and the sign in good repair and representative of your service?
- The interior of the building featuring bright, shiny floors, walls with well-appointed wallpaper or paint and ceilings free from any sign of leakage?
- Halls free from clutter and odors controlled, with no posters, signage or memos tacked or taped to the wall?
- Hospitality evident in the voices and body language of all associates who are encountered?
- Telephones answered with happy voices and a helpful attitude?

Without question, we should be ready, for the “boss” may come today. And the boss, as defined by our chairman, Forrest L. Preston, is the customer.

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In the spiritual realm, the King is coming, and we'd better be prepared.

The Apostle Paul tells us: "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 ESV).

How do we prepare? By faith in Christ, trusting Him as our Lord and Savior. Eternal life is the reward.

And while we wait, we love and serve others. It's the mission in which we are engaged.

– Beecher Hunter