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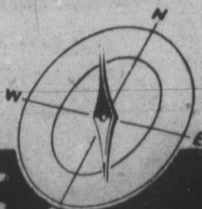
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Remember the little boy... the cat? The cat was on top of the house and the boy was afraid to climb. Heaven is something that we all want, the cat was what the boy wanted. The cat was up on top of the house, heaven is UP too and if we want heaven we must "climb." If you are afraid to climb you won't get there.

The boy sat under the big walnut tree thinking. Maybe if he put a ladder up against the house the cat would come down it and he wouldn't need to climb after all. So away he went to the tool house, running as fast as he could. After some effort he got the ladder out of the tool house. And after MUCH effort he got the ladder up against the house and began calling the cat. But the cat seemed confused and afraid of the ladder and began backing away. Now, there was nothing left for him to do but climb up there and help the cat down.

The first step was hard but he closed his eyes and began. BEGINNING is the hard part. Starting is the first step toward heaven. Each step became easier and after he had reached the top he found that he could have taken even more steps if they had been there.

Now, we need to back up and explain the spiritual meaning of this story. We can leave the boy on top of the house for awhile.

The boy did NOT build the ladder, someone else made it. We do not build a way to heaven. Jesus has already done that. He has made a way, all we need to do is find the ladder and place it in the direction that we want to go and start climbing. Remember the

ladder can be used to go DOWN as well as to go UP. It requires an effort to go in either direction. Our own effort will place the ladder in the direction that WE want to go. Notice also, it requires a small amount of effort to find the ladder and a great amount of effort to put it up.

After you get the ladder up or after you get saved you must start to climb or grow in grace and in spirit. We do NOT receive any honor by just placing the ladder up in a certain position and never climb it.

This boy had the energy to climb but if he had never started he would have LOST

his ability to do so because he would have convinced himself that he COULD NOT DO IT. If we find ourselves putting off things to do we find that they become harder and harder as we stand and look at them. If we have a talent we can use for Jesus we should do everything that we can to exercise that ability. WE CAN ALWAYS GO A ROUND HIGHER. We must remember that man's ladders are different from God's. Man's extend to a certain length but God's go on indefinitely. If we take a MILLION steps per day we will find that we can take a million the next day.

The thought for this week is: Problems that look as big as a mountain will prove to be only Mole-hills if we go at them armed with courage and the grace of God.

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