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Tuesday, February 25, 2020

### Keep your eyes on the Keeper

Dear Pastor,

In August of 2019 my wife and I rode our motorcycle around Lake Superior. It was an amazing trip. Near the end of the trip we visited the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum at Whitefish Point north of Paradise, Michigan (the northeast part of the UP).

One of the displays was a “surfboat” that was used to rescue victims of shipwrecks or others from the heavy waves that Lake Superior is known for. Here is what the sign in front of the rescue boat says:

“The Beebe McClellan surfboat was the star of U.S. Life Saving Service. Light weight and responsive, it was the ideal boat for approaching stranded vessels in heavy seas. Rowed by 6 to 8 oarsmen with 12-foot sweep oars, the Keeper or Coxswain stood at the stern firmly gripping a 16-foot steering oar. **With their backs to the dangers lurking ahead, surfmen kept their eyes continually upon the keeper, to ply their oars in obedience to his every command.**” (Emphasis mine. The picture with this article is a picture of the rescue surfboat).

I was amazed by the statement about “the Keeper.”

We have a “Keeper.” His name is Jesus. He is in control of the “boats” of our lives. We can’t see where our lives are headed, but He sees what is coming. He calls us to keep our eyes on Him and obey His every command. And unlike human keepers, we can trust Him fully when the waves of life are crashing around us.

I don’t know what is happening in your life or ministry this week. But if it involves crashing waves, I just want to encourage you to keep your eyes on the Keeper. He knows what is happening and what is coming next. His hand has a firm grip on the steering oar of your life. He won’t let you go, and He won’t let you go through more than you can handle by His grace and mercy (I Cor. 10:13). Keep your eyes on Him, “casting all your care on Him, for He cares for you” (I Pet. 5:7).

In Christ,

Dave Lingle  
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PS: If you are in the greater Milwaukee area, please be sure to sign up for “The Gospel and Sexuality,” a workshop on **Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, presented by The Brushfires Foundation and hosted by Wisconsin Family Council. Register and get more details [HERE](#).

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If you are in the greater Appleton area, please join us for our community event on **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, from 6-8 p.m. at the Appleton Machine Shed. Register and get more details [HERE](#).