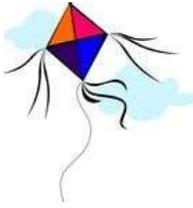


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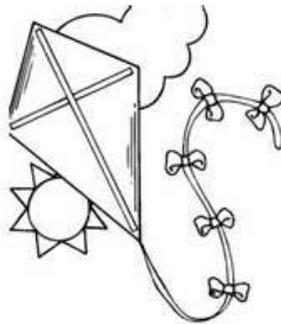
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Go Fly A Kite

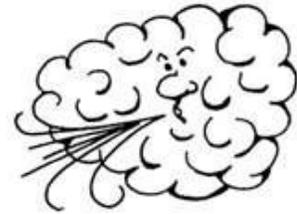
by Karen Renfro

Has anyone ever made this suggestion to you? If so, I'm sure you weren't encouraged by it but possibly even a bit offended. I'd like you to consider with me the possibilities of some spiritual lessons that can be learned from flying a kite.

My first observation about kite flying is that it is simple. A child can do it. It takes a simple belief that it can be done. It also takes persistence and a willingness to risk failure. When people brought their children to Jesus for His blessing, the disciples tried to keep them back. Jesus reminded his disciples that they needed to become as children spiritually in order to receive His kingdom. (Luke 18:15-17) Sometimes we "mature" to the point where we forget the simple awe of being touched by Jesus.

Secondly, I observe that in order to fly a kite I need the wind. Throughout scripture the Holy Spirit is depicted in the wind from Nicodemus' conversation with Jesus about salvation (John 3:5-8) to the virtual outpouring upon the disciples on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4).

Jesus had promised the Holy Spirit would come and that He would be their permanent, indwelling teacher. To get a kite off the ground and keep it in the air, I must have wind. I must also work with the wind. I cannot control the wind. Likewise if I will yield to the leading of the Holy Spirit in my life as He directs me through His Word, I can soar like the kite.



The last thought I'd like to address is found in the construction of the kite.

The obvious structure is based around the cross.

A quote from a recent Bible study by Daniel Henderson stated that "the most difficult thing about the Christian life is that it is so daily." Jesus told His disciples that it would be a daily choice to deny themselves, pick up the cross and follow Him.

Luke 9:23-25) If I choose to fly a kite, I am taking the risk that it may get torn or broken, but if I never fly it, how can it fulfill the purpose for which it was created?

This goes along with the theme my husband has adopted for the year to thrive not just survive. I could keep my kite in perfect condition by never taking it out into the wind, but I would miss the joy of seeing it soaring higher and higher. There certainly will be "ups and downs" but may I encourage you to "go fly your kite!"

RECOMMENDED RESOURCE:

Transforming Prayer: How Everything Changes When You Seek God's Face

by Daniel Henderson

Bethany House Publishers



GUEST SCHEDULE

MARCH

- 1-3: Individual
- 3: His Way Board Meeting
- 5-6: Women's Group
- 5-12: Couple
- 16-18: Ladies Ministry Retreat
- 23-25: Couple
- 24: Day Group

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- 6-8: Family
- 13: Day Group
- 14-15: Family
- 19-20: Ladies' Group Retreat
- 22-25: Family
- 27-28: Ladies' Group Retreat

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