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“It’s not the water outside the boat that sinks it,
but the water within.”

When I first heard that quote, all I could think about was *that* was why Christian education is so important. The Bible tells us that we are to be in this world, but not of it ~ and that is what we want for our children. But how do we do it? How do we keep the water out of the boat?

I believe that Nancy Leigh DeMoss said it best: God never intended that you and I should know evil by experiencing it ourselves. His desire is that we should be ‘wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil’ - Romans 16:19. But Satan says, “You need to taste for yourself.” He says to parents, “our children need to taste for themselves. If you shelter them from the ‘real world,’ they will never be able to fit in and survive in it.” The truth is, our task is not to rear children who can “fit in” or merely “survive” in this world. The challenge of every Christian parent is to bring up children who love God with all their hearts, souls, minds, and strength; who have a vibrant, personal relationship with the Lord Jesus; and whose lives will be bright and shining lights, penetrating the darkness around them. Christian parents ought to be seeking to raise up not just “good” children, but children who enthusiastically embrace the truth, children who love righteousness and hate evil, children who will be used by God to *change* this world.

In other words, we need to raise our children to have as little water in their boats as possible.

So how do you keep the water out your child’s boat? The Bible tells us “to train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” - Proverbs 22:6. The home is the primary force in that training process. But that training is also supplemented by the church and by CHA. I have such a strong belief that Christian education is part of the process of helping to “keep the boat dry”, that my only child, Kristy, only attended Christian schools. She started at kindergarten, where I was her first teacher, and just graduated from a Christian college in May.

As we start this new school year together, let us make it our goal to keep the water out of the boat!

In Christ,

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