



***“Adventure Begins”***  
***Seize the Opportunity***  
***Part 2***

*“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”*

*Ephesians 5:15- 16*

*“My own experience is something like this. I am progressing along the path of life in my ordinary contentedly fallen and godless condition, absorbed in a merry meeting with my friends for the morrow or a bit of work that tickles my vanity, when suddenly a stab of abdominal pain that threatens serious disease, or headline in the newspapers that threatens us all with destruction, sends this whole pack of cards tumbling down.*”

*At first I am overwhelmed, and all my little happinesses look like broken toys. Then, slowly and reluctantly, bit by bit, I try to bring myself into the frame of mind that I should be in at all times.*

*And perhaps, by God's grace, I succeed, and for a day or two become a creature consciously dependent on God and drawing its strength from the right sources.*

*“The Problem Of Pain” by C.S. Lewis*

***But the moment the threat is withdrawn ...***

*“but the moment the threat is withdrawn, my whole nature leaps back to the toys. God has had me for but 48 hours and then only by dint of taking everything else away from me. Let him sheathe that sword for a moment*

*Be very careful then – how you live as wise making the most of every opportunity. ) And I behave like a puppy when the hated the bath is over. I shake myself as dry as I can and race off to reacquire my comfortable dirtiness, if not in the nearest manure heap, at least in the nearest flower bed.”*

*C.S. Lewis ‘The Problem of Pain’*

*What have you learned financially?*

***“Like a city whose walls are broken through is a person who lacks self-control.”***

***Proverbs 25:28***



*Lack of self-control leads to a loss of control*

*What have you learned relationally?*

*What have you learned personally?*