



I am a country boy. I grew up in a little town called Flat Rock, Alabama. The closest thing to this picture in Flat Rock is the four way stop. The High School I went to (Pisgah) was much larger though, we had 79 students graduate in my class. I guess I have lived most of my life in very small towns. As I planned for my trip to New York City, I was a little apprehensive, fearful and excited all at the same time. The thought of going to NYC for a few days could have been paralyzing if I had focused only on the negative things some people say.

This photo was taken from my hotel room last Monday evening about 5 o'clock, as I came to get some warmer clothing for that night's adventures. It was such a beautiful view looking across the New York Harbor at the Jersey City skyline. If I had a wider lens, you would have been able to see the Statue of Liberty to the left of the red clock in the water. (You will just have to use your imagination) I was truly blessed to have such a terrific "night light" to go to sleep by.

The text on this photo came from Helen Keller, where she said, "Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing." I love that statement. I believe that is a great way to live your life; as an adventure. Some people only seek safety, afraid to take a risk, never leaving their comfort zone and never follow their God given dreams and impulses. Let us realize that the adventurous life is not one exempt from fear, but on the contrary one that is lived in full knowledge of fears of all kinds, one in which we go forward in spite of our fears.

Why don't we step out in faith and live our lives today? Faith is the daring of the soul to go farther than it can see. Dare to live out your dreams today. Meet this day with courage, boldness and a willingness to take a risk. Don't let fear of failure hold you back. Fortune sides with him who dares and glory comes from daring to begin. So, what have you always wanted to do? What are you waiting on? You can do it. What have you got to lose?

Something to think about:

- ❖ I simply believe that there is a mystery of the ordinary, that the commonplace is full of wonder, and that this life is different from what we think it is. It is infinitely more subtle, more powerful, more dangerous, more magnificent, more exciting, more humorous, more delicious, more adventurous, more involved, and more troublesome than most of us think.
- ❖ If you approach each new person in a spirit of adventure, you will find yourself endlessly fascinated by the new channels of thought and experience and personality that you encounter.
- ❖ If you would seek a life of great adventure, go outside your door and act like a Christian.
- ❖ Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear, not absence of fear.
- ❖ Why not go out on a limb? Isn't that where the fruit is?

The country boy from Flat Rock
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