

Principles For Life

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The Call Outdoors

Keep Focused

Hunting is not just a sport for The Call Outdoors; it's a way of life. Ever since high school when I got involved in hunting I have been obsessed with the challenge of the hunt. I am always observing game and studying different techniques to improve in the sport of hunting. I sometimes practice calling for hours in a day just so I can sound more like the bird I am hunting. It's easy to say I am obsessed with hunting!

Last week, Jeff Murphy and I were headed to New York to hunt some ducks. We stopped along the way to get a free meal off my dad and the pizza was great!! While sitting at the dinner table, my dad wisely reminded us to keep a ministry focus. Murphy and I both thought about that statement and took it to heart.

I have been challenged by a couple of things the past week and thought I would share them. First, I need to put more effort in preparing my mind in the Word of God. I need to be prepared for evangelism. I need to put much more effort in studying Scripture than I do studying the latest tactic in hunting waterfowl. Secondly, I was challenged by my dad to not get caught up in a good thing (hunting) and lose sight of the ministry focus I should have. Sometimes good things can grab your mind and lead you away from what is most important.

This Familiar passage has been on my mind this week.

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20) NKJ

Keep focused on this Great Commission and avoid getting sidetracked!

