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Trip around the Sun: Part Six  
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1. Adam mentioned not having a strong father figure and that he has looked to God as his father. Some with absent or angry or abusive fathers often find the concept of God as father difficult to grasp.

\*What are the difficulties associated with a “father-wound”?

\*In what ways did your father resemble God, our “Father in heaven.”

2. Adam also mentioned hiking to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back in one day, which was problematic to say the least. What is the dumbest thing you have undertaken?

3. In I Samuel 9:16, God tells the prophet Samuel that he has heard the Israelites’ cry out about the torment of the Philistines and that he is to anoint Saul the leader to deliver them from the Philistines. In Samuel 13, King Saul chose 3,000 men to go with him and his son Jonathan to attack a Philistine outpost.

\*Read I Samuel 13:5-7 and describe what happened as a result.

4. In I Samuel 10:8, after Saul has been made King, Samuel tells him to go to Gilgal and wait seven days for the prophet to come to him to make the appropriate offerings.

\*Read 13:8-15 and tell what happened.

5. Saul has only 600 frightened men left, but his son Jonathan, without telling his father, took his young sword bearer and believed God’s promise to use Saul to conquer the Philistines.

\*Read I Samuel 14: 6-15 and explain what happened.

\*Tell about a time you’ve been obedient to do something you believed God wanted you to do.

\*How have you seen God help you do what you didn’t think you could do for him?

6. “Easy risk” is an oxymoron. Risks are never easy. What is something you might want to risk for Jesus? Or to put it another way, where can you go or what dream could you accomplish in the Kingdom with God’s hand on you?

7. Read John 10:10. Are you living life “to the full”? If not, what can change that?

8. Could you really, as Adam suggested say to someone like a grocery clerk, “How can I bless you today?” Who *could* you say that to this week? What would this week be like if you simply thought it to yourself: How can I bless someone today?

9. Read II Cor. 1:3-5. What sorrow or trouble or failure has God redeemed in your life to allow you to minister to others?

10. “When we are touched by the eternal, it give us the now in a way nothing else does” (Dick Foth). How is this statement true in your life?