

Fruit Series Part 7: Surfing Analogies

Where the Action Is (In the Will of God)

Main Goal of Life (John 15:8)

"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be my disciples."

— Not just any fruit, but *much, fresh, sweet* fruit (cf. Deuteronomy 29:18-19).

— Fruit reveals maturity and glorifies God.

Why Is There Little Fruit Among Some Believers?

- Many who have the Holy Spirit still bear little fruit because they neglect regular feeding on God's Word.
 - God's Word builds faith. Faith moves us from *"I will try"* (doubt) to *"I will do it"* (faith).
 - *James 1:6* — Doubt is like waves tossed by the wind.
 - *Hebrews 3:18-19* — Doubt robs us of rest and keeps us fruitless.
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The Three Choices in Faith and Action:

1. **Do nothing** (Ecclesiastes 11:4 — He who observes will not sow).
 2. **"I will try"** (doubt-laced).
 3. **"I will do it"** (faith-filled — *Ecclesiastes 11:1*).
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Surfing & Faith: The Spiritual Parallel

1. Wave Side vs. Bay Side

- **Bay Side:** Calm, safe, no challenge — like spiritual passivity.
- **Wave Side:** Action, challenge, growth — like being in God's will.
 - Surfers go where the waves are.
 - Believers bear fruit where faith meets God's opportunities.

2. Desire and Power to Move (Philippians 2:13)

- God plants both desire and power in us.
- Example: The bobcat is joyful in its intended habitat — so are we in God's will.

Surfing Components and Spiritual Lessons

3. The Wave = God's Opportunities

- Every task, relationship, challenge = potential wave to glorify God.
- Requires courage and readiness (*Romans 8:14* — led by the Spirit).

4. The Surfboard = God's Word

- Must stay *on* it to ride the wave.
- Balance and regular practice are vital (*Hebrews 2:1* — pay close attention).

5. The Wax = Spiritual Alertness

- Wax prevents slipping — attention prevents spiritual drift.
- *Hebrews 2:1* — Drift happens if we're careless.

6. Paddling = Taking Action

- No paddling, no wave catches.
 - Action on God's Word is faith in motion (*James 2:17* — faith without works is dead).
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Avoiding Spiritual Wipeouts

7. White Water = Pride & Doubt

- Pride brings destruction (*Proverbs 16:18*).
 - Humility lifts us up (*James 4:10*).
 - Stay in your lane, don't compare (*Galatians 6:4*).
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Waiting & Timing

8. Bobbing = Waiting for the Right Wave

- Not every swell is God's wave — discernment needed.
- Prolonged bobbing = observing but never acting (*Ecclesiastes 11:4*).

Spiritual Dangers

9. Sharks = Demonic Dangers & Worldly Traps

- Wrong associations bring harm (*2 Corinthians 6:14, Proverbs 13:20*).
 - Devil seeks to devour the unwary (*1 Peter 5:8-9*).
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Final Charge: Ride the Crest, Give God Glory

- **Living for God is a joy**, though the world is dangerous.
 - Don't take God's Word lightly.
 - Seize opportunities → ride God's wave → glorify Him with character.
 - **Riding the crest** = God's way (faith).
 - **White waters** = our way (willfulness).
 - **Bobbing** = indecision (waiting vs. acting).
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Closing Key Reminders:

- Opportunities require faith-action — *paddle hard* to catch God's wave.
- Doubt keeps you bobbing; faith lets you ride.
- Boasting in your own wave leads to wipeouts; humble, obedient riding glorifies God.

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Overview: The document discusses the importance of faith and action in bearing fruit for God, using surfing analogies.

Main Goal of Life

- The goal is to glorify God by bearing much fruit (John 15:8).
- Fruit signifies maturity and discipleship, as referenced in Deuteronomy 29:18-19.

Why Is There Little Fruit Among Some Believers?

- Many believers bear little fruit due to neglecting God's Word.
- Faith is built through hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17).
- Doubt leads to instability (James 1:6) and robs believers of rest (Hebrews 3:18-19).

Three Choices in Faith Action

- Options include doing nothing (Ecclesiastes 11:4), trying with doubt, or acting with faith (Ecclesiastes 11:1).

Surfing & Faith Spiritual Parallel

- Bay Side represents spiritual passivity, while Wave Side symbolizes action and growth in God's will.
- Believers should seek God's opportunities for growth.

Desire Power to Move

- God instills both desire and power in believers to fulfill His will (Philippians 2:13).

Surfing Components Spiritual Lessons

- Waves represent God's opportunities for glorification.
- The surfboard symbolizes the importance of God's Word for balance.
- Wax signifies spiritual alertness to prevent drifting.
- Paddling represents the necessity of taking action to catch God's wave (James 2:17).

Avoiding Spiritual Wipeouts

- White water symbolizes pride and doubt, which lead to destruction (Proverbs 16:18).
- Humility is essential for spiritual growth (James 4:10).

Waiting & Timing

- Bobbing indicates waiting for the right opportunity, requiring discernment.
- Prolonged bobbing leads to inaction (Ecclesiastes 11:4).

Spiritual Dangers

- Sharks represent demonic dangers and worldly traps (2 Corinthians 6:14, Proverbs 13:20).
- The devil seeks to devour the unwary (1 Peter 5:8-9).

Final Charge Ride Crest Give God Glory

- Living for God brings joy despite worldly dangers.
- Believers should seize opportunities to glorify God through their character.

Quick Reference

- Riding the crest symbolizes following God's way, while white water represents willfulness.
- Bobbing indicates indecision; action is required to catch God's wave (Ecclesiastes 11:4).

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Bobbing → Paddling → Riding → Wipeout

Fruit Series Part 7: Surfing Analogies — Where the Action Is (In the Will of God)

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Why Do Some Christians Bear Little Fruit?

- They neglect regular feeding on _____.
- Faith comes from hearing God's Word (Romans 10:17).
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James 1:6 — Doubt makes us like a wave tossed by the _____. Hebrews 3:18-19 — Doubt robs us of _____ and fruit.

Three Choices in Faith and Action:

1. Do _____ (Ecclesiastes 11:4)
2. "I will _____" (doubt built in)
3. "I will _____" (faith built in) — Ecclesiastes 11:1

Surfing & Faith: Spiritual Lessons

Wave Side vs. Bay Side:

- Bay Side: _____, passive
- Wave Side: _____, challenge, growth

Surfer's Decision: Choose to be where the action is — in God's _____.

Desire and Power to Move: Philippians 2:13 — God gives both the _____ and the _____ to do His will.

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Spiritual Dangers (Sharks!):

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Once we see the opportunity, we must put _____ to it (paddle!).

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(Answers to the questions)



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