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The Hunt

It's coming and they're counting the days. For nine days, life in northern Wisconsin will be different, sometimes a good different, sometimes maybe not. Either way, the hunt is just around the corner.

How do we apply certain aspects of the hunt to our daily lives?

The Preparation

How many avid hunters merely wake up on the first day of hunting season, grab their gun and head to the woods? None, because everyone knows that preparation is a necessity.

As each new day arrives, God waits for us to prepare ourselves. He's waiting for us to prepare our hearts, our minds, our bodies for another day of His blessings, for another moment where He uses us to change hearts and lives.

That preparation includes conscious effort, a heart focused on God's master plan, and a willingness to go when He needs us to go, to do whatever He wants us to do, to be in the right place at the right time by His calculations, to be prepared for whatever God has planned for the day.

The Moment

Some enjoy deer stand creature comforts; others are trying to keep from freezin' for a reason. Yet for both, when that perfect deer arrives, they know the moment has arrived, a moment that may never occur again.

When the sun rises on another day, God has

moments planned, great moments, spectacular moments, life-changing moments, moments where He wants to use us to do His work.

As we prepare each day for that moment, we also look for the moment. However it may occur, God is eager to use us in that moment, to do what He has planned for that moment.

When we're looking and anticipating those "God moments," we realize God is present and God has chosen to use us to change a heart, a life. It happens when we're looking and noticing the moment.



The Aftermath

The 12-pointer has been drug out of the woods, the photos taken, and now comes the aftermath of story telling. Those are great moments for the successful hunter.

In the moment, that moment when you know God has stepped in to work through you, there's a marvelous conversation going on within

and with your God, a conversation filled with excitement. It may be a different conversation than the successful hunter, but it's a great conversation as you reflect on how God used you in the moment.

Whether you're an avid hunter or have no interest in the hunt, God has His moments, moments that occur because we're looking, moments imprinted in our minds that make us ready for His next moment in the same day or whatever day He chooses to create another moment.

At the end of the day, whether hunting or not, it's all about the moment. More accurately, it's all about the next "God moment."