



Pastor's Comments

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Saved from Sharks!

After Walter Wyatt's plane went down in the ocean, he was floating on his back with blood on his forehead. Suddenly he felt a bump against his body. A shark had found him ... Wyatt kicked the intruder and wondered if he would survive the night.

Wyatt's plane had run out of fuel around 8 p.m. between Nassau and Miami. He could do little more than glide the Beechcraft into the water. It disappeared quickly, leaving him bobbing on the water in a leaky life vest. He managed to stay afloat for the next ten hours. In the morning, Wyatt saw no airplanes, but in the water a dorsal fin was headed for him. Twisting, he felt the hide of a shark brush against him. In a moment, two more bull sharks sliced through the water toward him. Again he kicked the sharks, and they veered away, but he was nearing exhaustion. Then he heard the hum of a distant aircraft. When it was within a half mile, he waved his orange vest. The pilot dropped a smoke canister and radioed the cutter Cape York, which was 12 minutes away: "Get moving, cutter! There's a shark targeting this guy!" As the Cape York pulled alongside Wyatt, **a Jacob's ladder was dropped over the side.** Wyatt climbed wearily out of the water and onto the ship, where he fell to his knees and kissed the deck. --Peter Michelmore, Reader's Digest, October, 1987

Wyatt had been **saved!** He didn't need encouragement or better techniques. He needed **outside intervention!** Nothing less could have saved him. And so it is with us--**we cannot save ourselves from sin** and its consequences! **Jesus died on the cross to save us.** The Bible says, "**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved**" (Romans 10:10). See "A Sinner's Prayer" at www.naog.ws/message.htm and **call upon the Lord now to save you from Satan's destructive designs upon you.**