

How to Keep the Pot Boiling

What does the September 11 terrorist attack and angel-hair pasta have in common? Well I'm glad you asked . . .

I have been thinking about the sharp spike in patriotism, church attendance and the like in our country since the attacks. But with the initial sinking and then resurrection of the stock market, tv programming and sporting games it seems like our country is pretty much getting back to normal. I am sure that by extension, church attendance is a little less and the sale of bibles and books of prophecy have somewhat slacked off.

The question then arises . . . How do you keep the fervent fire of commitment burning without the constant input of a large, external tragedy?

Yesterday I was at the height of my culinary skill as I boiled some water to cook angel-hair pasta. For those of you who need a little help with this you place some water in a pan, bring to a boil and cook for about five minutes. Drain and serve. You know the drill.

In order for water to boil you need more than one drop of water and more than one calorie of heat. You need to assemble many drops together and keep the flame on until the magical transition takes place. The same thing is true about commitment. Our highly individualistic society provides constant incentives to go-it-alone. Lonely people like lonely water drops are hard to boil . . .

The Bible gives us this inspiration: "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25).

Getting together encourages commitment and keeps the pot boiling . . . May the Lord provide each of us with a supportive group of like-minded people who will mutually nurture and bless one another until the great day of His appearing.