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### Dream Come True

When I was in sixth-grade I moved next to the lake, and as a boy that loved to fish I thought I was in heaven! When I turned sixteen I started wanting to buy a boat but there was just one problem with that, I had no job and my parents couldn't afford to buy me one. Every day there are literally a hundred boats pass by my house and I would always say, "I would do anything just to have that boat just for a day." I started saving my money so I could get a boat. After a month of hauling people's trash and cutting grass I had saved nearly 285 dollars. I was really happy but it wasn't even close to how much a boat would cost me. Another month passed and I had only saved 320 dollars and I began to give up hope.

One day my dad and mom called me into their room. They told me to sit down so I knew it was something serious. Everything under the sun started running through my head. I started thinking is it my Grandma? Is she okay? What is it? Then my dad said, "Son, I know how much you want a boat so me and your mom talked and we decided that every five hundred dollars you save we will give you five hundred dollars to match it." I was as happy as a lark in a tree. I was so happy I jumped up and down and screamed praise the Lord!!!

The next month I managed to save up to five hundred - sixty five dollars and my parents kept their end of their deal and gave me five hundred dollars. I started looking for a boat. I had found a boat for sell and the owner was asking two thousand for it so I told the owner that I really wanted it but all I had was a thousand dollars saved up. Mr. Jones, the owner of the boat said, "Son, I tell you what, I'll give the boat to you for a 1,000 dollars, but when summer comes

around you have to split wood for me.” I said, “Yes sir!!!” The next week I gave him my 1,000 dollars and he gave me the boat. As soon as I got MY boat I wasted no time I went straight to Toledo Bend and I loaded my boat in Lanana Bay’s boat launch. I remember the smell of the lake as I was cranking my boat. I cranked my boat and off I went I was going to find a cove to fish out of. As I was going, I stuck my hand in the water; the water was so warm I just wanted to jump in it. I traveled about three miles and I found a perfect cove. The cove had a huge cypress trees and on one of the cypress trees there was a huge white pelican. It was so amazing. I put my trolling motor in the water and trolled next to a couple of stumps in the water. I put on a crankbait my first cast I cast next to a big stump and sure enough I felt a tug at the end of my line. I set the hook and he was on there. I fought with him for a while and finally got him on the boat. It was the biggest fish I had ever caught it was a six pounder! I was so excited! I wasted no time, I turned on my live well and put the fish in it. I cast back out but I didn’t catch anything else out of that cove, so I went to another cove and started fishing. This cove had 15 to 20 stumps in it so I put my trolling motor back in the water and trolled next to the stumps. I cast out my crankbait and caught a two pounder. I ended up catching my limit of eight bass out of that cove.

I decided to head back to the boat launch. As I was heading back I realized I didn’t recognize anything around me. I had forgotten how to get back. I turned around and started heading north. As I was traveling I passed by the prettiest cove I had ever seen. I couldn’t just pass it up and not fish out of it. The cove had a huge cypress trees and water lilies everywhere, and on one of the lilies there was a huge frog. It had to have weighed two pounds. I put my trolling motor down and went in the cove. I started fishing I turned my head to where the big frog was just in time to see a huge fish jump out of the water and attempt to eat the frog. The

frog jumped in the water and disappeared. I put on a rabbit bait, which is a frog, and I cast out right where the big fish just jumped. I was working my bait on top of the water and all of a sudden the big fish jumped out of the water and grabbed my bait. I set the hook. I fought with him for a while then I got him on the boat it was the big fish. I grabbed my fish scale and put the fish on it. It was a seven pounder! I was so happy I took off my shirt and jumped in the water!!! I got back on my boat and I threw one of my smaller fish out of my live well and put the seven pounder in it. Well, I fished a little while longer but didn't catch anything else. I pulled up my trolling motor and started heading in the direction that I thought the boat launch was at. It took me thirty minutes to find the boat launch but I finally found it. I loaded my boat up on my trailer and I headed home.