

Theme for 2018

WE ARE THE ARMY OF GOD &

WE ARE ARMED AND DANGEROUS!

“For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NIV)



This Week’s Thought – May 20, 2018

“A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.” Isaiah 42:3 (NIV)

If you are like most, then there are days or even seasons when you have wrestled with trusting God. Days or even seasons, when you have struggled with laying your concerns and cares at His feet, giving Him control of your life—and if you’re being honest with yourself...there are days and even seasons when you have even struggled with unbelief.

Perhaps, when you have wrestled with unbelief, you may have wrestled with the thought that if you don’t have full, abundant, and perfect faith that God can and will do this or that, then you won’t receive from Him.

If you have struggled in this way, you are not alone. All it takes is hearing one sermon that God doesn’t reward us when we doubt, or a “name-it-and-claim-it” message to begin to make you feel that whatever happens in your life is all up to you and the result of your faith—or lack of it.

I remember reading recently during the Lenten season, a verse in Luke that made me sigh in relief about this. It reminded me that God is God and that He does miracles and performs more than our expectations even when our faith is miserably small.

Luke 24:1 says, *“On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb.”*

Did you catch that? The women. . . Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, went to Jesus’ tomb fully expecting to find His body. . . But He wasn’t there! Their expectation, their doubt, or their lack of faith didn’t stop Him from performing the miracle of His resurrection.

For someone who wrestles with thinking they have to believe enough for God to move, and trust Him fully and never struggle with doubt, this is a liberating message. Isn’t it awesome to know that God is God even when we fall so terribly short, and that His plans will still stand even when our faith is small?

So, what can you do if you are wrestling with trusting God or struggling to believe Him? Just tell Him. He already knows your heart. And when you confess your unbelief to Him, He will strengthen you. He is always ready to extend grace to the humble.

Application: What situation(s) do you need to give to God, trust Him and not stress over?

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Sometimes Lord I don’t even know what to say, especially when I honestly gaze into the mirror of truth—assessing my life, or when I am caught in the midst of my faith being shaken and I am so uncertain and doubtful. I turn to You O Lord, because I realize that by myself I will not be able to overcome life’s ambiguities and contradictions. Right now Lord I open my heart, my mind and my spirit to You...to the right attitude and belief when I am confronted with questions of my faith. Give me the courage to face the future with certainty, and the wisdom to follow in the footsteps of Your Son, today and forever. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

“And then God answered: "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn't lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It's on its way. It will come right on time.” Habakkuk 2:2-3 (MSG)

Yours in Christ, Pastor King