

***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 – August 12, 2018***

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*“Lord, if it’s you,’ Peter replied, ‘tell me to come to you on the water.’ ‘Come,’ he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.” Matthew 14:28-29 (NIV)*

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Sometimes Jesus sends us ahead in our boat of faith while He prays for us from a distance. We feel alone at times because He is not physically beside us to provide reassurance that we are on the right course. Then financial uncertainty or storms of sickness strike our core beliefs, and we become fearful. In our crisis of faith, we can get out of our boat of fear and walk on the water toward Jesus, or we can sink in unbelief.

*“Because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.” (Hebrews 7:24–25)*

Where does the Lord have you? Are you waiting to launch out in faith? Are you in the middle of a storm anticipating His reassurance any minute; Or has He asked you to get out of the boat toward a major faith-stretching goal? Wherever you are in your continuum of faith in Christ, trust Him in the transition. If you are on the shore, get in the boat of belief. If you are in the middle of a fearful storm of life, look for Christ coming toward you. If He is asking you to get out of the boat and walk on water, trust Him.

What seems unnatural or impossible to you may be reasonable to Him. It is not a blind leap of faith, for you are fixing your eyes on Jesus. **Keep your eyes on Jesus!**

Do not look to the left at the storm, to the right at the still shore, or down at the uncertain water. Look straight ahead into the confident eyes of Christ. Watch Him as you walk on water in faith.

*“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”* (Hebrews 12:2–3)

**We walk on water not to be seen but to see Him.** There is a depth of trust and love for the Lord that only comes from walking toward Him. Like a child learning to walk looks toward his or her loving parent’s outstretched arms, so we wobble toward our loving Savior. Move out of your comfort zone so Christ can be your sole comfort. Stay in the boat and see your limited work; Or walk on water and watch His unlimited work.

*“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”* (Ephesians 3:20–21)

**Application:** Where is the Lord asking you to get out of your comfort zone and go with Him so that He can be your sole comfort?

**Prayer of reflection you might pray this week:** “Dear God, I come to You in total expectation of the very best You have to offer. I believe in miracles because I believe in You. I do not come to You in desperation, but in gratitude and excitement of the result given to me ahead of any need. I live each of my days in prayer, going to You first each day to prepare me for my blessed life. By Your grace I will obey You, even when I am afraid, and I will live my moments, day by day, in positive expectation and overflowing gratitude as I witness and take part in the miraculous results. 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