

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 26, 2018

“For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.” Romans 8:14 (NIV)

On one level, every human being is a child of God, created in His image and filled with the potential of relationship with Him. This is why every single person you and I meet is worthy of respect and dignity. They are our fellow human beings and members of a race that is beloved by God. However, though we are all created by God, not everyone lives up to the potential of a truly flourishing human life.

According to Paul, the true children of God are those who are led by the Spirit of God. A child begins to recognize its parent’s voice while still in the womb- a remarkable thought! Yet the voice is muffled and an infant child isn’t able to fully comprehend what the parent is saying to it. However, I believe children are able to know and receive love in true and beautiful ways, even before they know how to reciprocate this love.

In a similar way, as children of God we must learn what it means to hear the voice of the Lord, and respond with faith and gratitude. In the beginning, we may be a bit like a child in the womb. We receive the love of God even before we know how to respond or comprehend this love. Yet it is real and true and good.

Just as a child doesn’t remain an infant forever, so too must we grow in our faith and learn to move from infancy into spiritual maturity. We never outgrow our identity as children of God, yet we are meant to be mature children who learn what it means to be led by the Spirit. To be led by the Spirit is to have the entirety of your life shaped by the Spirit.

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The things you love, the places you go, the way you spend your time, all of these are meant to be attuned to the Spirit’s leading and lived in alignment with the Lord’s will.

To live a truly flourishing Spirit shaped life, requires intentional and active listening. We must learn to cultivate a habit of stillness and silence in prayer before the Lord. It is easy to rush out ahead of God, thinking we know where He wants us to go or who He wants us to be; and yet, if we can quiet our hearts and lives, we will find He is faithful to lead us, at times even in surprising and remarkable ways.

“That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.’ ” 1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)

Application: Are there areas of your life where you need to get back in line and let the Lord take the lead?

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Lord God, my heart bows before You in humble and sincere gratitude for all the many blessings that You have bestowed upon me – for the life that You have given me and the way that You have sustained me and cared for me, all of which I am eternally grateful. Thank You for my family and friends, my community and church and all the wonderful ways that You have led and guided us through both the joyful times and the difficult seasons of life. Thank You most of all for sending Jesus to die on the cross to save us from our sins – covering us with His own perfect righteousness and raising us up to sit with Him in heavenly places. Help me Lord to be the person You would have me be... 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