

Theme for 2020

I AM WHAT ‘YOU’ SEE!

‘LORD, Open My Eyes, Help Me Believe, I Am What YOU See.’

“Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light... Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother’s womb. I thank you, High God—you’re breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship in adoration—what a creation! You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body; You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something. Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you. The days of my life all prepared before I’d even lived one day. Your thoughts—how rare, how beautiful! God, I’ll never comprehend them! I couldn’t even begin to count them—any more than I could count the sand of the sea. Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you.”

Matthew 6:22 (MSG); Psalm 139:13-18 (MSG)



This Week’s Thought – May 17, 2020

“Trust [rely on and have confidence] in the LORD and do good; Dwell in the land and feed [securely] on His faithfulness.” Psalm 37:3 Amplified Bible (AMP)

“We’re ALL in this TOGETHER.” Earlier this week I was talking with someone about the goodness of trials and challenges. Without dismissing or diminishing the incredible suffering and sorrow of thousands upon thousands in this moment, we chose to receive our present suffering as an invitation to be formed into the likeness of the crucified Christ. I commented on the fact that an untested life leaves us weak and easily shaken. Character and virtue are formed in the fires of adversity.

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.” (Colossians 2:6-7)

You and I face a moment in which we must courageously continue in the journey of faith, rooting our lives in the love of Christ and believing that He builds us up and makes us who we are meant to be precisely in moments like the one we find ourselves in. Yet, how many times over the past few weeks have you and I been tempted to check out of our faith? To stop praying or reading Scripture entirely? Or, are we so consumed by our own vulnerabilities and fears that we are simply unable to do good towards others in need?

Jesus longs to establish us in the faith, like a live oak tree that has withstood centuries of storms blowing in from the sea. And so, wherever you find yourself today, take Paul’s words (Colossians 2:6-7) to heart and “*continue to live your life in him*,” trusting that He who was faithful in the past can transform and steady us in every age and every situation.

“*God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So, we say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me.”* (Hebrews 13:5b-6))

“I am who You say I am! I am God’s workmanship, created in Christ unto good works. (Ephesians 2:10) I am an ambassador for Christ (2 Corinthians 5:20). I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a purchased people (1 Peter 2:9). I am greatly loved by God (Ephesians 2:4; Colossians 3:12). I AM WHAT ‘YOU’SEE!”

Application: What is one practical way for you to do good today for someone else as a symbolic step towards courage in the face of fear?

Prayer of reflection you might pray this week: “Father, help us to see Your hand at work in our lives, both in times of peace and in times of great need. We trust in You today and choose thanksgiving and selfless service, even in the face of fear. This is my prayer in the matchless, wonderful and compassionate name of Jesus, Amen!”

Yours in Christ, Pastor King