

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- January 29, 2015

“Counterintuitive Faith”

The dictionary defines “counterintuitive” as “contrary to what common sense would suggest.” The more I think about this word, I realize that it describes biblical truth and Christian living. Here are some biblical examples:

- Noah building an Ark when it had never rain on earth is counterintuitive.
- Abraham leaving his friends and family in Ur of the Chaldees and travelling to an unknown destinations seems counterintuitive.
- David facing Goliath, an experienced warrior, without any military experience and with no weaponry seems counterintuitive.

And the examples are endless....

Living by faith will always involve some things that are “contrary to what common sense would suggest.” By definition, faith “makes us sure of what we hope for and gives us proof of what we cannot see” (Hebrews 11:1, CEV). In the same chapter, we are told that Moses persevered because “he saw Him (God) who is invisible” (v. 27, NIV). But how do you see an invisible person? BY FAITH! That’s the ultimate counterintuitive statement.

The entire Christian life involves counterintuitive faith. God commands us to thank Him for answered prayers even before we receive the answer.

The truth of the matter is that we do not always live by the conventional wisdom of the Word. Though we have our trials and sometimes doubts, still having seen the Lord by faith and believing His Word, we believe that in the end everything will be alright. After all, if everything in our lives can be explained without God, what would we need God for?

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!
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