Pastor's Weekly Devotional – March 1st

"Victory Over Fear"

In the history of warfare, victors have seldomly, if ever, destroy the enemy completely. Rather, the defeated lays down their arms and surrender to the victor. But being victorious does not mean that the threat of war is eliminated. Yes, it is true that the immediate crisis is passed but the victors have to be on the alert and be conscious of the enemy's presence.

Spiritual warfare is the same. Fear is one of our enemies – it does not discriminate. However, God has given to His people power, love and a sound mind to overcome and defeat it (2 <u>Timothy</u> 1:7). Once defeated, will fear affect us again? Yes! Fear is always lurking in the shadows, waiting for the right moment to attack. So, we must always be on the alert.

What then is the secret to victorious living over fear? It is to live moment-by-moment, day-by-day in Christ. Paul reminds us in Galatians 2:20 – "It is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me." As Christ was never overcome by fear, in like manner, through the power of Jesus Christ we can overcome fear.

Remember this Sunday we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper! Have a blessed week!

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