Pastor's Weekly Devotional- March 10, 2016

"Up Against A Wall: 3 Surprising Ways To Victory"

Right at this moment, your back may be against a wall. Your wall could be a conflict, or pressure at work, a financial crisis, a rebellious child, a struggling marriage, or decisions, decisions, decisions...whatever it is, it has stopped your progress, hindered your perspective, and now threatens to defeat you.

<u>Remember this</u>: God has not left you stranded at the wall! He wants to tear it down and urge you to go on with living. Here are <u>3</u> things you can do when you find yourself in such a predicament:

<u>First</u>, **when you're against a wall, PRAY AND WAIT.** Your natural urge will be to run and hide and try to dismantle the wall with your own hands. Resist both urges and instead invest your energy in prayer. Refuse to calculate, doubt, worry or work it out by yourself. Instead, pray for strength, wisdom and direction. Pray for God's will to come to pass <u>in</u> you and <u>through</u> you. God will just do it right for you if you would just pray and wait.

<u>Second</u>, when you face an impossibility, entrust it to the hands of the Specialist. If you think your wall is impossible to get over – don't try! Surrender it to God! Say: "Lord, I can't handle this - and You never said I could. But You promised that You would always turn this challenge into a blessing through me. I commit it now to You." You are in for a surprise of your life when you commit the problem totally in God's hands.

<u>Finally</u>, when you're up against a wall, ask God for vision to see above and beyond the wall. Ask God for His perspective on the problem. If you are not careful, the daily stress of your situation will overshadow your eternal perspective. But God sees the victory He will accomplish if you allow Him room to work.

So lift your nose from the wall to the sky and trust God for the solutions in days to come. Choose to pray. Entrust your challenges to God. See beyond your struggles. Leave the outcomes to God. He will not fail you! God can do anything but fail!!

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin