

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- August 18, 2016

“Perseverance”

Life is filled with quitters, pessimists, doomsayers and wet blankets – just to name a few. You may know some. But refuse to listen to these “wet blankets.” If not, you will find yourself stuck in a rut, going nowhere in life. Learn to persevere. Here are some examples of those who persevered:

- Edison didn't give up on the light bulb though his helpers doubted that it will ever work.
- Michelangelo kept painting despite the Pope's negative put-downs.
- Lindbergh decided to fly across the ocean when everyone else said it was ridiculous and dangerous.
- George Bernard Shaw said that he observed that 9 out of 10 things he did were failures. But because he didn't want to be a failure, he worked ten times harder.

This is just to name a few. How about what Spurgeon said: “By perseverance, the snail reached the Ark.”

To persevere, you have to have “a Stalwart Faith.” And “faith” according to the Bible is “being sure of what we hope for; certain of what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1). It's the assurance that comes before the evidence.

So, tie a knot at the end of your rope and hang in there...persevere...it's not over until you say it's over. With Christ as our Model, we can go forward. Remember that God has not given to us overcoming lives; rather, He gives us the power to persevere to live overcoming lives.

Have a blessed week!
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