Pastor's Weekly Devotional- October 16, 2014

"*Fire and Water*"

Scientists tell us that humankind has a number of essential needs. Among them are Water and Fire. But is there anything more dangerous than fire and water?

In describing the trials of God's people, the Bible says: "We went through fire and water, but You (God) brought us to a place of abundance" (Psalm 66:12). God describes the severity of trials, troubles and afflictions of His people as "fire and water." At first glance, this seems discouraging; but joy, comfort and victory are wrapped up in the word "THROUGH." The Christian GOES THROUGH to the very end and does not sink in the middle!

A Christian is never submerged in the flood of troubles and is never consumed by the fire of trials. He/She always passes "through." Even at the end of life, we will "walk through the valley of the shadow of death…"

Life has many problems. The world crawls from under the wreckage of an economic meltdown and writes a giant question mark across the black rolling clouds of uncertainty, fear and confession. WHY? WHY? Where is God when I need Him?

Has God forgotten me? No! No! My troubled friend. God has answered His people: "All things work together for good (but all things are not necessarily good) for those who love the Lord" (Romans 8:28).

Remember this about the Lord who loves you in times of pain and distress:

•   God's promises never 'to leave you or forsake you!"

•   God's compassion causes Him to hear you!

•   God's power enables Him to deliver you!

Trust God in the bad times. Trust Him for what He will do. You are not required to understand His ways. You are required to believe Him, to believe His Word and act upon it.

You and I do not know what tomorrow holds, but we do know WHO holds our tomorrow and He holds our hands; and we do know that everything will work out for our good in the end.

God said it. Let's believe it. That settles it. Amen!

Remember this Sunday is the Pumpkin Run for a worthy cause. See you in church Sunday!

Have a blessed week!
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