

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- March 26, 2015

“Who's In Control?”

CONTROL. It has a double connotation. The positive aspect is that everything is in place. Nothing is out of order. The negative aspect is that of “controlling”. Desire to be in charge. This is accomplished through domination, intimidation, criticism and manipulation. Let's not forget the issue of Pride and the green-eyed monster called Envy/Jealousy.

During this season, as we come closer to celebrate the Passion of the Christ, I see this word “control” in action. Of course, I am talking about Jesus. Without wasted effort, personal panic or extreme demands, Jesus got the job done. He stayed in control of His objective—THE CROSS.

But here's a thought. Jesus could have grabbed control from the hands of His enemies from the start. For instance:

- In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus could have called legions of angels to come to His defense but He refused to do so (Matthew 6:53). He knew Father God had everything under His control.
- When He stood before Pilate, Jesus made it plain to Pilate, who thought he was in control: “He said (to Pilate): You have no power over Me if it were not given to you from above” (John 19:11).
- Jesus' death on the Cross. Who was in control? Jesus Himself. He said: “I (choose) lay down my life only to take it up again (reference to the resurrection)” (John 10:17).

Jesus could have grabbed the controls and forced everyone to take notice. He did not. Why? He knew Father God had everything under His control and He (Jesus) was doing the Father's will.

You see, a happy life involves control of ourselves...not controlling others. The Christian life is a battle of the Wills—Christ's or Ours! Every day we need to answer the question: “Who's in charge? Who's in control? Christ or Me?” And remember, self-control is a fruit of the spirit.

“How blessed is the person who has made the Lord his trust (his control)...” (Psalm 40:4)

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday on Palm Sunday! It is the beginning of Holy Week. My sermon this Sunday is entitled: **“God Knows Where You Are And He Knows Where You Are Going.”**

Blessings,
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