

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- April 30, 2015
"The Magnificent Defeat"

This devotion is for all those who think they might be losers in life. Sounds strange, doesn't it? But this is a biblical truth. Defeat at the hands of God is magnificent!

In Genesis 32, Jacob and the Angel of the Lord are in a wrestling match. Jacob wrestled feverishly, furiously with all his might. He was unwilling to submit and be "pinned to the mat" so to speak. An admirable quality from human standards.

But God couldn't give Jacob the blessing he (Jacob) desperately needed. God had to incapacitate him right at the center of his (Jacob) human power.

A wrestling coach once said that the HIP is a wrestler's pivot point, the core of his strength. It was not until God touched Jacob's hip that he became blessed.

Jacob lost the battle with God. As a result, He experienced a Magnificent Defeat. Maybe that's what the Bible means when it states:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit for the kingdom of God belongs to them!"
- "A broken and contrite heart God will not despise."

When you feel defeated by the circumstances of life, remember God is still in control. He has you in His hands.

When you feel defeated by the aging process, remember that God has promised you a land where you will never grow old – a place called Heaven.

When you feel defeated by life itself, don't give up on God for God has not given up on you.

I know that it never feels good to lose, but to lose to God means that you are a winner and not a loser. Losing to God simply means: "All to Jesus I surrender."

If you want to be blessed; if you want divine intervention in your life, trust the faithfulness and goodness of God. Sometimes a little dislocation of "our hips" (strength) is necessary. Trust God and leave the outcome to Him. You will always come out a winner!

Just ask Jacob!

Have a blessed week. See you in church Sunday. **We will be celebrating Holy Communion! I will be preaching on "Jesus and I Can't Both Be In Control."**

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