

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- July 2, 2015

"Law of Liberty"

This weekend Americans everywhere should give God thanks to the Author of Liberty that we have been privileged to live in this "sweet land of liberty" where we have freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion. But freedom is not free, it comes with a price. Liberty is not license; it is liberty under law.

As a nation, we have made many mistakes and will continue to do so. But we can still experience growth from our mistakes. For instance:

- We grow through FAILURE. As someone said: "Failure is the back door to Success." Every great inventor had considerable failure at first, but they didn't give up. So, don't give in! Don't give up!
- We grow through LOSS. Loss can involve a number of things, but I want to focus on personal necessities or benefits. God is our Source. He is God when we are successful and He is still the same God when we suffer loss. He never abandons us. He promises "never to leave us or forsake us."
- We grow through MISTAKES. Mistakes happen. It can be Panic-prompted Mistakes. Well-intentioned Mistakes. Negligent Mistakes. Blind-spot Mistakes. Just to name a few. But recovery happens also. God's care and love are here with us as a nation, no matter what we've done or failed to do.

So let's pray for our country that God will continue to show mercy and that He will give wisdom and insight to our leaders to make godly and wise decisions. After all, the Bible reminds us that "Righteousness exalts a nation..." Have a fun summer! God's blessings on you! **This Sunday, I will be continuing my series on Psalm 23. My sermon is entitled: "The Nature of the Sheep."**

Have a blessed week!
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