

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- July 11th, 2019

"The Freedom of Grace"

Sometime ago, I read the story of a tightrope walker who was incarcerated in a Russian concentration camp. When Stalin died and the prisoners were under less pressure, this tightrope walker performed for his fellow inmates. Afterward, a rabbi asked him how he was able to walk on such a thin rope without falling. At first, the performer hesitated to answer, but after much prompting he finally revealed his secret: "I fix my eye where I am going and never think about falling."

All who embrace the Grace of God through Jesus Christ have become "free." Free from what? Free to walk in the heights without fear. Free from the opinion of others. Free from sin, guilt and condemnation. Free to live beyond the limitations of human effort like the tightrope walker.

The Grace of God gives us freedom within our souls and spirits. But that is just the beginning of the story. While we live our lives for Christ, we have to fix our eyes on the Lord Jesus Christ Who will strengthen us, enable us and empower us to live the Christian life.

We have to allow our future to move into us before we can move into our future. Your picture of your tomorrows will impart strength so that you can endure difficulties.

Jesus endured the Cross because He saw His Resurrection, His Ascension and Glorification. He moved into His future before He entered into His future.

So, this is what God's Grace can do to you:

- It will give you a picture of your future.
- It will cause you to believe the picture.

Certainly we have to watch out for the strong gusts of opposition, obstacles and doubts. But focus on Jesus Christ rather than on falling, if we hope to enjoy our walk on the tightrope of Grace.

Have a blessed week! See you in church at 9:00 a.m.!

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