

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- May 12, 2016

“Don't Be Disappointed By The Statistics of your Life!”

Everything about our society seems to depend on numbers. Politicians rise or fall depending on polls. TV shows are produced or cancelled depending on ratings. There seems to be “strength in numbers.”

However, God sees “the Numbers Game” differently. He admonishes us not to despise the day of small things (Zechariah 4:10). A classic illustration is the story of Gideon. Gideon gathered 32,000 soldiers to fight against the Midianites. God told him that he (Gideon) had too many men. Eventually, Gideon ended up with 300 soldiers. With that small, paltry band of men, Gideon defeated the Midianites with a war-cry: “The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!”

The point of this story is a simple one. God loves and specializes in using people who are seemingly unimportant and insignificant. He used “little David” to kill “the giant Goliath.” So, God uses small numbers. He used a little boy with a sandwich to feed thousands of people. So, God uses people with meager resources. He used Samson to destroy 1,000 Philistines with a jawbone of a donkey. So God uses people with insufficient human strength.

So if you feel disappointed because the statistics of your life reveal a lack of success or accomplishments, don't get discouraged; don't give up! Remember God is a Good Mathematician! He often deals with “small numbers.” Remember: “Nothing is impossible with God! Nothing is too hard for God to do!” He knows “your numbers.”

If God is on board the ship of your life, everything will turn out alright. You will not be a statistic. God hasn't forgotten you. He has not abandoned you. He specializes in taking Zeros and creating Heroes. So don't look at the statistics of your life; look to the Statistician (God) who works really good with small, insignificant numbers.

Have a blessed week!
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