

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- October 2, 2014

"You Are Wonderfully Made"

A young English boy was called "Carrot Top" by other students and given "little chance of success" by some of his teachers. He ranked third lowest in his class. His teacher report reads: "He is certainly no scholar and has repeated his grade twice. He has a stubborn streak and rebellious in nature. He seems to have no understanding of his school work. At times, he seems almost perverse in his ability to learn."

Later, the boy settled down to serious study. He was Winston Churchill.

This story reminds us that "God is not in the junk business." He has no waste baskets in heaven for the misfits of life, the marginalized and those who live a carefree and wanton life. In fact, the Bible tells us that each human being at birth was "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Psalm 139:14) and that God had very precious thoughts about each life (v. 17).

The problem is that God has given to each of us a free-will to choose whatever course we want to follow in life. In spite of wrong choices, which most often lead to dire consequences, God, nevertheless, never stops loving us and has a Plan B for our lives.

If you or someone dear to you is going through a hard time and has hit rock bottom, even if you or that person is responsible for the consequences, be aware that God loves you and He wants to bring you out from the pit of despair.

There is a reason for this. Our forgiveness, our second chances, are a result of what Christ did on our behalf. He took our penalty and punishment for all our sins, failures and misfortunes. When we call upon God – because of Christ's death on the Cross - He hears our prayers, forgives our sins; and He does so instantly, fully and unconditionally. No strings attached. God does not forgive or give a second chance pending anything in our lives.

Your life is not yet over-whether young or old. You are unique to God. He has a purpose and a good plan for your life. Nothing is over until God says it's over. So, the best is yet to come! Remember "Carrot Top!" He was a failure at first but became a world renowned leader as Winston Churchill and was deemed "The Man of the Century."

Have faith in God. Try and try again. You will succeed with God's help. Don't give in. Don't give up! You have yet to fulfill your destiny!

See you in church Sunday!

Have a blessed week!
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