
Weekly Schedule

- Thurs, Sept 10th (Rowlett) Sunny & Leelamma's residence (7 PM)
- Fri, Sept 11th (7 PM) PYCD Annual Conference
Highland Oaks Church of Christ
Sat, Sept 12th (6:30 PM) 10805 Walnut Hill Lane, Dallas 75238
- Sun, Sept 13th (9 AM) PYCD Combined Worship Service
Eisemann Center
2351 Performance Drive, Richardson 75082
- Fri, Sept 18th (Metro) Impact Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)
- Sat, Sept 19th (Metro) FTH Meeting @ Metro (6:45 PM)
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Words of Wisdom

With regard to the problem that is pressing in on you right now, are you "looking unto Jesus" (Hebrews 12:2) and receiving peace from Him? If so, He will be a gracious blessing of peace exhibited in and through you. But if you only try to worry your way out of the problem, you destroy His effectiveness in you, and you deserve whatever you get. We become troubled because we have not been taking Him into account. When a person confers with Jesus Christ, the confusion stops, because there is no confusion in Him. Lay everything out before Him, and when you are faced with difficulty, bereavement, and sorrow, listen to Him say, "Let not your heart be troubled . . ." (John 14:27). -Oswald Chambers

Prayer for the Nations: Morocco (Africa)*

- Morocco is situated on the north-west tip of Africa - but also lies on eight miles from mainland Europe across the straight of Gibraltar.
- Since 1975 Morocco has occupied the Western Sahara and continues to fight a war there with Saharawi liberation movement.
- The Sahara war has deeply affected the country - the unemployment rate is high and millions of Moroccons leave to find work in Europe.
- Sunni Islam is the state religion and the government is committed to preserving Islam as the religion of all Moroccons. Any Muslims converting to Christianity face persecution.
- 50% of young people are unemployed.
- Pray for a resolution for more than 25 years of conflict in Western Sahara - pray that the Saharawi can be returned to their homeland.
- Moroccons have a pride in their country as a centre for Islamic learning and heritage. Less than 5% of the population have ever met a Christian or heard the gospel.
- Pray that there would be greater freedom for Christians to share their faith and protection for Muslims who want to find out more about Christianity.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=187

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But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. (Ps 86:15)

Welcome

“Thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ...” (2 Cor 2:14)

Welcome in to the house of the Lord. It is our prayer that as we worship together, our praise and thanksgiving reach Him and that we may be able to give unto Him what is due to His name.

None of us are unknown to the ordeal that Paul the Apostle endured since his call and conversion on the road to Damascus. In many of his epistle Paul shares what he suffered for the sake of the gospel. But nowhere in Paul do we read a sense of hopelessness and despair. No where we see that he gave up on God even during the ship wreck of Acts 27. Why could Paul suffer all these things and still rejoice in the Lord again and again?

The answer may be found in this passage where Paul affirms that in all situations of life he is able to thank God who leads him in triumphal procession. Lest we forget, what he is saying is this: God always leads us in triumph, no matter what the outcome of the situation be. We may rejoice when we have won a decisive victory in any given situation, but Paul reminds that he is least bothered by the outcome. He knows that even when he does not see the results as planned and hoped for he believes that God is leading him in triumph. It is because he is moving from victory unto victory.

That is faith in action. That is hope in action. And that is confidence in the God whom we serve. It stems from the conviction that nothing can separate us from the love of God and every situation is a God honoring situation. A thankful heart can face any situation boldly. The word “always” is very significant. It is not most of the time or sometimes but always. The Psalmist reminds us that he shall praise the Lord always and at all times, no matter what the situation. If we can see all the situations of life as a great procession of God’s faithfulness then and then only we may be thankful for unanswered prayers. He who begins from the victory of Christ on cross, can be thankful in all circumstances. He will see himself in a triumphal procession of God’s love and care.

Are you having a thankful heart and enjoying the fun of being in a joyful procession? If yes then praise the Lord and if not then join the procession. As always remember that in Christ every situation is a triumphal procession for a child of God. Be thankful.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes