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“Why Me, Lord?”

“Why Me, Lord?” is one of the first questions we often ask ourselves when tragedy strikes. Maybe it is the loss of a job, troubles in a relationship, or health issues such as being told one has cancer. For some of us, the same question comes up when we get a cold or the flu, or have a flat tire, or hit a deer, or break a nail or drop your phone or get caught in the rain without an umbrella.

Somewhere along the way, we have become convinced that life should go our way, all the time. As a Christian, you may believe God will protect us from every tragedy, large or small. God is good and because we are Christians, life thus should be fair. However, life is not fair. We learn that lesson early in life and about the time we forget, we are reminded with another painful lesson that hurts again. So again, we ask, “Why Me, Lord?”

Maybe you feel like the path you are on is just unbearable, that it has gotten too steep or rocky? Maybe it just seems way too long, and you cannot hold up any longer. You get the feeling that you cannot handle it anymore and you are weighed down, way down. What keeps us going in those moments?

Jack Zavada writes: “While physical pain can be overwhelming, it is not the most important thing in life. Jesus is. Experiencing financial loss can be devastating, but it is not all that matters. Jesus is. The death or loss of a loved one leaves an unbearable vacuum in your days and nights. But Jesus Christ is still there. When we ask, “Why Me?” we make our circumstances more important than Jesus. We forget the temporariness of this life and the eternity of life with him. Our hurt makes us overlook the fact that this life is **preparation** and heaven is the **payoff**.”

In Hebrews, Paul writes: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin that so easily entangles us, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, scorning the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:1-2).”

Paul also writes in Philippians 3:13-14: “But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

It is hard to keep our eyes on the prize of Jesus, but he is what makes sense when nothing else does. When he said, “I am the way and the truth and the life.” (John 14:6, NIV), he was showing us the path through all our “Why Me?” experiences.

Suffering is so unfair but do not let it steal Jesus from you. You must keep going. If you can manage, with the help of the Holy Spirit to look beyond your suffering to your sure reward of eternal life with Jesus, you can make it through this journey. Pain may be an unavoidable detour, but it cannot keep you from reaching your final destination. (to be continued)

Pastor Bud

"THE ASSOCIATE'S CORNER"

PASTOR YANG

The Difference between Being Heart Headed and Hard Headed

When I was still a pastor in Green Bay I would meet a women's luncheon group once a month for lunch. That week for some reason I thought we had agreed to meet at an popular Italian fusion restaurant named Grazie's. I got into my car, drove to the restaurant, parked, and walked inside. I looked around for the group but couldn't find them. I asked the employees but no groups were reserved for that time slot. Confused I even called back to my church to double check with my secretary if I had the right restaurant and time - according to the church secretary I was right.

I sat there waiting for 10 mins thinking that either the women's group had cancelled the lunch and that I and the church secretary did not get the memo or the swapped restaurants without letting us know. Then suddenly my mind woke up. I looked around and finally realized that I WAS IN THE WRONG RESTAURANT! It wasn't at Grazie's! It was at Olive Garden which was only a couple blocks away.

I quickly ran back to my car and drove to Olive Garden. There was the women's group waiting for me. I told them what had happened and they laughed and made fun of me. As for myself I was humbled and also learned a valuable lesson that day.

In ministry it's easy to get hard headed and start running in a certain direction or aiming for a certain goal without any consideration for others or their ideas. The idea that - "This is my way and this is the only way to do this!" - may sound nice in a person's own minds or a group's own understanding but we must also beware of those around us and their ideas, suggestions, and experiences as well.

Like my experience with the Women's Group. I thought the only person that was wrong was the women's luncheon group. The idea that I could be wrong never entered my mind until it was too late. If I had humbled myself earlier and called the members of the women's group for ideas then I wouldn't have had waited an extra 10 mins at a restaurant. I was humbled by this experience and I'll try to make sure it'll never happen again. Not everything goes the way you want or you expect - it's okay to double check with others sometimes.

Vacation Bible School

June 9—13
It'll be out of this world!



Fennimore United Methodist Church
To Mars and Beyond!

Explore Where God's Power Can Take You with 2019 VBS: To Mars and Beyond. Galaxy voyagers will journey from their galactic outpost on special missions to collect power sources!

Theme Bible Verse:

Glory to God, who is able to do far beyond all that we could ask or imagine by his power at work within us. (Ephesians 3:20)

Date: Sunday, June 9 —
Thursday, June 13
Time: 5:30 — 8:00 PM
FREE Meal at 5:00 PM
Monday — Thursday

June Food Pantry Needs:

Cream of Mushroom Soup
Ramen Noodles
Mixed Vegetables
Canned Fruit
Shampoo
Toothpaste



United
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Women

**Fennimore
UMW News:**

June 2019 Mission **Red Bird Mission**

June is the gateway to summer and I think we are all ready for summer weather!

The Mother Daughter Banquet is past news but the THANK YOU'S are not. The meal was catered this year by Ma's Bakery and that took care of some of the work, BUT ... at least 18 pies were made by only one person! Thank you Jackie Werhle, they were delicious. You are amazing!

Thank you to all the guys for taking care and serving us our meal. AND cleaning up!

And a HUGE thank you to Katie Oyen, she stepped in at the last minute when our speaker cancelled due to illness and we so enjoyed hearing your story. We are truly blessed to have you as part of our church family. And to all the ladies who shared and even wore their aprons. I marveled at all the gingham ones and the older ones. Marlene Everson's handmade and embroidered one from when she was 3 or 4 year old was so darling.

Dates in June to Remember ...

Thursday the 13th – we serve the VBS meal. If you would like to help, let Kim know.

Wednesday the 26th – our quarterly meeting ** the Stitzer UMW are serving a meal that evening and some of us as a group would like to attend!

The cost is 10.00 each and we thought we'd go around 5 pm and enjoy their meal and fellowship and then return to a short meeting at Fennimore UMC after. We can meet at the Fennimore church parking lot and ride share if that would work for some. We should be done and back for our meeting by 6:30 for those who do not wish to go to Stitzer. Please give me a call if you would like to join us.

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Red Bird Mission and Clinic have been providing ministries in this region of the Appalachian Mountains since 1921. Today the need remains critical in this isolated, rural distressed area. Chronic poverty, lack of jobs, poor housing, and rugged mountainous terrain provide obstacles to a fuller life for the residents of this area. Red Bird Mission and Clinic strives to meet these needs through ministry in five areas: Education, Health and Wellness, Community Outreach, Economic Opportunity, and Community Housing Improvement.

The Education ministries are carried out through a K-12 school and an early childhood development program for 3 and 4 year-old children. These education ministries provide the opportunity for the children and youth of this community to get a quality education in a loving Christian environment empowering these young people with tools that will help them escape this cycle of poverty in which they are exposed to and live in daily.

Health and Wellness ministries are provided through medical and dental clinics providing quality health and dental care in an area that is chronically underserved. In addition to in-Clinic visits, our providers travel to the homes of our patients to provide care to those that are home-bound.

The other three areas of ministries provide a wide variety of services to the residents of this area. Volunteers in mission service come and help with the refurbishment of homes and low-cost clothing and furniture is provided through the community store. A wide variety of ministries to families, older adults, women and children, make their lives fuller and help them receive the assistance they need to make their lives more livable.

Support for these ministries come from churches and individuals across the nation. Over the years the Mission has enjoyed great support in The United Methodist Church as well as from other denominations. Your donations to Red Bird Mission and Clinic will help us continue these vital ministries in this distressed region of Appalachia.