

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- January 15, 2015

"Facing Adversity"

Adversity is common to life. Most of the world's greatest people – both secular and religious – encountered adversity and came out, not only as winners, but overcomers. For instance:

- Charles Goodyear was repeatedly imprisoned for debt while developing his inventions, and perfected one while in prison.
- Westinghouse was treated as a mild lunatic for his idea of "stopping a train by wind." Finally, everyone accepted the "air-brake" idea.
- Paralyze him from the waist down when he is four and you have an Yitzhak Perlman, the incomparable concert violinist.
- Call him a slow learner and write him off as mentally disabled, and you have Albert Einstein.

Christ did not come to remove adversity!
Christ did not come to explain adversity!

Christ came to experience our sufferings and adversities and to conquer them and to help us persevere and overcome them as well.

Trouble comes, not because of something we have done or not done; sometimes, trouble simply comes. Listen to what Job said: "I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes" (Job 3:26). But in the end, Job overcame his adversities.

So, here's something to think about concerning adversity: NOT ALL ADVERSITY WILL PRODUCE DEFEAT; through Jesus Christ, we are Overcomes!

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!
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