

**Pastor's Weekly Devotional- January 22, 2015**

**"Be Still When the Waves Roar"**

All of us have faced negative circumstances. We have endured situations that seem to crash out of control. Sometimes the waves look like a tsunami.

Israel faced such circumstances after leaving Egypt. God seemed to be "a poor general" because He led them to a dead-end street called the Red Sea. Surrounded by mountains and with Pharaoh's army behind, there was no way out. Here's the clincher! Moses response was: "Stand still and see God in action!"

"Standing by" and "being still" are counter intuitive commands when the enemy is on your heel and the waves are evading in front of you. The natural human response is to be scared, to give up, to run. But Moses insisted instead: "Don't be afraid," "stand firm," "be still." Such a stance reflects the posture of faith in the face of threat and danger.

You see, Faith is stepping out into the unknown with nothing to guide you except God's Hand which seems to be beyond your grasp. Faith never knows where it is being led, or it would not be faith. True Faith always travels under sealed orders.

Similarly when we find ourselves in a trial like a quicksand, we can follow Moses' advice to be still and trust in the power of God. As He delivered Israel, He can do the same for us today! IF He allows the roaring and crashes of the waves in our lives, He will give us strength to stand, grace to cope and surround us with divine protection. "Even the winds and the waters obey His voice," the disciples said one stormy night. He is with you in your storm!

Have a blessed week! See you in church Sunday!  
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