

## **Pastor's Weekly Devotional – February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

### **“Dropping a Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich”**

Have you ever accidentally dropped an open-faced peanut butter and jelly sandwich? In that split second before impact, you stare in horror and hope for a miracle. The sandwich does not land right side up!!

What's worse is that we have days when everything we do seems to land like the peanut butter and jelly sandwich landing on “its face.” Exasperating days!

All of us have days like that, but how we respond to it is what matters:

First, we often respond negatively than positively to life's challenges.

Second, we tend to view our problems horizontally from a human perspective and not vertically from God's perspective.

If we are not careful, we will live our lives with these two tendencies. Negativism, horizontal viewpoint and closed-mindedness. To avoid this, practice the 3 “A's” – Awareness, Acceptance and Action. Be aware of the problem. Don't deny it. Accept it but look at it from a Vertical Aspect. Ask yourself, “What is God trying to tell me?” or “Where is God in all of this?” Your answer will determine your Action. The big action is found in 2 Corinthians 4:13 – “By faith, we believe; therefore, we speak” or confess God's Word.

Have a blessed week!  
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