



The Christian Connection

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From the Pastor

Change Comes, So Live in the Present

Well, slowly we are coming out of our winter hibernation. The flowers are in bloom and each day we get to enjoy more sunny weather. The trees are in bloom as well. Those of us who battle allergies know so well how the trees are in bloom. Pollen in the air. What is my point? Creation around us is changing for another season.

We likewise may be aware of changes, subtle as they may be. Change is constant. God also brings change within us. As we set out, each day, to be an ever-growing disciple for Jesus, we take on the attributes of Jesus. God's hands manipulate our hearts to bear the image of Jesus. We do not see it, we do not feel it, but we sense the change God is working inside us. That is the working ministry of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is helping to mold us and change us into the blessed vessels of service in the hands of God. We do not fear this change, so why do we fear changes we see? It is the unknown. We do not know what the ultimate outcome may be of the observable changes happening around us. Many of the demonstrable changes that influence us we also fear because we have no control over those, such as aging, weakening health, depreciating energy, and physical strength and the loss of friends and loved ones. These are the very things Jesus encourages us to ask God to help control our worrying over. Instead, Jesus encourages us to focus on the "now" or to focus our energies in living in the present.

Let God handle the future. Jesus says, "So do not worry about tomorrow, what we cannot control, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today (Matthew 6:25-34)." Let us be joyful, loving disciples each day we are blessed to receive. Let us live joyful lives today, in the present and in the now. Blessings to all.



Blessings for the Journey,
Pastor Chuck

