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“Trusting What is Unseen”

One night a house caught fire and a young boy was forced to flee to the roof. The father stood on the ground below with outstretched arms, calling to his son, “Jump! I’ll catch you.” He knew the boy had to jump to save his life. All the boy could see, however, was flame, smoke, and blackness. As can be imagined, he was afraid to leave the roof. His father kept yelling: “Jump! I will catch you.” But the boy protested, “Daddy, I can’t see you.” The father replied, “But I can see you and that’s all that matters.”

Soon, some people will be confirmed, and others graduate from High School or College. There are times when we want to see our heavenly Father before we jump into the next job, the next move, or the next stage in our lives. Like the apostle Thomas, we want to see before we can believe. But faith, by definition, is believing without seeing. “Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.” (Hebrews 11:1 & 3)

Like the boy who wanted to cling to the burning roof, many people in our world and our church are clinging to things that will ultimately destroy them. When we cling to the things of this world, and trust in what we can see, we are not trusting Him who is unseen. When we lie, and cheat, and steal, and get drunk, and purposefully stay away from worship, and have sex outside of marriage, and trust in the things of this world, we are living on a burning roof. Eventually it will be consumed and collapse. “Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires will pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.” (1 John 2:15-17)

Let us trust in Him who is unseen...the Father who created all things...the Son who redeemed the world...and the Holy Spirit who creates and sustains faith in us.

“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

Continue to trust in the Lord. He is unseen, but He is very real. He can see us and that’s all that matters.

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