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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Saints at St Paul's,

The church year begins with Advent which means coming. We start the year looking forward to the coming of our Savior, Jesus. This week of thanksgiving had me thinking about thankfulness. I came into the kitchen and Jill was listening to a podcast, on issues etc. The topic was Psalm 67, the reading for Thanksgiving Day.

While listening to Dr. Saleska he points out thanks and praise is often found in the context of the story. The Psalms tell a story and the people are praising and thanking God for what he has done. Without the past, without a history of struggle, and without taking a moment to ponder, a person could forget.

God has brought you through many things. The Bible is our story, our past, and God has brought us through. We have a shared past of struggle and God has been faithful. So often when a person feels down and is struggling with the things life throws at them, they need to remember what they have already been through. Scripture reminds us how often God has overcome insurmountable obstacles for his people.

Each of us has a story, and God is faithful. This Advent is the season of the coming of our Savior. Remember how our Savior has overcome sin death and the devil. Remember how he has promised to never leave us or forsake us (Prov 3:3). Remember how much he loves you, and prepare your hearts once again to receive your King!

Psalm 67:

May God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause His face to shine upon us, 2 that Your ways may be known on earth, Your salvation among all nations. 3 Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples justly and lead the nations of the earth. 5 Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You. 6 The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor David Hardin

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