



St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Messenger

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear St. Paul's,

A couple Sundays ago I did a children's message about the Holy Spirit working in and through us. I compared God working through us to a little box fan. The fan doesn't work unless it's plugged in. The extent of the sermon was not just are you plugged in. The act of salvation and being saved or being plugged in... that is Justification. I asked the question "what are you doing with that power running through you". God has a will and plan and a purpose for each one of us. No, I don't know what that is for each one of you. That daily living as a Christian person with the Holy Spirit working through you is called sanctification.

Phil 2:13: For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. The question is, what does God have for you to do? I don't have a list of 10 things God wants you to do. I can give you direction if we sat down and talked about it. A lot of what is sanctification, that daily living as a Christian, is you talking to God in prayer and asking "what next Lord". We need to continue to draw on the power of the Holy Spirit. We seek God out in prayer and ask him to help direct our lives.

Where does God want me? I spend a lot of time arranging my little box fan when the weather is hot. I adjust the speed, I arrange the direction. I sometimes move my own position so that I feel the breeze of the fan or so that I can cool others around me.

Holy living is just adjusting to take full advantage of what God is doing through you. I encourage you to ask God what he has for you next!

Blessings,

Pastor David Hardin