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“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” —2 Timothy 3:16-17

How do we cling to our faith in good times and in hard times? That is one of the questions asked of us at the Guest Services dinner earlier this month. For me, I love to spend time reading the Bible. Through the many stories given to us, I have learned what clinging to faith looks like.

Like Moses...

“Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.” —Exodus 14:13-14

Right before God had Moses raise his staff and stretch out his hand so He could part the Red Sea, the Israelites were crying out in fear saying, “It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!” Through Moses' words to them we are also being reminded to cling to God's promises.

Like James...

“You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.” —James 4:4

James reminds us that clinging to our faith means we are to be intentional about growing our relationship with God, not a friendship with the world. It is said that we become like the people we spend the most time with. Let's be intentional about spending time with Jesus.

Like David...

David stormed the battlefield, shouting, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord Almighty . . . This day the Lord will deliver you into my hands . . . and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel." —1 Samuel 17:45-46

David had been sent by his father to the area of the battlefield with food for his three brothers as well as the commander of their unit. Something different happened entirely. If you haven't read 1 Samuel 17 in a while or maybe you aren't all that familiar with the story outside of Sunday school as a child... I encourage you to read it this week. David reminds us to cling to who God is instead of the challenge before us. Goliath may have been armed with a "sword, spear and javelin," but David was armed "in the name of the Lord Almighty."

Encouragement this week —

What does clinging to faith look like for you? If your answer doesn't immediately come to you, don't worry, mine didn't either. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your heart as you spend time on that question. God is always with us...He is with me as I am typing this, and He is with you as you are reading it.

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