

Fence Post of Faith-June ,July & August 2009

Did you have a dry 4 of July or Memorial Day ? We almost got thru it without any rain, but traditionally it is always a wet or hot weekends. The last four years I have volunteered to Judge the Wrangler Division Rodeo Finals held here in Fort Madison at the Tri-State Rodeo grounds. It is a very nice facility here in southeast Iowa. I really enjoy this age group 6, 7 and 8th graders, because they haven't been influenced by the world yet and rodeo parents! I have done a Cowboy Church Service the last 4yrs and the neat thing is that all the constants and parents have shown up. It is really nice to preach to a grandstand full of people.

Anyway my sermon was on "The Power of God Living within us." I geared it towards the younger group, but in fact we all could learn something from this. I read from Ephesians 1:19 and 3:7-20.

In that first scripture I read the apostle Paul writes that we will all come to know the immeasurable Greatness of God's Power that lives in us by faith. I like that word immeasurable; you can't begin to measure it because God's power is so vast! I like the word greatness, because the word implies absolute giganticness! I like the word greatness because we human beings don't really know about the immeasurable greatness of God's power that lives within us, and I like the word power because that is what the sermon was all about Power.

And the second scripture I read from Ephesians 3 :7-20 again the apostle Paul talks about God's great power that lies within us. He describes that we have the power to grasp the length and width, and height and depth of the love of God for us. The power is the power to finally grasp or know the vastness of God's love for us. God will do more with our lives than we can ever think, imagine, or ask. The point that I was trying to get them to understand was there is a power inside, each one of them, if they choose to use it. I told them, where do you think all the great Cowboys and Cowgirls get there greatness from? It isn't luck, because Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity!

I told them when you watch the big time cowboys point to the sky, yes they may be number one but they are given it back to God. I have had the privilege of listening to Rope Meyers, Cory Koontz and Tana Poppino, give testimonies on what God has meant in their lives, and if we learn to use that power inside of us at a earlier age, no telling what we would be able to accomplish! I reminded them that our body is made up of 3 things Mind, Body, and Spirit. In the scripture, Paul wants us to know that what we don't fully understand is the enormous power inside, within our spirits! Paul wants us to know that with God's power within us, he can do more with our lives than we can ever imagine, think or ask. Many of us think we can get-err-done with brute strength, but sooner or later, your going to need more than what the human body will allow, you're going to have to reach inside and grasp the power within! God's power within us and you will be amazed at what he can do! Greatness doesn't come from mind or body it comes from the spirit.

I want to close with a poem by Dr. Dennis Waitley

You carry the torch of a champion. You may not fully recognize it, but it is with you, wherever you go. Its fire is your winning spirit.

Within you lies a golden ore of potential, Uncover it. Mine it. Let your burning spirit meld with your potential to forge your own winner's medal. Now you are ready to become a champion. The torch will guide you on your way.

See yourself wearing your winner's medal. Feel it, enjoy it and know its value. This medal is your permission to win. The secret of winning in life is that, first; you must believe you are ...

The Champion Within!

Hope to see you all some time at a Barrel bash near you.

Adios Jeff Metcalf .-)