

Pastor's Ramblings - November 2012

"Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we disown him, he will also disown us; if we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself." -- 2 Tim. 2:11-13 NIV

There will be some who are rejoicing and others who are not so happy. The elections will soon be over, winners will be declared and losers will find excuses for their loss. Some divisions may be repaired, not as many as should be, but hopefully some. Life will go on. Although one person I talked with recently has a place picked out in Canada should the election turn out one way!

As I reflected on this, these words to Timothy came to mind - words that should be the motto of those of us who are in Christ. Regardless of what happens our God is faithful. Even if we are not, God remains faithful. God will continue to be God - no election can change that! God will continue to struggle with the poor, care for those who stand outside the circle, love those who do not love back, and keep the promises made. God's agenda will not change because of an election - no matter which way it turns out!

If we want to change the world then we need to be in the world changing business. Or, we must continue to act Christian in a world that is becoming less and less Christian. We must find ways to live out our faith in a way that attracts the world, not pushes it away. We must open our arms to all of those who come seeking, asking the hard questions. We must be open and honest to the fact that we have not always been faithful to the One we serve -- and acknowledging that our failures do not change the faithfulness of God - our God is faithful even when we are not. Our God loves even when we do not.

We must allow others to struggle along their faith journey as we have struggled. We must not expect them to be where we are. We need to nurture them along the way, mentoring and guiding with a gentle love. They will fail and fall - we have (if we are honest). The world needs the love of God. The world needs arms open wide to receive the fallen, the downtrodden - the sinners. The world needs a church that is faithful to the One who has called it -- a church the lives out the grace and forgiveness of its Master. A world not divided by elections but united by the living Christ.

God's promised, *"If we are faithless, he will remain faithful, for he cannot disown himself."*

Sermons for November 2012

November 4, Communion Sunday

Ruth 1:1-10; Mark 12:18-27

Resurrection Living

November 11

Ruth 3:1-5,4:13-17; Mark 12:38-44

Widows and Faith

November 18-Thanksgiving Sunday

I Sam. 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:19-25

I Have Asked of the Lord

November 25

2 Sam 23:1-7; Rev. 1:4-8

Forever