

From the Pastor's Desk

When We Are Stuck

“..He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” Philippians 1:6



Sometimes we become bogged down for whatever reason and find ourselves stuck. Maybe it happens while doing a project, or maybe we worked on a task and lost our steam. A professor told me once that he really had to push to complete his Doctoral work. He became frustrated to the point of nearly quitting. Then his wife took his paper, added some suggestions and corrections, and eventually, he got moving again and completed his degree. Sometimes we just need a little help to get un-stuck.

Sometimes life can feel like one big task that has come to a grinding halt. We praise God for urging us forward. We praise Him for helping us problem solve, and work through issues that arise. Whether in Kingdom work, or earthly work, anyone can become stuck. What if Paul had never made it out of Arabia and started his ministry? Or what if Nehemiah had become so intimidated by his enemies that he never finished rebuilding Jerusalem's wall? Or what if Joshua had never finished clearing out the Canaanites from the Promised Land? God was in the work and saw all of those tasks to their completion. They didn't do it by themselves.

How about you today? Are you stuck in some way? Have you been moving forward with God, and all of the sudden everything has bogged down? Maybe you were reading through the Bible and found it too difficult. Or maybe your schedule has been complicated and you have not been to church in awhile? God encourages us to move ahead with him. Spiritual things are always something that Satan wants to put an end to. Our flesh will find a way to put off doing something for God.

How do we find the strength to forge ahead? Dig down deep, and remember that you and I are not alone. God is working. Call on Him to make us useful vessels. Call on Him to work in and through us. The next small task that is completed is one step closer to the goal. Praise be to Him who works in and through us, always enabling us to do more than we thought. Amen.

Heavenly Father, Grant us all wisdom and determination to advance your Kingdom in ways, that You alone guide and direct. Bless our efforts to serve you, and give us the resolve to move ahead with whatever good work is before us today. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*Sincerely,
Pastor Chris*