Sermon Notes and Devotional Reflection

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Saturday – 5:30 PM (casual)
Sunday 8:30 AM (traditional); 11 AM (contemporary)

WEDNESDAYS:

Community Dinner - 5:15 PM
Programming for All Ages – 6 PM

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Programming for All Ages – 9:45 AM- 10:45 AM

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THE PATH

For the week of
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Canyon Lake United Methodist Church
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Funny how God uses tiny things and tiny people to accomplish the greatest feats. This week we explore moving from fear to courage and learning to lead courageously in our lives. There are times when we feel that we are just too small, or too weak, or too distracted, or…., or…., or…. to truly follow God in our daily living.

Here is an excerpt from Bob Perks' story from
Chicken Soup for the Grieving Soul called "Enough"

"Recently I overheard a father and daughter in their last moments together at the airport. They had announced the departure. Standing near the security gate, they hugged and the father said, 'I love you, and I wish you enough.' They kissed and the daughter left. The father walked over to the window where I was seated. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but I could not refrain from asking: 'When you were saying good-bye, I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?' He began to smile. 'That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone.' He paused a moment and looked up as if trying to remember it in detail, and he smiled even more. 'When we said, I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with just enough good things to sustain them.' Then, turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory.

I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how gray the day may appear.
I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more…

I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.
I wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.
I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting...
I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye."

This week we move together from fear to courage, leading courageously, knowing that we have "enough.

Monday 11.9 "Jesus Appears" John 20:19-23
Can you even begin to imagine what it was like to follow Jesus for three years, then have to watch in terror the Roman "justice" system as he was illegally arrested, tried, and murdered on the cross? All the disciples hid. And then, they were caught completely off-guard as Jesus appeared to them behind locked doors. In that moment they began to learn what it meant to lead courageously. When have you witnessed injustice and then watched courage grow out of it?

Tuesday 11.10 "Moses' Words to Joshua" Deuteronomy 31:1-8
Moses led the Hebrew people all the way from captivity and slavery in Egypt through the forty years in the wilderness to the shores of the Jordan as they prepared to cross into their promised land. But he was not to be allowed to cross over himself. He knew this was coming. He began the transition early as he trained and equipped Joshua to lead the people. Both Moses and Joshua could have responded to the situation with fear. Instead, they together led courageously through the circumstances they had been given. How have you seen others do this? How have YOU done this?

Wednesday 11.11 "Do Not Fear" Matthew 10:26-31
Sometimes overcoming fear can be accomplished by simply realizing that we have permission to stop fearing, that there is something greater that we can claim. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid....What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light. What you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops." We can learn to lead courageously by just speaking what we know to be truth and standing by others who are doing the same.

Thursday 11.12 "Jesus Calls the Disciples" Luke 5:1-11
The disciples had no idea what they were saying YES to! They had no comprehension of what Jesus was asking and what it would cost every single one of them. But what they did know is that they were not alone. They walked with Jesus, learning each day. They walked with each other, encouraging these friends each day. They walked with the people, listening and growing each day. Hear this today: Just like the disciples, YOU are not alone. As they learned to lead courageously, so can you!

Friday 11.13 "Gideon's Story" Judges 7
Gideon was basically incompetent and at times a fool. He was one of the weakest men from the weakest family in the weakest Jewish tribe. And God looked at him and said, "Perfect! I'll choose that guy!" As flawed as Gideon was, God was able to use him. Throughout our faith history, we see the stories of weak and flawed people being used to lead courageously: Gideon with his penchant for hiding, King Saul with mental illness, King David with lies and blood on his hands, King Solomon with his greed for power, Mary being a young teen when the angel visited her, Adam and Eve listened to the serpent. FULL! The Bible is FULL of these stories. Our courage is not something that we as people of faith draw from humanity but rather from faith in God!

Saturday 11.14 "Paul in Trouble" Philippians 1:12-14
Paul wrote these words and this whole letter from prison. He had every reason to be afraid and intimidated. Instead, he was calm, focused, and even joyful. He had the ability to lead courageously from inside imprisonment and maltreatment. Why? Because he had the ability to keep his focus on God. He claimed the presence of the living Christ in the very heart of this life he had chosen. Paul faced his obstacles. How have you done this? How have you seen others do this?