April 2022 Chaplain’s Message

Bad to Good

The question often asked is “Why does God allow Bad things to happen to good people?” The reverse can also be asked, “why does God allow good things to happen to bad people?” Actually the answer boils down to a simply statement. God has plans that are not yours or mine (Isaiah 55:8-10), so the question is, why ask either question? Simply because we don’t trust God enough to accept that all things are done according to his purposes and that all those things work for the good of those who love the Lord. (Romans 8:28). We see that with the story of Job specifically, but it is shown all through scripture. But not only that, we can see it in ourselves if we stop trying to tell God what to do and how he should do it, then get all upset when it doesn’t go according to our plans. instead we should be asking for his intervention and his will for the outcome then look at what we get, out of how it did happen. We must remember that it was human beings that screwed up perfection out of disobedience. God created a perfect world and gave it to Adam and Eve. All they had to do was to be obedient to ONE rule. And the penalty was a slow agonizing death. Remember “for the wages of sin are death”(Romans 6:23). if we stop there it should be enough because God didn’t set degrees of sin and degrees of punishment, man did. God in essence said, not quoting, sin and die. And guess what, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23). In our limited understanding as human beings we’re puzzled to know what did he mean. So he gave us the Ten Commandments and to further demonstrate the cost of violating them he set down sacrificial ceremonies to pay for their inevitable mistakes. This set the stage for Jesus Christ and his final sacrifice. Still sin exists and the consequences of sin still exist. What are those consequences. A difficult life full of pain and suffering. Then, God gave control of this stained world over to Satan, a corrupted angel who he himself was once perfect but became corrupted by his own imperfection. So now is it any surprise that a Good person is attacked and more so when they have accepted Christ as Lord and Savior, and the evil and cruel seem to be rewarded? Remember their reward is short term and the cost is for eternity if you believe the word of God. So God uses that which we ourselves have brought upon us, or is exacerbated but Satan and his minions, to work his plan for our own good or benefit. So instead of asking “why does God allow bad things to happen to good people?”, ask instead, “what does God have planed for that person? I can’t wait to find out!” Even though we may not assuredly learn the overall outcome till we are with Him in glory, which at that time we probably won’t care,Live each day with new resolve of his blessings every day. God bless you all.

Dates of interest:

April 22. Earth Day

April 23. Army Reserve Birthday

April 30. National Military Brats day

May

Month of the Military Caregiver

National Military Appreciation month

First full week

Public Service Appreciation Week

National Correction Officers Week

May 1. Silver Star Service Banner Day

May 1. Loyalty Day

First Thursday national day of Prayer

May 6-12 Nurses Appreciation week

May 6. (This year) Military Spouses Appreciation Day

May 8. VE Day

May 8. (This Year) **Mothers Day**

May 13. Children of Fallen Patriots Day

May 14-22 Armed Forces Week

May 15. Peace Officers Memorial Day