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**Proverbs 3:5-6 The Passion
Translation (TPT)**

*Trust in the Lord completely,
and do not rely on your own
opinions.*

*With all your heart rely on him
to guide you,
and he will lead you in every
decision you make.*

*⁶ Become intimate with him in
whatever you do,
and he will lead you wherever
you go.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Responsive Reading today – Isa. 49:1-10, 22

Stay safe church family.

Viewing for Walter Hunt will be Tuesday, May 19, 2020
at 10 am to 12 p.m. at E. F. Boyd Funeral Home,
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216.831.7906

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fundraiser, please turn in your money by May
24th. Please put your name and mason jar fundraiser
on the offering envelope and the Trustees will give it to
Sis. Durst. Thank you

***The Lord is not slack concerning his
promise, as some men count slackness; but
is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that
any should perish, but that all should come
to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9***



FROM THE HEART OF THE PASTOR.....

“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

Philippians 2:1-4

Since my ministerial calling the Holy Spirit speaks to me on what He wants the people of God to hear on feast day. And since my Pastoral calling there have been times when the paraclete advocates and will speak to me in regard to preaching a series on a particular topic. This week has been one of those occurrences. And as we reflect on “what’s happening now” uncertainty in everything except the promises of God, the letter that Paul wrote to the church at Philippi has been entrenched in my spirit, and what better topic to labor on than the mind. So for several weeks beginning today, we will reflect on this mind that Pastor Paul preaches about, and how it lines up with the mind of Christ. The series is entitled, “It’s All In The Mind”

I purposely began the series in Chapter 2, because in Chapter 1 the Apostle Paul along with Timothy his trusted mentee, is addressing the church along with the bishops and deacons. He feels it is necessary to thank God for them and their generosity, love, and prayers. Paul knew they were standing on a solid foundation based on his comments in 1:6, “being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a great work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ” Paul reminded them of his suffering, but it was for the furtherance of the gospel. Whether Christ was preached in envy, strife, or good will, it didn’t matter, as long as Christ was preached. Paul was sort of

torn to depart to be with Christ, or to abide in the flesh, but he was confident knowing that abiding in the flesh would further their continued joy of faith. To put it plainly, I believe Pastor Paul was saying to the church at Philippi, “there is joy in suffering.”

But in Chapter 2, the Apostle Paul says to the church, “there is also joy in serving” As we reflect on Chapter 2, Paul is willing to give up everything for Christ, and the only way to do that is to have the right frame of mind. So today our topic is focusing on, “You’ve Got To Change Your Mind”

The Apostle Paul proceeds in this chapter where he left off in the last, with further exhortations to Christian duties. He presses them largely to like-mindedness and lowly mindedness, in conformity to the example of the Lord Jesus, the great pattern of humility and love. Here we may observe the great gospel precept passed upon us; that is, to love one another. This is the law of Christ’s kingdom, the lesson of his school, the livery of his family. This he represents by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. We are of a like mind when we have the same love. Christians should be one in affection, whether they can be one in apprehension or no. This is always in their power, and always their duty, and is the likeliest way to bring them nearer in judgment. Having the same love.

The same love that we are required to express to others, others are bound to express to us. Christian love ought to be mutual love. Love, and you shall be loved. Being of one accord, and of one mind; not crossing and thwarting, or driving on separate interests, but unanimously agreeing in the great things of God and keeping the unity of the Spirit in other differences. Paul is pressing the importance of the duty of unity and love. He is very

importunate with them, knowing what an evidence it is of our sincerity, and what a means of the preservation and edification of the body of Christ. The inducements to brotherly love are these: "If there is any consolation in Christ. Have you experienced consolation in Christ? Evidence that experience by loving one another." The sweetness we have found in the doctrine of Christ should sweeten our spirits. Do we expect consolation in Christ? If we would not be disappointed, we must love one another. If we have not consolation in Christ, where else can we expect it? Those who have an interest in Christ have consolation in him, strong and everlasting consolation, and therefore ought to love one another. There should be comfort of love. If there is any comfort in Christian love, in God's love to you, in your love to God, or in your brethren's love to us, in consideration of all this, be you like-minded. If you have ever found that comfort, if you would find it, if you indeed believe that the grace of love is a comfortable grace, abound in it.

Paul further expounds on fellowship of the Spirit. If there is such a thing as communion with God and Christ by the Spirit, such a thing as the communion of saints, by virtue of their being animated and actuated by one and the same Spirit, be you like-minded; for Christian love and like-mindedness will preserve to us our communion with God and with one another. Any bowels and mercies, in God and Christ, towards you. If you expect the benefit of God's compassions to yourselves, be you compassionate one to another. If there is such a thing as mercy to be found among the followers of Christ, if all who are sanctified have a disposition to holy pity, make it appear this way. How persuasive are these comments by Paul! One would think them enough to tame the fiercest, and mollify the hardest, heart. Another argument he insinuates is the comfort it would be to him: Fulfil you my joy. It is the joy of ministers to see people like-minded and living in love. That is the ultimate satisfaction of

God, and of the man or woman whom God has appointed and anointed to nurture your spirit.

So enjoy what the spirit has laid upon my heart for week 1 of "It's All In The Mind", with, "You've Got To Change Your Mind"