

Wednesday Word

Galatians 5:25 *“If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”*

This Spring my two sons, Echo and Ransom both played on baseball teams for the local league at the Orting Lions field. Baseball is my absolute favorite sport and I spent most of my childhood playing the game, studying the history of the game and following the Seattle Mariners.

My older son, Ransom, is 10 years old and played for the player-pitch team. Echo, my 7-year-old, played on the coach-pitch team. While Ransom’s team was far more serious and competitive, Echo’s team was.....a bit more entertaining I would say. The kids on his team had never played before, couldn’t stop talking and running around and never knew where to throw the ball if they got it. But they had so much fun.

One of Echo’s last games of the season fell on his 7th birthday, and he really wanted to hit a homerun. He wanted to hit one so bad he felt he had “birthday power” to help him do it. He got up to the plate each time and would try to hit it as far as he could. On his last at-bat of the game he hit the ball hard, but right to the first baseman. The first baseman picked up the ball and ran to touch first base and Echo was out.

But Echo didn’t care!

Echo proceeded to continue to run around the bases despite what everyone was saying to him. He rounded third base and headed home. When he touched home plate, he shouted with joy that he had achieved his birthday goal of a homerun. All the parents and coaches just laughed in the end and Echo felt great. He felt because it was his birthday he would have extra power to complete his mission of a home run.

While this story is silly and funny, it reminds me that we have a power for life and ministry. We have the Spirit of God living inside of us and resting upon us to live a righteous life and serve a righteous kingdom. I believe God has given us all a mission both individually and as a church community. We are called to not only live a life above reproach but also to reach out into our communities, neighborhoods and circles of influence to reach people with the saving-power of the Cross. We cannot do this on our own. We need to let the Holy Spirit lead and keep in step with him. When the Spirit leads, we will never go wrong or find ourselves in a situation that He cannot minister into. Even if the situation is too big for us, it is never too big for him. Let’s continue to allow the Holy Spirit to lead us, guide us, fill us, and empower us to be good stewards and examples of his son Jesus Christ.

I love you and God Loves you!

Pastor Eric