

Pastor's Corner

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I decided to commit to reading through the Bible this year. And as I have been reading, I noticed that I read things that, for whatever reason, did not “stick out” to me as meaningful in the past. That is all the more reason for us to not just simply read the Bible through and lay it aside.

Depending on what we are facing in our lives, where we are at that moment of time, or maybe what we have gone through in our lives, the Bible and the words found in the Bible speak to us in different ways. The words do not change, but we begin to see new things or it addresses where we are, where we have been, or maybe where we will be heading in our lives.

Having said that, I find it reassuring that no matter my state of affairs, God is with me and if I draw close to Him, His presence can be felt. But if I separate myself from God, while God does not abandon me or leave me, a distance develops between God and myself, not of God's doing but of my own.

In the last weeks our country has suffered what has become known as an “Arctic Blast,” where the jet stream has pushed unusually cold air south. As a result, we have had several single digit nights. I find myself making sure that I have prepared for being in the cold by dressing properly. Now is not the time to put on shorts and short sleeves. Only a foolish person would do such a thing.

Yet, spiritually we will go into the world that we know is a world of darkness, unprepared to face what lies ahead. Too often we leave behind that which we need to protect us or we do not properly prepare.

Paul writes “put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the wiles of the devil” Ephesians 6:11.

As you prepare to go out into the cold this winter, let it be a reminder to all of us to “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.” 2 Timothy 2:15.

Just as our coat, scarves, hats, and gloves can protect us against the cold, God's Word, the Holy Bible, can protect us against the darkness of the world.

I want to encourage you to become a part of a small group study this year. The life it changes may be more than your own.

