

Thought for a Wednesday

February 3, 2010

If you could do anything and knew you wouldn't fail. . . What would you do?

For the past two day I've been in Rome, NY with members our District Executive Committee on our annual retreat – A time to dream and plan for the future of the Northeastern District. That question could have been a theme for our meetings together...

What a challenging question to all of us! How many times do we allow the voices of doubt and negativity infiltrate our plans and shut down a “*God Idea?*” Is there an idea that has been swimming around on the inside of you? The first time you saw it, you thought, “*That would be crazy!*” You did the push back and blamed it on that slice of pepperoni you ate before bed the night before... Yet, it continues to rise up in your heart. It's that idea you can't seem to shake. It doesn't make sense and maybe you don't have the entire picture, but God is definitely stirring something on the inside of you. Embrace the *God idea*. ***If you knew it wouldn't fail, why would you not do it?***

Some good ole fashioned fear, worry, and doubt can stop the best of us. I'll never forget the day while driving to Ohio with Karen and said, “*I think God may be asking us to move and we need to begin praying about that...*” Inside my head I felt like screaming, “*Don't tell her what God has been saying to you over the past couple of weeks!*” After all, we had lived in same house for 11 years, our children had gone to one school, and we lived close to family and had many, many friends. Life was comfortable for the most part and we were happy...

Every step I took in the process of leaving, fear and doubt ran ahead and said, “*We can see over the horizon, it's not going to be as good. You can't do this. You better quit now while you are ahead.*” The thing that kept me steady through all of the obstacles was I knew I had heard God speak, therefore I knew that no matter where I landed or what transpired in the process – God would not abandon us and we would be okay.

How about you – ***If you could do anything and knew you wouldn't fail, what would you do?***

I challenge you to consider that question and dream big for your life! *If we as a church could do anything and you knew we couldn't fail – What would you like to see us attempt as the local expression of Christ's Body known as New Life Fellowship?* I'd love your feedback on this one – I'd love to know what's in the heart of those who make up NLF. *What's your dream?* Let me know!

Until then...

Be strong... Be courageous... Be fearless...

Christ is All,
Pastor Mark