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Christ is our Message . . . The Bible is our Text

Monster Trucks: Pastor Andy

Jack Patrick woke up the other day and came into our room to wake me up (as he usually does). He typically crawls up onto the bed and lays there for a few minutes before its time to go down stairs. This particular day he brought his new Monster-truck with him that he got from the store the day before (he wanted to sleep with it that night). So he got up into bed and put the truck next to my head and put his head right under my chin. Meanwhile, Liz is still sleeping, Jade is staring at me needing to go out, and Titus Tychicus is grunting (you know that infant baby grunt): it is that grunt you fear as parents that the baby is about to wake up yet you just want them to sleep.

So I am laying there – very still out of fear of waking a nursing baby and a mother who needs her sleep – but I am very uncomfortable with a truck against my head, a 3 year old taking my covers, and a cold, wet nose on my leg. I probably should mention that the monster truck takes batteries because it has 6 buttons that allow the truck to make “so-called” realistic noises and to go forward & backwards (this is just added stress).

As I lay in bed, uncomfortable, I started thinking about how this is my life now. I don't get to sleep in anymore. I have to tippy-toe around my own house out of fear of waking everyone up. I don't get to watch Sports Center in the morning because Mickey Mouse is on, and I can't even go to the bathroom when I want to because Jack has to go at the exact same time!

So, as I am lying in bed another thought comes to mind – I love my life. There is no way I would go back to being a bachelor. Over the years God has prepared me to be a Husband, Father, and Master (for Jade). To take care of them, protect them, see to their needs and smile as I get to watch them grow.

There was a time to be a bachelor, but that time has passed. There was a time to be just a young married couple, but that time has passed. As we grow – new opportunities come our way.

It is the same in the church. If we are believers who desire to grow then we must look forward to trying new opportunities. Just maybe what you are currently doing has prepared you to do something new. We should always be striving to see what God can do through us – not what we can do on our own. We will always limit ourselves.

Ephesians 3:20 - Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.

We talked about this yesterday: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 - ¹⁶All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

God has given us the tools to be equipped – you may just find you really enjoy the new. Even with a monster truck against your head.