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NEWSLETTER

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A FEW WEEKS AGO, MY FAMILY AND I WENT ON A VACATION TO COLORADO. WE DROVE THE REGIONS OF COLORADO SPRINGS WHERE PIKES PEAK IS, AND THEN WE HEADED UP TO ESTES PARK WHERE ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK IS. I HAD NEVER SEEN THE ROCKIES AND I WAS TRULY IN AWE UPON SEEING THEM AND GETTING TO DRIVE AMONG THEM.

OUR SECOND DAY WAS SPENT DRIVING TO THE TOP OF PIKES PEAK. THE MOUNTAIN IS NAMED IN HONOR OF AMERICAN EXPLORER ZEBULON PIKE. THE SUMMIT (14,155FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL) IS HIGHER THAN ANY POINT IN THE UNITED STATES EAST OF ITS LONGITUDE.

ZEBULON PIKE TRIED TO SUMMIT THE MOUNTAIN IN 1806 WITH A BAND OF MEN BUT WAS UNABLE TO REACH ITS SUMMIT BECAUSE OF THE CONDITIONS. HE WROTE IN HIS JOURNAL THAT NO MAN WOULD BE ABLE TO REACH THE TOP THAT DAY. IT STRUCK ME ODD THAT, IN HIS LIFE, HE NEVER REACHED THE TOP.

THEN IT STRUCK ME IN A BIZARRE WAY AT HOW IRONIC IT IS THAT I CLIMBED THIS MOUNTAIN. .I MEAN, I CLIMBED INTO MY TEMPERATURE-CONTROLLED VEHICLE AND DROVE UP A WELL-MAINTAINED ROAD TO SEE SOMETHING THAT ZEBULON PIKE ONLY ENVISIONED IN HIS IMAGINATION.

THEN IT STRUCK ME FUNNY THAT HE MIGHT BE AMAZED & DUMFOUNDED TO SEE THE GIFTSHOP/DONUT SHOPPE, THE HEATED BATHROOMS, AND ALL 3 ½ YEAR OLD'S STEPPING OUT OF THEIR PARENTS 4X4S AND GETTING TO EXPERIENCE SEEING THE CURVATURE OF THE EARTH'S HORIZON.

HEBREWS 11:39-40 – 39 AND ALL THESE, HAVING GAINED APPROVAL THROUGH THEIR FAITH, DID NOT RECEIVE WHAT WAS PROMISED, 40 BECAUSE GOD HAD PROVIDED SOMETHING BETTER FOR US, SO THAT APART FROM US THEY WOULD NOT BE MADE PERFECT.

I WAS REMINDED OF THE OT SAINTS AS I THOUGHT ABOUT ZEBULON PIKE. THEY WERE NOT CONSIDERED FAITHFUL BECAUSE OF IMMEDIATE FULFILLMENT, BUT ULTIMATE FULFILLMENT BY WAY OF GOD'S PROMISE OF A REDEEMING MESSIAH.

ZEBULON PIKE KNEW THAT NO MAN COULD SUMMIT THAT MOUNTAIN THAT DAY, BUT HE KNEW IT COULD BE DONE. IT MAY NOT HAVE BEEN HIM, BUT I THINK HE WOULD BE PLEASED AT HOW MANY PEOPLE CAN NOW SEE WHAT HE ONLY KNEW TO BE POSSIBLE.

WE, AS THE CHURCH, ARE THE SAME. WE DID NOT HAVE TO TREK THROUGH LIFE PRAYING FOR GOD'S FULFILLMENT OF A REDEEMER. WE HAVE HIM. THERE IS AN EASE OF LIFE THAT WE CAN LIVE WITH THAT OTHERS BEFORE US DID NOT HAVE. THE QUESTION IS, DO WE APPRECIATE THAT?

I PRAY WE DO NOT FIND THE COMFORTS OF THIS LIFE AN EXCUSE TO LIVE WITH LAZINESS. THERE IS STILL MORE TO BE DONE BEFORE HE RETURNS. MAY OUR HEARTS BE READY TO DO ALL THAT WE CAN BECAUSE OTHERS BEFORE US HAVE MADE IT POSSIBLE. .BECAUSE CHRIST HAS MADE IT POSSIBLE.

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