Welcome to Plymouth First Baptist Church The Lord's Day, November 1, 2020

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Heb. 12:1

10:50 AM Church Family Announcements

11 AM Morning Worship

Prelude		B.J. Lyle	
Welcome		Pastor Paul	
Scripture Reading and Pra	yer Psalm 29	Pastor Paul	
Prayer		Pastor Paul	
*Praise Song	"Christ Be All Around Me"		
Children's Sermon		Pastor Karen	
*Hymn of Preparation	"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"	Page 630	
*Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul	
Communion			
Ministry in Music	"How Beautiful"		
Sermon	God's Purpose Will Stand	Pastor Paul	
*Hymn of Dedication	<i>"The Solid Rock"</i> vv. 1,2	Page 526	

*Indicates the congregation should please stand if able

SERMON: God's Purpose Will Stand: Be Not Afraid

SCRIPTURES: Phil. 1:27-30; Psalm 139:15-16; Psalm 31:14-15; Matthew 16:13-18; Phil 1:29-30; Psalm 91, 46, 28; Rev. 1:17-18; 1 John 4:4-6; Is. 46:8-11

The Trial of Faith By Oswald Chambers

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed...nothing will be impossible for you.

-Matt. 17:20

We have the idea that God rewards us for our faith, and it may be so in the initial stages. But we do not earn anything through faith— faith brings us into the right relationship with God and gives Him His opportunity to work. Yet God frequently has to knock the bottom out of your experience as His saint to get you in direct contact with Himself. God wants you to understand that it is a life of *faith*, not a life of emotional enjoyment of His blessings. The beginning of your life of faith was very narrow and intense, centered around a small amount of experience that had as much emotion as faith in it, and it was full of light and sweetness. Then God withdrew His conscious blessings to teach you to "walk by faith" (<u>2 Cor. 5:7</u>). And you are worth much more to Him now than you were in your days of conscious delight with your thrilling testimony.

Faith by its very nature must be tested and tried. And the real trial of faith is not that we find it difficult to trust God, but that God's character must be proven as trustworthy in our own minds. Faith being worked out into reality must experience times of unbroken isolation. Never confuse the trial of faith with the ordinary discipline of life because a great deal of what we call the trial of faith is the inevitable result of being alive. Faith, as the Bible teaches it, is faith in God coming against everything that contradicts Him— a faith that says, "I will remain true to God's character whatever He may do." The highest and the greatest expression of faith in the whole Bible is— "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him" (Job 13:15).

Address: PO Box 400 –Plymouth, NC 27962 Senior Pastor – Rev. Paul Harrington Min. of Children, Youth & Education - Rev. Karen Pruette Choir Director – Scott Bradshaw; Organist – B.J. Lyle Deacons of the Month – Lora Craddock Office Administrator- Danita Davis

You are welcome to use the church wi-fi! The password is- psqvcvk4xr3cf5

