

Positively Speaking

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All is Well

My friend, Professor Wilbur Williams has a sign on his office door that says “All Is Well!”

That’s the absolute truth! If you love and serve God, everything is going to work out just fine – somehow, some way.

“All things work together for good for those who love the Lord. . .” Romans 8:28

During the past year, many people in our community have experienced difficult transitions and changes. The economy has been challenging. Loved ones have passed away. Jobs have been eliminated. Homes have gone into foreclosure. In times like these, we need an extra dose of faith and hope.

Uncertainty is in the air. But, uncertainty is a good climate for personal growth. We can GROW through whatever we must GO through. Our best introspection happens in the hard times. When things are going well, we tend to coast. In the end, we will see that “All is Well!”

Now, change is uncomfortable for most people, but it’s an important part of living. Bruce Barton said, “When you’re through changing, you’re through!”

An ancient Chinese proverb says, “The beginning of wisdom is to call things by their right names.”

Our community, nation and world are all in a period of transition – a time of new beginnings and adjustments. It is important for us to recognize this and call it by name. God is walking right beside us as the winds of change blow, and he speaks his peace, “All is Well!”

We must remember to accept change as a fact of life. Everything changes. It is inevitable. It doesn’t do any good to deny or fight it. We will embrace the necessary changes to move up to the next level.

God will continue to bless us during this period of transition. 2008 was rugged for a lot of folks. 2009, I hope, will be better. At least, at this point, a spirit of optimism and faith is in the air. Regardless of what we face in the coming months, however, we know that in the end: “All is Well!”

Now is a good time to evaluate your life and the decisions you’ve been making. How can you grow from the situation you’re in? What wisdom can you glean for your painful and frustrating experiences? We can endure change without growing – but we cannot grow without changing. Rise to the challenge! Go for it! Grow for it!

Onward! Upward! Forward in Hayward! “All is Well!”

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