

Hang onto Faith in a Confusing World

In The Spirit

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Mark Twain is credited with saying “If you don’t read the newspapers, you are uninformed. If you do read the newspapers, you are misinformed.”

I surely can identify with this. It seems that we are awash in information but none of it seems relevant. None of it seems encouraging, and none seems to solve any of our problems. The fact is, the more I know from the “common information machines,” the more confused I become and the more anxiety I have. Everything is right and nothing is right.

In my growing up years, I came to believe that there would always be a better tomorrow... now I am pressed to believe that there may be less tomorrow than there was yesterday.

To add to the information problem, many of our lives are not what we thought they would be at this stage of development. When it finally ought to be coming together, we find it falling apart.



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The economic trials of our nation have wreaked havoc on families and individuals in ways not common to our times, at least not yet. Financial difficulties affect self-images, marriages, children and families. We learn to trust in our self-sufficiency only to discover we are not. The physical eventually fails us all.

As a preacher, I am grateful for a faith that provides information beyond all this confusion. Yes, it is indeed by faith that I own this information, but not a blind faith.

It takes faith to live and die in this world, no matter who you are or what you

choose to believe. To bolster your faith, I would encourage a reading of the book of Ecclesiastes in the Old Testament, for the essence of man has not changed much over the years. The human condition is felt by all. The words in a song by Collin Raye say, “I laugh, I love, I hope, I try... I hurt, I need, I fear, I cry... And I know you do the same things, too... So we’re really not that different, me and you.”

From the ESV, John 13:35: “*By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*” If churches don’t show this love, it’s about time they started!

In a world awash with information, I’ve found that love and faith can quiet the confusion.

As in 1Cor 13:13: “*So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.*”

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