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Scott's Thoughts



“And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.” (Acts 3:16, ESV)

I met our new superintendent of Schools this morning. I was very pleased, it was hard not to be, at 6'6" he made an impression. What I really liked was that he was thinking all of the time. He had a very easy manner and gave and took a little ribbing. He seems like a good fit for Newkirk. I also like that he felt free to talk about his faith in God. Many today turn to God in their private lives or in times of trouble, but refrain from speaking in public about their trust in God. It seems that what was the dominant religion in our country for so many years is under attack from many different directions.

Many in our community can remember when the school day started with a prayer. I do not think I was ever in a classroom where a prayer was said. So the discussion for me is not about returning prayer to the classroom but rather should prayer be in the classroom? I'm sure there were always some who had no faith in God and sat in silence while others prayed. The majority though, had no problem

with prayer in the classroom. Today some school districts who have banned prayer in the classroom provide a place for non Christians to pray. Equality would tell me that even though the official school day does not begin with prayer, those who wish to pray should have a place to gather. The reality is that prayer is really a personal thing. No one can stop me from praying at any place at any time.

In case you haven't tuned in for my live stream on Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., it is focused on prayer. Every week we cover one aspect of prayer before we then stop and pray for those who have requested prayer. If you tune in, you will find that prayer is very flexible, portable, light, and powerful. What a combination! I want to really emphasize one thought that is the personal aspect of prayer. When I am praying, I am the one in control of what is prayed. I get to address God about what is bearing on me. I get to express ways I need the creator's help.

“to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” (Acts 26:18, ESV)

Thanks for listening and keep on shining.
—Scott