

Tuesday, February 23

Today's Reading: Matthew Chapter 5: 1-16

Today's Devotional Message is by Pastor David Rispoli

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless." Matthew 5:13

Some people put salt on everything. The only thing I put salt on is my watermelon. I love salt on my watermelon. For some reason it makes it taste better. Salt is cheap, common, and is used around the world. Salt has stirred up wars, led to the establishment of trade routes, and paid the salaries of soldiers. Today we use it primarily as a preservative and as flavoring. Jesus said that you and I are the salt of the earth. He was implying that we are to be the ones in society who preserve kingdom values. We are to stand for peace and justice. We are to stand for the things of God in a world that would rather go its own way. God wants us to be the ones that preserve the things of God for our friends, neighbors and relatives. He was also implying that we are to bring flavoring to our world. He wants to use our lives to help people discover the joy of knowing and living for Him. As people come into contact with us, they experience a taste of kingdom living. Like the salt on my watermelon, we are suppose to make this world taste better for lost people.

So how are we doing? Have you been the salt of the earth? Or have you lost your flavoring? The good news is that even if you have lost your saltiness, God can restore it. We were never intended to be "thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless". We were intended to be salt. Let God use you this week to make a kingdom difference in the people and situations that you come upon. Like salt out of the shaker, let God shake you up and use you this week. After all, you are the salt of the earth!

Prayer: Dear God, Use us today to bring hope and life to people who are desperate for a touch from you. Help us to remember that we are the salt of the earth and that you have great plans for us even today. In Jesus Name, Amen.