

PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

I am so thrilled to be in our new office. There is such a good feel to the place. It also feels good to finally be able to complete the move that we started over two years ago. It took a while to find the right office space but the waiting paid off. I know the Lord is pleased with our obedience. I want to thank all of you for the work and support you have given to make this move possible. I hope you will be able to come for the office dedication & celebration on September 25th.

At the beginning of this year I felt that the Lord wanted us to take simple steps of obedience. First, take one area of your life where you want to see change and work toward victory. Many of you have taken up the challenge. By God's grace, as you commit to Him, you will see yourself maturing and growing. Second, I asked that you find a person or couple who is not going to church and invite them. Work at this with various individuals until you have been successful. Your Father in heaven will bless you for reaching out to those who need to be in His House. It pleases God whenever one of His children comes home.

I have been so challenged by the words Jan Drayer spoke at our Men's Retreat a few years ago, "Obedience doesn't require foreknowledge; it requires trust." When the Lord called Abraham from Haran He didn't give him all the details. He simply said, "Leave your country, your people and father's household and go to the land that I will show you." God is calling for us to leave too. It's time to let go of earthly things that have a hold on us. If you were Lot's wife and fire destroyed your home and your city what would you look back for? What would you miss? What would cause your heart to turn into a "pillar of salt" if you lost it? To be free to move ahead and not look back is truly free.

As we continue to move ahead as the Lord guides, just remember His words to Saul, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." We are not perfect people. The Lord knows that. But He still requires obedience. It is the fragrant aroma of the Righteous.

Love you all,

Pastor Gene