

TRINITY TORNADO

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Friday, November 6, 2020

*I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. **Philippians 4:12***

God Gives Us Strength in All Things

Amos liked his bike. He didn't love it—it was a hand-me-down from his sister, and so it was pink and a little too small for him—but he liked it. It was good enough for riding up and down his street and having fun with his friends. Good enough, that is, until his friend Silas got a new bike for his birthday. Silas' bike was perfect: just the right size, just the right color, and not a hand-me-down from anyone. Suddenly, Amos wasn't so content with his hand-me-down bike anymore.

Sometimes it's hard to be content—to be happy or satisfied with what we have—isn't it? Oh, it might be easy for a while. Even though that toy or game is getting older, it still works perfectly well and you still enjoy playing with it. But that toy or game can quickly lose its appeal when the newest toy or game is released, and then you aren't content anymore.

In today's reading, the apostle Paul says that he has learned to be content whatever the circumstances. That's a pretty bold statement for him to make! When we read about Paul's life in other parts of the New Testament, we discover that he experienced some difficult situations. There were times when Paul was hungry, when he was in prison, and when he was being mistreated and beaten. But Paul says he learned the secret of being content in any and every situation—even the toughest ones.

So what *is* the secret? He says, "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." What does that mean? What does being given strength have to do with being content? Who is this "him" that Paul mentions?

If you answered "Jesus," you're absolutely right! *Jesus* is the secret to being content in any and every situation! Jesus gives us the strength to remember that the situations we face here on this earth won't last forever. Someday, we'll be in heaven with Jesus. And until that day, we can be content in any situation, just like Paul.

Paul's secret didn't mean that he could do everything on his own. It didn't even mean that he could do everything with Jesus' help. But Jesus did give Paul the strength to do everything that was pleasing to God, and he gives us the strength to do the same—no matter what situation we are in.

Closing Prayer:

Lord Jesus Christ, help me to be content in whatever circumstance I am in. Give me the strength to always trust that you love me and are working for my good. Amen.

Devotion taken from "wels.net."

Upcoming Events

Next Week:

Monday, November 9

- Girls Basketball Practice:
B-Team: 3:30 – 5 p.m.
A-Team: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11

- Jr. & Sr. Confirmation, 6 p.m.

Thursday, November 12

- Girls Basketball Practice:
B-Team: 3:30 – 5 p.m.
A-Team: 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Friday, November 13

- Forensics practice at school
- A-Team Girls B-ball Game @ Ipswich, 5 p.m.

Saturday, November 14

- B-Team Girls B-ball Game @ St. Martin's, 11 a.m.

Looking ahead:

Scholastic Book Fair: Nov. 15 – 22
Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 25 – Nov. 27



Monday 11/9

Sloppy Joes, French fries, fruit & veg.

Wednesday 11/11

Spaghetti, breadstick, fruit & veg.

Friday 11/13

Super nachos, fruit & veg.

School Book Fair: Nov. 15 - 22

TLS will hold its annual Scholastic Book Fair from Sunday, November 15 through Sunday, November 22nd. Books will be set up on tables in the Fellowship hall area. You may purchase books from the tables or order online. Purchases during this book fair gives the school Scholastic Dollars to use and keep our library updated.



Veterans Day Program Changes

Students are working on songs to show support to all Veterans. Instead of performing in front of an audience, we will record the students singing these songs and post it on our Facebook page. A special thank-you to Dyllen Fleckenstein, who will be talking to students about his experiences while serving our country.

2020/2021 TLS Girls Basketball



Please refer to the TLS November activity calendar for currently scheduled practice times and games. Weekly information will also be provided in the newsletter. We will let you know of any changes as we become aware. A special thank you to our coaches: Al Kjenstad for the A-Team and Doug Klipfel for the B-Team.

Forensics Project

We will not be holding Forensics Night this year. Students in grades 2 - 8 will still be practicing and working on Forensics pieces in their classrooms. Then on November 20th, they will speak in front of staff and other students besides students in their classroom. Information concerning forensics was previously sent home with students in grades 2 – 8.

Forensics Schedule:

- Oct. 30 — Students inform teachers of their category.
- Nov. 6 Students inform teachers of their title.
- Nov. 13 Practice at School.
- Nov. 17-18 Students will present and be judged in classrooms.
- Nov. 20 Forensics Meet (just during school day).

Thanksgiving Break: Nov. 25-27

Please keep in mind that there will be no school Wednesday through Friday (Nov. 25 – 27) for Thanksgiving break.



Thanksgiving Break
No School

Help for Aftercare

Our Aftercare helper, Barb Wietgreffe, will be retiring at the end of December this year. We are looking for someone to fill her position. For information about hours and wages, please speak to Mrs. Sperry.



Cold Weather Attire

With the colder weather, please remember to have your children dress accordingly since they will be outside for recess whenever possible. Have them be prepared with appropriate coats, hats, mittens, snow pants and snow boots. Thanks for your help with this.