

Mike Misslin's Temple Talk

Together: Called, Sent, Serving
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Good Morning, I'm Mike Misslin, Chair of the Facilities Group and today I'm here to talk to you about Faith. Faith. Short word with major implications. As a civil engineer, I have faith in the tools of my trade. My hardhat keeps me from being injured from small falling objects. My climbing harness, when properly attached to an anchor point prevents me from being seriously injured should I slip and fall while climbing high up on a bridge or inside a dam's gate tower. My respirator, when fitted with the proper filters, prevents me from inhaling life threatening fumes and particulates on a hazardous waste site. Faith is a lot like air in that you can't touch it or feel it yet you know it's there because you're breathing it. But can you see it?

Tip O'Neill was a major politician from Massachusetts who famously said "all politics is local. " I think like every good politician he probably stole the idea from Jesus who instinctively knew all faith is local. Jesus didn't have a Jumbotron, megaphone or newspaper to teach about faith. He simply went about the countryside teaching and performing miraculous things to convince people that having faith and courage and living to respect each other and God was a pretty good way to go in trying and uncertain times. We come together as a congregation to confess and display our faith to each other on Sunday. But how does that faith translate into everyday life? By coming together with purpose we accomplish more than most of us can as individuals. We contribute diapers and food so that others have basic necessities. We came together with others to rehabilitate the Boys and Girls Club. We are here to support each other and volunteer at various institutions in our communities. We "Feed the Pig" at Christmas to support God's Global Barnyard. We give when disaster strikes across the globe. And right now, our pumpkin sale is supporting not only local youth programs, but providing vital income for the Navajo people in New Mexico. God truly works in mysterious ways. So when you are deciding what to do with this card, think about how your faith works for you and the impact it has on others.