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Following are some of my Facebook postings that I believe can provide ideas for sermons.

SERMON IDEA - MOVING PAST YOUR PAST!

When you are afraid to advance due to past failure, remember that the only path forward is from where you are. You cannot begin where you are "not". Eventually your options are to become frozen, to regress, or to choose to move ahead. It is always where we go from where we actually are that determines our future. Don't live in your past-good or bad. It is today that connects to tomorrow, not yesterday. Live today

SERMON IDEA - OUCH AND OH GLORY!

I love Phil. 1:6 which tells us that the Lord begins the work in us and will bring it to completion. He has an end in view of what He desires to see in our lives and He works toward that end. Sometimes He is very tender, other times very tenacious, but love always is His motive in handling us. So His hard squeezes and tender strokes work together to form Christ in us. So it's Ouch and Oh Glory simultaneously.

SERMON FAITH - PASSING THE FAITH TEST

Jesus prayed for Peter that his "faith fail not." Times of testing challenge what we have said we believed. In my failure, I and what I believed was sifted. I've tossed things that needed to go and believe more deeply in love, mercy, grace, etc. You die & discover yourself when this happens. Religion says "Do more!" Jesus says "Come to me and I will give you _____." He gives, we live. Sift & gift. Life!

SERMON IDEA - EXCHANGING PEACE FOR PANIC

I have been thinking a lot about the simplicity of walking with Jesus. The Bible says, "Be anxious for nothing(Phil. 4:6)." What does this mean? Not one thing is to be allowed to get us into anxiety. When I get anxious I have left simplicity for something of my own thinking. I have exchanged peace for panic and life gets complicated again. Keep it simple!

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