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pastor's message

I know someone who likes to collect German proverbs. He lives in the mid-West and sends them to me. The latest one I received is: **“Die Welt wird nie gut, aber sie Koennte besser werden.”** **“The world will never become good but it could become better.”** This proverb reflects our Christian theology that says that we indeed do live in a sinful world. Although the world is sinful and we are part of it, we are truly redeemed by the grace of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we have the potential for being powerful agents of positive change in the world.

It is true. The world is not good and the abundance of violence, hate, greed, and the existence of war after war attests to that fact. Where do we get the courage to live with a sense of hope in such a frightening world? The answer is faith. Sharing our burdens of fear with Jesus Christ enables us to not only cope, but to remain hopeful.

Many years ago, Conrad H. Hilton gave an address in the form of a prayer. Hilton began:

“Our Father in Heaven, we pray that You save us from ourselves. The world that You made for us to live in peace, we have made Into an armed camp. We are afraid of **‘the terror that flies by night, the arrow that flies by day, the pestilence what walks in darkness, the destruction that wastes at noonday’** We have turned from You to go our selfish way.

We have left Your altars to serve the gods of money and pleasure and power. Forgive us and help us . . . Inspire us with wisdom, all of us, of every color, race and creed, to help our brothers (and sisters) instead of destroying them.

Help us to do Your will as it is done in Heaven, and to be worthy of Your promise of peace on earth. Fill us with new strength, and new courage that we may run the ‘battle of peace’. Be swift to save us, Dear God, before darkness falls. Amen.”

I think this message still applies in our world today.

All praises to God,
Leigh Pezet, Pastor