

Lately, I have been finding myself saying one phrase over and over again: “Are you sure about that?” I use it all the time when playing games with the youth group. It’s my subtle warning to them that their well-planned scheme is going to blow up in their faces. It’s such a good phrase I find it slipping into my everyday speech.

“Are you sure about that?” is such a wonderfully applicable phrase. Just try it out next time you see someone setting themselves up for failure. It can give the person you tell it to a chance to stop and think before they make a mistake. At worst, it gives you a chance to say, “I told you so.”

What’s especially amazing is this phrase echoes a nugget of wisdom from Proverbs. We are told “There is a way that seems right to a person, but its end is the way to death (Proverbs 14:12).” While that seems a little more extreme than what we usually mean, the gist is the same. People can believe they’re doing the right thing but be totally wrong.

I find this proverb to be a rather hopeful message. It reminds us to not immediately assign maliciousness or similar things to a person’s actions if we disagree with it. They’re doing it because they think it’s right, even if it’s wrong. Yes, their ignorance doesn’t make their actions okay, but it means they have a chance to do better. And let’s be honest with ourselves, there are plenty of times in our lives we think we’re doing the right thing only to end up making a terrible mistake, so it’s a hopeful message for us too. We also can do better.

Maybe that is the real challenge behind “Are you sure about that?” It isn’t just a question we should ask other people. It’s a question we should be willing to ask ourselves.

Are you sure about that thing you’re doing? Are you sure about the way you are treating someone? Are you sure that your plan is really the best plan? Are you sure that what you think is right is actually what God is calling you to do?

Sometimes the answer is going to be no. Sometimes we are going to realize that we have gotten something wrong. And when that happens, we have a choice. We can dig in our heels and insist that we were right all along, or we can admit that we made a mistake and try to do better.

Thankfully, God gives us room to do exactly that. We don’t have to get everything right the first time. We don’t have to have all the answers. We just have to be willing to stop, listen, and allow God to redirect us when we are heading the wrong way.

So maybe the next time you hear yourself saying, “Are you sure about that?” take a moment to ask yourself the same question. And if the answer is, “Well... maybe not,” that’s okay.

Sometimes realizing we are on the wrong path is the first step toward finding the right one.
God Bless, Pastor Ed

TOPS Club meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door.

Thank You

Thanks and appreciation to our friends and family at LUMC. We value the prayers and encouraging words more than you know. Chris & Ron Nisley

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Food Pantry Needs: pasta sauce, elbow macaroni, jam & jelly, canned pasta-ravioli, boxed stuffing, taco kits, Knorr Sides, pudding & jello, syrup, canned soup with meat, canned fruit Thank you.

The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

Sept. 27 Dixie **Oct 4** Janet D.

Oct. 11 Diane

**Sign up at the bulletin board outside the
kitchen door.**

Sunday Kids Church Schedule

Sept. 27 Patty **Oct. 4** Communion

Oct. 11 _____

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Looking Ahead

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group – Sunday, Oct. 4, 6 PM

Lakeville Fall Festival – Saturday, Oct. 10

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Monday, Oct. 12, 5 PM Dustin's House - Plymouth

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Oct. 13, 3-6 PM

Disciples & Dragons Youth Group – Sunday, Oct. 18, 6 PM

Trunk or Treat – Saturday, Oct. 24, 4:30 – 6 PM

Hot Dogs at the pavilion – Saturday, Oct. 24, 6 PM

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Oct. 24, 6-8 PM

Women's Executive Mtg. – Monday, Oct. 26, 12:30 PM

Food Pantry – Tuesday, Oct. 27, 3-6 PM

Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, Oct. 28, 10 AM



Lakeville
UMC
**trunk
or treat
CARNIVAL**
October 24th

Games! Candy!
Hot Dogs!
Wagon Rides! Fun!
4PM-6PM

Lakeville
United Methodist Church
612 N Michigan St.

Costume Contest
5:00pm

