

Lake Highlands Church

Sunday Assembly Reflection – 10/5/14

Hello Saints,

On Sunday, we gave thanks for and celebrated the legacy of Bob and Betty Striler. For over 30 years they have lived “love in action” by giving to others in times of great need – whether the need was a mattress to sleep on, a hospital visit, or a smile in the midst of deep sadness. But, the purpose of this tribute was not only to look back, but as Jim said it was “the transmission of faith from one generation to another,” to give each of us the inspiration to take the baton and continue the race.

I found myself comparing myself to the Strilers (and feeling very small) and wondering what in the world would I do with this baton of faith? I honestly don’t know. But, I am hopeful because I heard that Bob started out not knowing either. Sometimes I get so afraid of “failing” or not knowing what to do, that I refuse to try. But, when I heard how Bob asked for help to know how to pray for a man who was crying on his chest, I was encouraged. Isn’t that funny that comparing myself to their accomplishments was intimidating, but hearing of Bob’s un-preparedness for his task at hand gave me courage. God wants me to be willing to ask for help even as I help others.

What thoughts were going through your mind as you listened to the testimonies about the Strilers (if you weren’t there, think of someone who demonstrates love in action). Did you relate to Bob? Did you relate to Betty? Did you relate to one of the “forgotten ones” in need of help?

When you meet in your lifegroups this week:

1. Share what or who you related to the most in the testimonies? What stood out to you the most? Why?
2. Tell each person in your group a specific example of how you see them demonstrating “love in action” – remember it could be as simple as always having a smile, or being patient, or bringing a meal, or persevering through a really difficult situation or relationship. Remember service is not always spectacular, but it is miraculous.
3. Pray for each other, asking the Holy Spirit to fill you with faith to trust in His purposes for you.

Your Creator gave you unique gifts, and calls you to take up the baton. No experience required. Just show up.