



Pastor's Message

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Sometimes, when something seems like it will be an imminent horror, it becomes an absolute blessing. I learned that lesson just prior to graduating eighth grade.

During the final days of seventh grade, my classmates and I were hoping and making promises to God Almighty, not to be assigned to one of the two eighth grade teachers. We all would have laid down our lives if we could be assigned to the “nice” eighth grade teacher!

Well, I was not assigned to the “nice” one, at the end of the academic year of my seventh grade. Plus, most of my friends were assigned to the “nice” one! Should I run away to Canada, I thought? Maybe, falsely confessing to the seventh grade teacher, I cheated on every test and quiz, so I could happily repeat that grade?

I did none of the above. In September, I began as an eighth grader in the dreaded class with the not “nice” teacher, while my friends had the “nice” one. Well, guess what happened?

I never had a better teacher in all of my years of formal education! And, to this day, after being a student in high school, college, seminary and law school, no teacher was better than him! As a matter of fact, a movie was made about my remarkable eighth grade teacher- Joe Clark! The movie; “Lean on Me,” starring Morgan Freeman, as Mr. Clark. Unquestionably, he was the best!

The lesson: Don’t get so uptight about what looks to be a disaster ahead. Because in the end, it may not become one. Actually, it may become one of the greatest blessings of your life!

Peace,
Fr. Marc