

## Daring to be Surprised Chapter 7

- They will celebrate every surprising disaster because it means that someone tried to make something happen ...someone dared to dream and then someone dared to do it. (p.91)

*Reflections:*

*What are things that we have dreamed to do that did not work out?*

*Did we celebrate, if not how did we respond?*

***Pre-School/KidsKorner/Camp Sunday – keep trying and adjusting – blended with VBS***

***Contemporary Service – keep trying***

***Failure teaches us things – need to find the lessons***

***Multi-ministry room for Senior Daycare – found out the regulations put it beyond our reach***

- When the Holy Spirit showed up in the life of that early church, something new happened. (p.92)

*Reflections:*

*The Holy Spirit is here at Good Shepherd; what do you believe the Holy Spirit is nudging us to do?*

*Change – dream about it*

*Get involved in ministries such as Camp Noah*

*Puppet Ministry*

*Deepening our relationships both within the church and with the community*

*Be challenged and don't be afraid to do new things*

*To move forward despite our financial problems.*

*Keep moving forward – working on living God's word and things will work out*

*Be a community in here*

*Bringing in new members*

*Get involved in WBMD ministries such as Camp Noah*

- What does it mean [for us] to stand on grace (p.96)

*Try without fear of failure*

*Be encouraging to those who try new things*

*It's okay to fail – Jesus is there to pick us up*

*Don't be fearful, be willing to do things you have never done before – ex. New committee, take a new responsibility with the church*

*To be willing to take a chance*

*To have the faith in the Holy Spirit that "IF" we make a mistake – at least we tried and will be forgiven*

*Our faith leads us with grace and GOD's abundance*

- What are we afraid of? (p.97)

*Failure*

*We are afraid of failure so we are fearful to be adventurous*

*Rejection*

*Criticism*

*Finances - Not having enough money.*

*Change*

*What is the worst that could happen ... And is that so bad?*

*For some people, moving forward even a little may be too much*