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Resetting the Mind

One of first technology tricks I learned (long before I knew how much technology was going to be a part of our world) was that resetting technology fixes a high percentage of technological problems. There is no doubt that I am a technology immigrant. I was not born into technology, but it came along the way. At times my mind has to “reset” to think technologically. On the other hand, my kids are technology natives. Their world has always been full of unique technology.

As I inch closer to the 40-year-old mark, I don't feel that much older. My mind says I am the same old Will it has always known, that is, until I get a mind “reset.” That happened recently when my dad's birthday came and went; another birthday he was not here with us. He would have been 60 this year. Reflecting on his birthday, I realized I am moving ever closer to the age he was when he passed—44 years old. Mind reset! I recognized how much life I have lived, and how now days, 37 is not perceived to be young. (By the time my parents were 37, I was finishing up high school.) Thankfully, there are a lot of older guys doing the same work I do, so I still surprise a lot of people with my “young” age. That helps to convince my mind that it is still as young as it thinks it is.

In our reading this week Peter needed a mind “reset.” He was treating Jesus like he was one of his other friends; one Peter always wanted to have around. Peter was fighting for the life of a man he loved and followed. I mean, who ever wants to see your friends die, right? But Peter was forgetting the teaching he had heard from Jesus about why He came in the first place. As Peter was professing his love for Jesus, Jesus called him Satan. Ouch! There is no way around it; that was a harsh mind “reset”! Jesus called Peter out in one of the toughest ways. We all need mind “resets” based on how our environment, or mind, has deceived us. This week we will talk about what it means to reset our minds to the ways of our Lord and Savior.

God's Peace,
Pastor Will