



## A Minute with Pastor July 2015

### July 5, 2015

You find them on road signs, on stickers, and in warnings. They are load limitations (Perhaps the politically correct term for "weight ceiling"!). The road ahead can only bear a certain amount, so heavier vehicles need to find a different route. The elevator you are about to enter can only handle so many people (i.e. number of pounds). And the three-seat waverunner you wish to rent will only accommodate a certain mass.

Fact is, there are limitations for anything on this earth. Under too much pressure or load, the object will collapse or the foundation will crumble. We hear of homes disappearing into the ground, of roads slipping into sinkholes, and of structures giving out. Only so much weight can be handled.

That's why, when it comes to sin, we need Someone not of this earth. We need Someone who has no limitations or restrictions Who can bear an infinite load. Enter Jesus Christ. Through His death, burial and resurrection, He is more than able to bear the weight of an entire lost world. There is no maximum load and there is no breaking point for Him.

Friend, who and what are you building your foundation upon? If it is upon a person or a possession, it is sinking sand! But if it is in Christ alone, your foundation is rock solid and secure.

### July 12, 2015

They pop up when things don't seem to be quite right. What should be straight appears to be slightly crooked. Though what you are seeing looks good, it doesn't exactly appear true. And when you probe a little deeper, what shows itself outwardly does not line up with what you are seeing inwardly.

We call them "red flags" and they spring up when all is not well. Whether it's while you are viewing an automobile on the car lot or the authenticity of a document you are holding in front of you or the validity of a person's claim noted over the phone, these unseen flags are nevertheless real. They cry out to you to slow down, to give pause, and to even take a step back.

While the red flags of our physical existence are not often a matter of life and death, they are when it comes to our spiritual existence. When it comes to salvation, you don't want to get this wrong. So when you hear about how to get to heaven but it doesn't agree with scripture, that ought to be a red flag. When someone is sharing their feelings about God but it doesn't align with the Bible, that ought to be a red flag. And when a church is more concerned about programs than people, that ought to be a red flag.

Friend, don't speed by the red flags, especially when they pertain to eternal matters. You don't get a "do over."