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Dear Believer:

May God who is rich in mercy fulfill all that He has spoken over you and to you so that in all things His Name may be glorified.

Praise Day Corpus Christi was a very great day indeed. Pastors and leaders from all over the area came and with them came many of the people of God to sing and rejoice with one voice before the Lord. Bishop Carmody, Pastor Warren Piersol, and Dr. Bob Eckert each shared with us about listening to the Lord, recognizing what He is doing and taking it beyond the walls of the church. The day finished up with a youth praise event at Cole Park that was not part of the planning done by the Praise Day Committee. Do you suppose that God was marking the day to open and close with His praises?

Praise Day has been followed by a Bible Conference put on by De Koning Ministries, which is in progress at this writing. Pastor Ken de Koning of Waldron Road Baptist, Pastor Luis R. Cabrera of Iglesia Cristiana Maranatha, Rev. Steve Fieldcamp of First United Methodist, and Pastor Warren Piersol of Faith World Outreach each brought testimonies and the word of the Lord to the city that God is moving and will continue to do so in our city. I do not often directly repeat what comes from other meetings, but I offer this for your meditation. Pastor Cabrera reminded us of the 40 Day March which occurred in 1998. During that time people met each morning to walk, pray, and anoint the entire city limits of Corpus Christi with oil. It ended at Cole Park on May 9, 1998, in observance of a day proclaimed by the Mayor as a Day of Repentance for the sins of our city. There was also repentance for corruption and abuse in the law enforcement community. Pastor Luis spoke to us from Leviticus 26:1-13 saying that this is the promise of the Lord to us; then from Ezekiel 22:30 showing what can happen with no godly response. He finished in Isaiah 6:5-8 by saying, "Our answer to the word of God to this city will determine the answer of heaven over this city."

Pastor Piersol, without being in consultation with Pastor Cabrera, spoke to us next out of the story of Jesus with the Samaritan woman at the well. His main point being that Jesus in following what the Father was doing brought revival to that city, but the disciples were not part of the process. They were focused on doing what they thought was necessary and blinded by their prejudice toward Samaritans. **They were bringing Jesus their offering of service, but missing the move of God**. Pastor Piersol's point was that God is moving powerfully in our city, but we can and will miss what He is doing by presuming to know God's will toward others and assuming we know what needs to happen next. He made the powerful point that the greatest resistance to the current move of God is almost always from the people of the old move of God.

Only by staying focused on Christ can we know what our Lord is doing in our midst. Only by loving Him with all we have and are, while loving His people to the point of true self-denial, can we expect to see the power of God transform our city. Our Lord Jesus is working. Will we miss it altogether or be part of it? Our answer to the word of God to this city will determine the answer of heaven over this city. By mistake we repeated the churches listed in this month's calendar, but it is no mistake that we repeat last month's prayer. "Our Father, hallowed and glorious is your holy name; Thy kingdom, Thy will, O' Lord in us, through us, through the whole earth" and add to it "Holy God, have mercy on us and open our eyes to truly see, know and join in your work in our city."

Sincerely, William W. Lumry, II

The Burn 24 Hours of Prayer and Praise

Mark your calendar for
Friday, November 14, 10:00 PM to November 15, 10:00 PM
Location this month is:
The NET Fellowship 7333 McArdle Road

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