



Dear Praying Friends,

Many years ago, before I preached my first message, my Dad told me that one of the most difficult things for the Christian is staying consistent in every area. I knew my Dad was wise then, but I have experienced the truth of that statement throughout my life and ministry, either personally or with those to whom God has called me to minister. I believe there are two things that make it difficult for the believer to remain consistent over time: his flesh and the Devil. The flesh gets tired or longs for the “good old days.” The Devil attacks whenever things seem to be going so well, just as he did with Elijah, following the tremendous victory at Mt. Carmel. When these attacks arise, we are tempted to give up or compromise. The Lord wants us to double down on our commitment to faithful (consistent) service and devotion to Him.

We have watched the Devil attack our ministry during the month of September, and it has broken our hearts. Two families, whom we have loved and nurtured in the faith, have attempted to take over the direction of our ministry here. They did this separately, but had the same goal in mind. Those of you in the ministry know the accusations that are made at a time like this: personal attacks against myself and each member of my family. As a result, both families left our church, leaving those behind in shock. We are praying for realization and restoration for these two families, and for encouragement for those who remain with us. Please pray with us along these lines.

It is at times like this that wavering, compromise, and quitting would enter the mind, but our Lord has been faithful to encourage our hearts, in spite of the hurt. Since this situation arose, we have seen more first-time visitors in our services than we have seen in the past six months. Not only this, but we saw one young man trust the Lord for salvation in the middle of this situation. We are so thankful for God’s sustaining grace during this time.

We know this situation happens to men of God everywhere. We are not discouraged, although we are saddened by these events. We look to the Scripture and find sweet consolation. “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. *We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed; Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.*” —2 Corinthians 4:7-10

We are thankful for the Lord’s providence in this situation. I had planned to be in the US, reporting to some supporting churches, during the month of September. My Permanent Residence card still has not arrived, and that prevented me from being away during this time. I am thankful that I was here to provide leadership and direction to our folks.

We are so thankful for your continued prayer for us and the ministry here.

Humbly His,

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