

The Harpers to Toronto, Ontario Canada

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2 Chronicles 20:12 “O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.”

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“Neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee.” When I entered the ministry over 20 years ago, I somehow thought God put me in the ministry because I knew what I was doing. (Ha!) However, now I realize that God put me in the ministry because God knows what He is doing.

The ministry as far as our numerical flock is the lowest that it has been in years. Satan and the cares of this life have gotten the best of many of our people. It seems that so many are looking for a one day a week religion that gives them a supernatural shot that will empower them to go and do what they really want to do the rest of the week. Few people really want to sacrifice and minister to the Lord or each other daily. I have never seen such a time when people are in such bondage to their daily lives. I remember working 80 hours a week when the Lord first saved me and I went to work Wednesday night in my Wonder Bread uniform because there wasn't time to change. I went to church Sunday morning and Sunday night with a wife and one child on the way and I still somehow read the bible every day at work, witnessed on the job and fellowshiped with my church family during the week and joyfully made time to help them during the week. I do remember being tired sometimes but being so charged with the joy of a Saviour and that I could live for Him.

Yet, today there are more holidays than before, more conveniences to save time, but the simplest acts of service seem to be a burden to so many and most of the labour of so many is a vain attempt to try to squeeze as much as possible out of what this world calls life.

The joy of the situation that we are in is: “our eyes are upon thee.” This is one of the most marvelous times that I have ever experienced in ministry. Just like Jehoshaphat in the passage the threat of the enemy is real and my ability to have victory within myself is impossible but my eyes are on the Lord. I rejoice in the reality that we are in the perfect position for God to reveal Himself as The Almighty that He is and show to all that this has never been about me but it has always been about Him. Therefore, we continue to sow joyfully, praising God for His ability to bring in a harvest and praising Him also for the privilege of serving Him.

Pray for Mohammed; a young man that I have been try to reach for years called to have a meeting with me last week and he asked me several questions about life after death and salvation. He is from a strong Muslim family but God is working on his heart. God has been bringing people back across my path with questions that want to meet that had seemingly disappeared. Pray for the following people: Brian, Rev, Michael, Maxine, Omar and Andre. Also, there has been an increased drug use in our apartment building so I realize that the hopelessness is increasing in some. Pray that God will use this to humble them that they would be willing to hear about Our Saviour. Pray fervently that the Lord will give us wisdom and Holy Spirit power to faithfully serve and honour Him daily. As always, pray for labourers and we thank you greatly for your labour of love that allows us to serve the Lord in country of Canada.

Because Jesus has the words of eternal life,

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