



Let us not become weary...let us not become idle.

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We're almost to the half way mark for Pray Lee County. The Lord impressed upon me two thoughts as we're about to round second base and head for home at day 19 of prayer.

Keep running and run in such as way as to get the prize.

How are we to run? With a steady pace and an eye on the finish line. In my new physical workout routine, I have three goals: calorie burn, heart rate and strengthening. In order to achieve all three, I have to do things differently than I used to in exercise. Taking a casual walk around the neighborhood won't get the same results. It takes a more invigorating series of exercises to achieve all three in the time allotted. So it is with our prayers; our burn for the Lord should be increasing, my heart should be quickened in pace for the love of God to be poured out on a lost world and we should be gaining strength.

Pray Lee County is a call to action; action on our knees praying, seeking, craving and requiring of necessity the face of God-His presence among us for the forgiveness of sin and the healing of our land. There should be no casualness in our repentance. Repentance means a changing of our mind and turning in a direction that is on God's course, not our own. If we pray with the old casualness in our prayers and call it "quiet time"; if we confess with our mouth the same sins over and over again with not even an expectation of change; if we casually walk our neighborhoods and drive our streets in the same manner as in years past, how will we know or perceive that God is walking among us.

Job 33:14

14 For God does speak - now one way, now another - though man may not perceive it.

Isa 43:19

19 See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.

Pray Lee County is no casual observation or an event with an ending. It is a call to the Bride of Christ to be unified in our petition for God to walk among us. This requires no casual response; it will cause a war between our flesh and our spirit - "could you not stay awake for one hour?" Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time, we will reap a harvest - our prayers are seed sown; the manner and attitude in which we pray determines the depth of the seed and the quality of the soil.

Press in and press on to obtain the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus to obtain. **God desires to walk among us; do we desire the same?** If we do, this will not be a casual response - He desires for His righteousness, faithfulness, mercy and love to be realized in the very fabric that makes up Lee County - government, education and in the marketplace. He has called on us from the beginning to take dominion over the land, and that will be by the sweat of our brow - there is work to be done and to prevail we must travail.

Be encouraged church, there are many miracles taking place. God is healing, restoring and bringing order to things that have been out of order - it is the trickle that will become a flood.

Ask the Lord for favor in your prayers and for energy to stay the course. Ask Him to see what He is doing in the lives of others in and around Lee County. Let us ask Him to show us and remind us every day how and why His grace is so amazing.

Be blessed,

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