

Pastor's Corner

By Eric Lane – August 2007

Greetings in the name of Christ Jesus,

As I sit to write, my mind begins to wander. (Beth tells me it is always wandering.) I thought back to the hot and dry days of July and recalled the storms that brought us rain. Our lives are a lot like that. There are times when, spiritually, we feel dried up; that we have not received the nourishment we need to keep us growing spiritually. It is as if we are in the wilderness and we wonder when and how it will all end. Is this what I have to look forward to for the rest of my journey in life?

I began to imagine how Job must have felt. Job had lost everything—family, wealth, and even his health—yet he maintained his belief in God. Sure—look it up—Job had plenty of questions for God. How, why, and when will it all end? As I continued to write, I looked out the window and noticed that it had begun to rain. The drought was over and the hot days, for the moment, had ended. Yes, it will get hot again; yes, the rain will end and it will dry up again, but, for now, I am going to go outside and enjoy the refreshing rain as it falls from the sky. God knew the land needed the rain, just as he knows our own needs.

In those days that you are struggling and might be in a dry spell spiritually, remember God will provide. The one who sends the rain to water the earth can fill us with all that we need.

Speaking of needs, August is when our children return to school. Pray for our children, pray for our teachers, pray for those who drive the buses, ride in the cars, and maintain our schools. They may have said we cannot pray publically in school, but no one can keep us from praying privately for our schools.

Prayer: Lord thank you for the rain, the sun, life, and your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill us with your mercy and love that we may follow you through this life until the time when you welcome us home. Be with our children, the teachers, the bus drivers, and all who take part in teaching our children. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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