

Dear Praying Friends,

I recently sent a text to a small circle of close friends. Here is the text:

FYI - Water damage in house in TX (Broken water line) is being repaired as we speak. Insurance was good. Bought Yukon to bring to NE. Some one hit it and ran while it was parked. It too is being repaired while we speak. I tested positive for Covid. Missed last two opportunities to preach in Tiverton. I am bouncing back, but Judy is coughing. She has not been tested, but her symptoms are not the same. Satan is fighting, but we are winning! Still writing and witnessing. Two ladies from hospital visit came to services. Thanks for your friendship!

One of those friends gave me this quote: "Sometimes we are in a sowing season, and sometimes it is a harvest season. Sounds like you're in a "beating" season. Wow! I'm glad you're remaining positive. Goodness! Hang in there. In due time we shall get out of the beating season if we faint not." Isn't that what we are supposed to do? It seems that we must understand that we are in world cursed by sin, and that our life here is short, and that we are here for the Glory of God. That is the short version of what the life of the Apostle Paul reflected.

Philippians 4:12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

- I know how my eyes are wide open; I can see the answer; I can do this!
- **vs 13** I can do all things *It was* <u>not a habit</u> which he had acquired by frequent exercise, it was a <u>disposition</u> which he had by grace; and he was enabled to do all by the power of an indwelling Christ.

Job 14:1 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble. Paul accepted that fact and dealt with it regardless of difficulties and circumstances. We are attempting to do the same.

Meanwhile, I am asking each of you to pray for the services at North Tiverton Baptist Church on November 20. We have invited many people and we expect to feed dozens of them at our Thanksgiving Fellowship on that day. Folks followed Jesus because of the miracles, the loaves and fishes. We hope they will come for turkey and dressing and go away with a Gospel blessing. We are doing what we can do help. We cannot do the miracles that Jesus did, but we surely want to be a blessing to them and pray that the Lord will give them listening ears to the message of His word. We want to feed them, give them groceries and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to them. We can give them something to eat.

The church continues to hold steady in spite of all of the shifting circumstances. It is a joy to work with the faithful congregation as together we seek long term solutions for the future of this ministry.

Best Wishes, Always!

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