

RAINING HOPE

“And he will send showers of rain so every field becomes a lush pasture.” Zechariah 10:1

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On Our Knees - Bold Praying Raining Hope Compliance



Thank you for joining us on our journey in a special “**Call to Prayer - On Our Knees**”. God is answering our prayers in ways that can only be explained by Him!

From “**On Our Knees**” by Phil Wickham (page 32) - “**The fall of Jericho is a story that is yet**

another reminder of how God can accomplish even the most impossible victories. (Joshua 5:13-6:2). Our battles ultimately belong to Him! No matter what battles we face or how insurmountable the walls that stand between us and God’s promises, we can rest in the truth that God has already overcome those obstacles. Our battles ultimately belong to Him! But I’ve found an important lesson about prayer by what happens **before** God brings the walls of Jericho down. In this story, Joshua sees the insurmountable walls of Jericho and scouts the seemingly invincible enemy that stands in the way of God’s promise. Like all of us, Joshua runs the numbers and assesses the situation, probably worrying about the logistics of how he’s going to conquer the wall. But, instead of getting a practical answer, the angel tells Joshua to **remove his sandals because he is standing on holy ground.** Sometimes we get focused more on the promised land and on the holy spaces we want after the victory, but God reminds us in this story that we are **standing on holy ground BEFORE the victory ever occurs.**

It’s easy to get caught up with focusing on the obstacles in front of us that we lose sight of what God wants to do. So it’s important to remember that whenever we pray, we are **stepping onto ground that is set apart, distinct, different, above, beyond our understanding - and, yes, holy,** because **God’s presence** is there even before the promise of His answer. There is something so freeing about that truth; that I don’t need to understand the how’s and why’s of bringing down the walls that loom ahead in my life. **I just need to come to God in prayer and know I am standing in His presence.”**

Thank you for continuing to pray as we trust Him to do what only He can do!



INTERNATIONAL LIONS CONVENTION



Lions International

I just returned from interpreting for my 35th year for the Lions Clubs International Convention. I began interpreting for the Lions 37 years ago (COVID interrupted 2020 & 2021). This year the convention was in Melbourne, Australia. It was their winter season, so I enjoyed the 50-60 degree weather!

Lions Clubs International has a foundation, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). The mission is to "empower Lions clubs, volunteers, and partners to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities, and support those in need through humanitarian services and grants that impact lives globally, and encourage peace and international understanding." Raining Hope has previously received a grant from LCIF when we were in the process of purchasing a more permanent home.

Before the second plenary session began, **I was able to meet two amazing individuals from Texas and Uganda!**

LCIF expanded their global causes to include Childhood Cancer. One of their first calls was to Texas Children's Hospital because of the amazing work they implemented through **Global HOPE** to improved outcomes for these children. Global HOPE is doing amazing work in Uganda.

I met the director of the Global HOPE program, Lion Dr. Joseph L. He was so excited when he learned that our work is in Jinja, Uganda. Their program in Uganda is based in the capital city of Kampala only a couple of hours away from us.

Just as much of a blessing was meeting Desire, who lives in Kampala. She is a childhood cancer survivor who was given new life thanks to the collaboration of Lions and Global HOPE. Desire has been cancer free for three years and has a very promising future. Next time I am in Uganda, they want me to tour the facility in Kampala. Desire was happy to hear of our family in Jinja. We are now keeping in contact with one another.

Desire shared how many children with cancer would not be able to afford the chemo treatment. She is grateful to the Lions and Global Hope for giving her a chance for a bright future. Without it, she wouldn't be here to share her story.

This reminded me of my own call to Uganda. Eighteen years ago, I first heard how most people who died from malaria were children under the age of five. Even more surprising was to discover it was not because malaria is untreatable, but it was because people couldn't afford the life saving treatment which amounted to about \$12. **Over the years, your donations have helped save lives and bring hope for a better future for countless students in Uganda. Your prayers and support have and continue to make a difference.**

Desire is pursuing a career that will help more people in the future who are faced with similar circumstances. I am thankful for the new relationships that came out of this years convention that may lead to future opportunities of reaching even more people for Him.



I thank the Lord for His grace and provision to help us **meet the compliance needs up to this point.** When the immediate needs were met so quickly, I was in awe of what God can do. These are moments when we understand that the Lord has called us for His purpose. When our strength is small and we feel low and the weight is heavy, the Lord reminds us through such miracles that His yoke is easy. God comes through even when you think it is hard. I am thankful to our dear sponsors for allowing God to use all of you. We are trusting in God as we continue to embark on this journey as we wait on the compliance approval. I really feel and believe in my heart that the Lord will make a way for us. When I saw days drawing closer, I still trusted in the Lord to do what he does better, to stand by His work. To see what the Lord is doing is an encouragement to continue in Him and serve his purpose through us. All of us at Raining Hope love you all.

Godfrey and the Raining Hope Family



Thank you for supporting the radio ministry. Lives are being changed and impacted. Allow me share a few testimonies that we have so far received as a result of the radio ministry.

There is a pastor who has been following our radio ministry for a long time now. He called on my phone and he appreciated all we do. He was about to give up on ministry. He was contemplating leaving the country and relocating. When he had listened to my message of standing firm in Christ, he was so encouraged and chose to stay back and edify the body of Christ. He learned not to easily give up on God when faced with challenges in life. He continued to say that following us on the radio has helped him to understand more about God and encouraged us to keep going because God is with us.

There is a lady who has been having consistent headache pains until when we prayed for her. She said mostly the headaches come during the evening times of the day. She believed that her distant family were practicing witchcraft and that was affecting her deeply. During the prayers over the radio, I prayed for her and she was delivered. She tried waiting the next evening to see if the headache was gone and to her surprise she was completely healed. God is healing people in the region using us as ministry for the glory of his name.

These are some of the testimonies that encourages us to do what God has called us to do. I will send more testimonies as we progress and I trust that the Lord will guide us.

Godfrey



On Our Knees - Bold Praying

Last month, I shared the song by **Tasha Layton**, **"Worship Through It"**, <https://youtu.be/pBeivKtQ0RM?si=kNNMytMLY121YjtK>. I have continued **"worshipping through"** with this song as I continue to pray about what is needed for compliance. What we have to raise is BIG. But **OUR GOD IS BIGGER!** *"This looks impossible, but You're the God of impossible."* *"I know my God can do it. So, I'm gonna worship through it."*

As I was quoting the story from "On Our Knees" about the **fall of Jericho** (page 1), the song, **"Do It Again"** by Elevation Worship came on Air1. https://youtu.be/0B_InQIIITxU?si=Nc7THmnb1XgV4LQm. The words are powerful. The very first verse says, **"Walking around these walls** - I thought by now they'd fall. But You have never failed me yet." "Your promise still stands - Great is Your faithfulness, faithfulness. I'm still in Your hands - This is my confidence. **You've never failed me yet."**

**"I've seen You move, You move the mountains. And I believe I'll see You do it again.
You made a way, where there was no way. And I believe I'll see You do it again".**

This is our prayer. We are half way there. Join us as we **PRAY, TRUST and WORSHIP THROUGH IT!** God receives all the glory for what He will do! We will see Him do it again.

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