

<b>Subj:</b> <b>Re: Prayer</b> <b>Date:</b> 01/10/2002 09:14:33 GMT Daylight Time <b>From:</b> jones.p@sachetpack.com (Philip Jones) <b>To:</b> RuthFerg10186@aol.com
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Dear R & R,

I look forward to Thursday and haven't forgotten to pick up Hazel (only because I wrote it down!).

What struck me to begin with was the 'soft lets talk' tone of voice PAE had - as if you were having a 'one on one' gentle conversation. The atmosphere was charged and 'we' were like putty in his hands! The so called 'Statement' contained very little real information - but brilliantly done. To begin PAE confessed a failing that he had, in hindsight, not handled the situation with Jeanie and Richard well - someone had approached him about two of the youth doing things they shouldn't have been, PAE decided to do nothing believing it might blow over but it didn't - this was the mistake he confessed to (we were all thinking "well that wasn't so bad"). Then he painted a picture of over-reaction on your part at an Elders meeting and although he didn't say as much, it came across that your response to PAE's failing was 100 times disproportionately too great. You told him he was like a boulder in a path and the elders were like wedges holding the boulder in place, he also said how much you hurt him because of what you said about his ministry. Then he beautifully slipped in that Brian had joined in the attack behind Roger...he only said one sentence about Brian but with everyone hooked it didn't need more than this - so slick. He also mentioned how he had offered his resignation to the wedges who had declined and how he had been exonerated by Area Superintendent and higher.

The voting was taken 'immediately' at this point - I went out with Ritchie Dixon to count the votes and was shocked at the papers. I missed the 'future program' section. The voting against Brian was very strong indeed receiving only around 40% of the vote.

For me, this is the beginning of the end. I would appreciate your prayers. Last night was the first night of Nurture and my fleece with God was that if 20 new Christians came I would stay, but if only 2 new Christians came then I would take this as a sign that God would have me to move on from WCC. Last night Nurture had 4 new 'aces' - Roy at 75 who knows his Bible but not the Lord, Malcolm made a commitment at the Park (he lives in the Park) then Simon and Paul were brought along by Brian unexpectedly (Brian runs a Guest house somewhere by the Park) both of whom are searching. So by my reckoning that's possibly 1 new Christian. As an aside, Brian (who also does not know Jesus) has brought more new people to WCC recently than anyone else! But this speaks more against WCC than for Brian.

But now, like Gideon, come the doubts - I didn't pray hard enough for the 20 new Christians - but I did pray from my heart that if God gave this number from the crusade that I would invest heart and soul into their growth...despite the WCC problems. Then what if God expects me to stay for the 4 new faces? But in answer to that, Paul Dunne and Lynne Jacques could easily cope with them.

A few months ago bookstall sales dramatically dropped - book sales remain absolutely awful. I would be happy to accept responsibility for this if it were my fault, but I can't believe it is. Its as if folk have suddenly stopped reading. Even those who used to regularly buy books have stopped. But this was a God-given ministry - I am 200% certain that it was Gods will for me to take on the bookstall from Julie. Also, doing the bulletin was God-given. I struggle to give up the things God gave me to do and ask Him for some clearer sign that I should leave. But I have to confess a character weakness - I have always been weak with personal decision making, no problem at work but entirely different when its closer to home and so this looking for a clear sign is probably me just playing for time!

Its good to have friends you can open up to! See you Thursday.

May God bless you both and your family.  
Phil

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