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Rainy Forecast

In the Bible rain is often a symbol of God's grace, favor, and blessings. Often He speaks of "pouring out" His Spirit. In Malachi he promises to pour out blessings which cannot be contained upon those who tithe. In short, God's grace falls upon His people like the rain; it is "poured out." It is not always perfectly consistent. There are times of drought and times of abundant outpouring. Hosea writes: "Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; **He will come to us like the rain**, like the latter and former rain to the earth" (Hosea 6:3).

It is important for us to realize that **try as we might, we will never be able to carry last season's rain into a new season of our lives.** The grace that was so powerful and abundant yesterday has an expiration date. It can no more carry us through our entire lives than last year's rain can nourish this year's crops. We must have fresh grace, fresh anointing, fresh outpouring of God's favor upon us for today! The psalmist writes, "But my horn You have exalted like a wild ox; **I have been anointed with fresh oil**" (Psalm 92:10). When the money begins to run out, or the relationship begins to fizzle, or the spiritual passion begins to wane, or the ministry begins to fail, or the hope begins to grow dim, or the dream begins to die, we have

but one recourse – we must seek the Lord. Zechariah writes: "Ask the **LORD for rain in the time of the latter rain.** The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, grass in the field for everyone" (Zechariah 10:1).

As those belonging to the Lord Jesus Christ, this is what we do; this is who we are. We are seekers of God. We pray, we fast, we spend time in God's word. We remind Him of His promises and of our need of His fulfillment of them. These things are as natural to us as eating and drinking, breathing and sleeping. With every new season we learn to call on our God through His Son Jesus Christ. We fast and pray. **We turn off our televisions, hibernate our computers, close our doors and spend time on our faces before our holy God, fully believing that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.**

It can get a little scary when the old supply runs low. What seemed like a lifetime supply has now dwindled to almost nothing, and we find ourselves in desperate need once again. People run out of things. We run out of hope; we run out of money, we run out of energy, we run out of enthusiasm; we run out of ideas; we run out of time, we run out of patience. This is part of what it means to be human and finite. And when we find ourselves at the end of our resources, fear places its icy fingers around our throats. What can we do?



No need to worry. The same Jesus who poured out His grace upon us in that last rainy season is with us still. His supply of whatever we may need is infinite. **He does not run out.** We have a saying which goes, "There's more where that came from." Never is this more applicable than to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. To calm our fears, all we need to do is remember that last rainy season, and recognize that the God who gave us the rain so generously then is with us still. **When we crossed into that new season, when we entered that new year, when we stepped across that demarcation line that separates the old from the new, Jesus stepped across it right alongside of us.** We have not left Him behind. The forecast is promising. In Christ there is a 100 percent chance of rain for us in the days ahead.

Next Month: The Philippines



- *LAST NOVEMBER TYPHOON HAIYAN BROUGHT DEVASTATION AND RUIN TO THIS NATION.*
- *THIS FEBRUARY WE PLAN TO GO THERE AND MINISTER THE HEALING GRACE OF JESUS.*

In November, 2013 one of the worst typhoons/hurricanes in recorded history slammed into the Philippine Islands. The results were horrific. Over 6,000 were killed, cities and villages were leveled, and millions were forced out of their homes.

Much international help has been given and the recovery process is well underway, but in many respects this nation is still reeling from this devastating blow. Huge numbers of Filipinos are grieving over lost loved ones. Families have been shattered, and even now over 1,000 people are still reported missing.

We are not a relief agency— we are an evangelistic and Bible teaching ministry. However we feel drawn toward The Philippines to share the love of God, the Word of God, and the Savior of the world with these hurting people.

Often after great tragedies people are more open to the gospel than they will ever be again in their lives. We want to use this opportunity to preach Jesus Christ to the beautiful Filipino people, and let them know they are not forgotten by God.

As our budget allows, we also plan to contribute financially to needy families. We can't possibly bring relief to the entire nation, but we can make a difference in individual lives and families.

Will you help us? **Please send us a special offering, marked "Philippines Outreach" and partner with us in this important mission.**

