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Isaiah 58:6-7: "Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: *to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter--when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?"*

Verse 12: ***"You will be called Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."***

Greetings friends as I write this issue of our newsletter it is -15 degrees outside, and I am reflecting on the power of the Lord and the presence of the Lord and how God can suddenly show up to our ministry meetings or service, or agenda and soften a hardened heart and bring redemption and change through Jesus Christ.

It was November 8th 1995 when the Lord spoke to me out of Isaiah chapter 58 and over the weeks ahead revealed to me His plans for Jesus In The City. It was a very exciting time as the weeks went by God brought a team around me and we slowly launched out of South Minneapolis. Our official start date of the prayer meetings was February 21, 1996 and that following summer we started holding services at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on 19th and Portland in South Minneapolis.

Over the next few years we were intensely passionate on reaching souls for Christ as we rooted the ministry based on the principles of God's love and His Word and His desire to bring all men and women to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We were touching many individuals and families and we continue to do so. Looking back over the 29 years I am sure it is in the thousands upon thousands of lives that have been touched. God has been faithful in his promises to us as a ministry and to the individuals who have chosen to walk with Him.

Every day we need to spend time with the Lord for a fresh touch of His Spirit, for guidance, direction and protection and wisdom. As I am writing this note I am aware of the distractions and chaos that is ensuing in our world. I my messages to my audiences on both live and my podcasts I want to impart the hope of a new life in Christ every day. Our passion at JICF is to bring Jesus to The Cities near and far. As I spend a good amount of time mentoring other pastors, I know the needs out there, spiritually financially and emotionally. I am more passionate than ever to bring Christ to everyone in ear shot of my voice, (our podcasts are now in 61 countries).

We continue to grow in our city outreaches and services and addition to our podcasts.

I want to thank you to all of you who participated and partnered with us with Christmas In The City 2025. The Lord say's, "Way To Go folks!!" and I say thank you so much! Many families were touched by your generosity.

Have a blessed 2025!

Most sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR PARTNERING WITH US THIS YEAR!

Also, please pray for the peace of the city as instructed in Jeremiah chapter 29:7, "for if it prospers so will you." We are committed to ministering Gods love and salvation through Jesus Christ in the city of Minneapolis in spite of whatever opposition comes our way.

We are being used by the Lord to change lives in the present and for eternity.

One soul at a time…one family at a time. And bit by bit we get to witness many miracles in the lives that are being restored.

All this is done through one-on-one involvement in men's and women's lives. It is a demanding ministry and it takes time, devotion and love.

Thanks for your support and prayers.

May the Lord Bless you richly in 2025!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh

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THE MANY UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT JICF IN 2025

- Sunday morning, the Facebook live feed starts at 9:00am.
- Sunday services and Morning Star Church on North Broadway, Minneapolis, 11:00am
- Pastors Patio on Wednesdays with Pastor Michael Pilla and others.
- Live streams at 7pm both Monday and Friday evenings.

We rely on your prayers and support to continue this mission of bringing God's love through Jesus Christ to the city.
I thank you in advance for your continued support.

PASTOR NORTONS DAILY DEVOTIONS

Luke 22:42: "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

Jesus came to earth with a purpose. He taught and he healed, but I believe the primary purpose of his journey was to personally pay the price for the sins of mankind, past sins, present sins, and even future sins not yet committed. Jesus wanted to permanently solve the sin problem for you and me!

Jesus knew it wouldn't be easy. He would suffer greatly. But redeeming mankind would make it all worthwhile. The plan was flawless, conceived by our Father in heaven! Jesus was obedient, honoring his Father.

Jesus prayed until he sweated blood, as we all would when facing certain death. But friends, death is not the end! Jesus would be returning to the Father's Kingdom, where he would prepare a place or the faithful. Believers will join him in the hereafter.

It seems that Jesus conquered sin and death on the same day, and we are the beneficiaries!

Pastor Norton Lawellin - Jesus In the City Fellowship

Off-center staff who generously adopts families every year for Christmas In The City.

Thank you so much Lori Spiess and company.

JCF staff at Dan's Marine getting ready to load up Christmas deliveries.

Thank you so much Dan's Marine for your partnership with us!

Michael Schlueter loading up Christmas gifts. Michael also runs our video cameras for Pastors Patio and works for Fishing For Life.

Ruth with Pastor Jerry and Melody loading up Christmas In The CIty deliveries.

Pastor Michael with Pastor Norton Lawellin getting ready to lead worship.

Check out Pastor Norton's daily devotionals.

The Sunday morning service worship team at Morning Star church.

The Wednesday Pastor's Patio with Tom Goodrich, Pastor Michael Pilla and Daniel J. Pilla.

Pastor Jerry McCluskey sharing his testimony. Check our his podcast on Freedom Friday's podcast.

Jesus In The City ministers to thousands of people every month, broadcasting into 61 countries.
We rely on your financial partnership to fulfill our mission to the city. ***Thank you so much!***

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