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ISAIAH 58:11 *The LORD will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. 12 Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.*

Greetings friends, I hope that you are well. As we move into this summer very quickly I am reminded of how God is the author of seasons, in the natural and in the supernatural. He authors change and growth, but the question is are we on board for the changes that we are called to, so as to be able to minister His word in this new season that we are in? As we watch the craziness though out the world and, in our country, we have to adapt our ministries to reach out into the present cultures that we see around us, some who do not share our

values and beliefs. Remember Gods Word does not change, only the way that we engage with others may have to change.

The call of the Lord call and the water is alive and well here in Minnesota; they say the Land of 10,000 lakes but actually it is over (14,000). Being on the water causes emotional walls to come down and makes it much easier to minister to others when in the boat on the water.

Luke 5:4 When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Verse 10 Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men."

It is prophesied in the book of **2nd Timothy 3:1-3** "But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good,"

The solution for this is Gods will for men and women to come to faith in Jesus Christ. That is why we maintain our focus on serving Jesus in the city for the work of evangelism and discipleship. That is the mission of Jesus In The City Fellowship. (See next page of the testimony from Pastor Jerry).

This summer we are hosting our 14th Annual Pastors Urban and Suburban Fishing Tournament. This year it will be held on Lake Minnetonka coming out of Lord Fletcher's (see back page). You can sponsor a boat for **\$350.00** or one of 5 trophies to be given away to the winners (Bass, Walleye, Northern, Panfish and Muskie). You can sponsor a trophy from \$300.00 to \$500.00. Without your continued support, both spiritually and financially, we could not minister to the folks in South Minneapolis. We are watching God change lives every week and your partnership is a part of this ministerial endeavor of The Great Commission. Please consider supporting us financially if you have not yet done so. Thank you so much.

As a mission ministry and church, we rely on your support to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the city, near and far. Training up the next generation of leaders.

**Thank you so much for your financial and spiritual support.
You have a blessed day and week.**

Most sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Michael Angelo Pilla, DTh

PASTOR NORTON LAWELLIN'S DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Mark 1:17-18: "Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him."

Many of Jesus' disciples earned their living by fishing, but ALL of them understood fishing. Simon and Andrew were using nets to multiply their fishing efforts. They could bring in a large number of fish by gathering the net once. That's the principle.

In a way, Jesus said, "That's nothing! Follow me and we'll fish for human souls!" Jesus is preparing to speak the truth of salvation, the truth of being rescued from our sin problem. This analogy touched their hearts. They knew fishing.

Are we going to put out big nets and capture people? No! Our net is truth. Our net is heavenly truth straight from the mouth of Jesus. Our net is the promise of forgiveness. Our net is living in God's presence in the life after this life.

This is Good News! It shouldn't be too hard. Our net looks pretty good. People should be jumping into our boat! Encourage them!

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The Many Upcoming Ministry EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT JICF IN 2024

- **SUNDAY MORNING, THE FACEBOOK LIVE FEED STARTS AT 9:15 AM.**
- **"SUPPER AND SCRIPTURES" ON WEDNESDAY EVENING LIVE FEED ON FACEBOOK LIVE 5:00PM**
- **FRIDAY NIGHT FOCUS ON FACEBOOK LIVE AT 7PM**
- **BIBLE STUDIES FOR MENTORING AND DISCIPLESHIP.**
- **AUGUST 6, 2024 PASTORS FISHING TOURNAMENT ON LAKE MINNETONKA**
- **SEPT. 12-15 FFL FALL RETREAT**
- **CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY 2024**

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, and pray that you have a blessed summer!

A TESTIMONY OF GOD AT WORK FROM PASTOR JERRY McCLESKEY

As a Pastor, sometimes, I pray asking God the questions, "Father! Am I making a difference in peoples lives?" Am I, bringing your message to others in such a way that it touches their hearts?

Are they beginning to seek and listen to your Holy Spirit? Are they experiencing a changed life?!

I do a bi-monthly livestream on Facebook for JICF in which I have been teaching a series using a biblical version of the 12 Steps of AA as a guide to what I have entitled "Steps to Freedom from Addiction and Sin." Praise God! Yesterday, I received a phone call from a friend of mine that I was recently reunited with after three years. She has been through a lot of trials and tribulations in those years. She explained to me that she had gone to JICF's Facebook page and watched each of my teachings on this series. And because of watching the series she became convicted of the sin in her life. She then confessed to me that she had begun drinking and had lied to me about it. While she was watching she had realized her need for God and she was tired of running from God and was ready to allow God to help her get her life back together. And she is willing to do whatever it takes to get right with God and have the freedom I spoke of in the teachings.

Please pray for my friend Nicole she has a long road ahead but yesterday she took the hand of Jesus.

God answers prayers!

Jerry McCleskey, Associate Pastor



Pastor Tom Hartwell the Sr. Pastor at Morningstar Church on Broadway in North Minneapolis, (THE JCIF worship team ministers here on Sundays).



Pastor Jerry McCleskey shown here speaking at Freedom Works sharing his testimony on coming to Christ.



Pastor Michael getting ready to preach at Morningstar Church this past winter.



Pastor Michael and Pastor Norton Lawellin as he gets ready to lead worship.



You're invited to the Jesus In The City 2024 Fishing For Life

14TH ANNUAL - URBAN AND SUBURBAN PASTOR'S FISHING TOURNAMENT

at Lord Fletchers on beautiful Lake Minnetonka

Tuesday, August 6th 7:30am – 2pm

Come and make new friends and partners! • Fishing is Free!
Sponsor a boat for \$350. • Each boat will have a fishing guide.
Walleye shore lunch included with great fellowship.



A fund raiser to help with fulfilling the great
commission in urban ministry and evangelism.

Jesus In The City ministers to hundreds of people every month.

We rely on your financial partnership to fulfill our mission to the city. **Thank you so much!**

DONATE ONLINE

You can donate online at the Jesus In The City website. <http://www.jesusinthecityfellowship.org>
We are streaming our Sunday message live on Facebook at 9:00 a.m. and special classes and Bible studies on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 7:00 p.m.

BE SURE to tune in on Mondays for my in-depth exploration of the book of Revelations!

Click on the Facebook icon at the bottom of our website home page to join our live streams or to see videos of past services and presentations.

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