

## Twenty-One Day Fast: Day Seventeen – August 24

### K.P. Duty

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Each of you is to be commended for the prayers you are lifting up for our Pastor Search Committee. KP! Keep praying!!!

Also, remember another vital part of this equation. The Holy Spirit must guide not only the search for our next pastor, but He must lead (convince) that “sought one” to become the “sent one” and say yes to the call.

With three of our four children born in Shreveport, LA, and with a fine church to serve, I thought we were there for years to come. God had other plans! When contacted by the St. Giles’ Pastor Search Committee, I began to sense that God may be in this. Sara Jo had no such sensing☺! Then Bud Carrier, Hal Uzzell, and Rick Watkins came to visit us in our home and in our church there in Louisiana. Soon after, the Pastor Search Committee invited us to Charlotte to meet with the whole committee here.

As we were getting ready for church that Sunday morning, Sara Jo read in her devotional time ACTS 10: 1-23. We then attended St. Giles incognito. With no knowledge of Sara Jo’s reading, Hal was called on to make a routine report in the service. He said to the congregation, “The closest thing I can find in Scripture to a Pastor Search Committee is the story of Cornelius and Peter. He proceeded to read from the exact passage the Lord had led Sara Jo to read that morning. That same morning a visiting missionary stood to his feet in the congregation and began to prophesy at length about God’s hand upon St. Giles’ future and His desire to use this people for His glory in greater measure. As his voice filled the sanctuary, the Lord’s voice filled my spirit and confirmed that He was calling me here to pastor this people. Somewhat in shock we left the service that morning knowing that we both had heard from God.

Twenty-seven years ago this month the Burns’ family arrived in the parking lot of St. Giles. My point is this: There has to be the sense of knowing in the “called one” as well as in the “calling ones”.

**PRAYER POINT:** Pray that the Lord will begin stirring the heart of the man He has to be our next pastor. KP! Keep praying!