WELCOME TO THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.

TODAY I HAVE REACHED A MILESTONE IN MY LIFE. I HAVE NOW JOINED THE RANKS OF THOSE ON MEDICARE. YES, I TURN 65 THIS MONTH. TODAY WE ALSO HAVE SOME WORK ANNIVERSARIES HERE AT THE STATION. FOR ME, I HAVE NOW COMPLETED 23 YEARS HERE AT WRVM. ALAN KILGORE ALSO BEGAN ON JULY 1. FOR HIM, HE'S NOW BEEN HERE FOR 19 YEARS. IT HAS BEEN A GREAT JOY TO SERVE THE LORD HERE. AND LORD WILLING, I WILL CONTINUE TO SERVE HIM HERE FOR A FEW MORE YEARS.

SHORTLY AFTER I BEGAN HERE, THE PRAYER OF JABEZ WAS A POPULAR THING IN CHRISTIAN CIRCLES. REMEMBER IT?

THE PRAYER OF JABEZ IS FOUND IN 1 CHRONICLES 4:10, WHERE WE READ: "Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request." THE PRAYER IS COMPOSED OF FOUR PARTS. FIRST, JABEZ ASKS GOD TO BLESS HIM. SECOND, HE ASKS GOD TO ENLARGE HIS TERRITORY OR INCREASE HIS RESPONSIBILITY. THIRD, HE PRAYS THAT GOD WILL BE WITH HIM AND STAY CLOSE. LASTLY, JABEZ ASKS THAT GOD KEEP HIM FROM HARM SO THAT HE WILL BE FREE FROM PAIN.

THE PRAYER OF JABEZ IS COVERED IN PHENOMENAL DETAIL BY BRUCE WILKINSON IN HIS BOOK OF THE SAME NAME. IN IT HE CHALLENGES EACH OF US TO: "ATTEMPT SOMETHING LARGE ENOUGH THAT FAILURE IS GUARANTEED... UNLESS GOD STEPS IN!"

THE YEARS HAVE GONE BY QUICKLY. BUT AS I LOOK BACK ON ALL THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE, I AM AMAZED AT WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE DURING MY TIME HERE. AND I TAKE NO CREDIT FOR IT. GOD HAS CERTAINLY EXPANDED OUR TERRITORY. WE HAVE GONE FROM ONE FULL POWER RADIO STATION AND 10 TRANSLATORS TO 6 FULL POWER STATIONS AND 24 TRANSLATORS PLUS WE CAN NOW BE WORLDWIDE VIA THE INTERNET. PRAISE GOD FOR ALL HE HAS DONE.

THANKS FOR BEING A PART OF GOD'S WORK HERE AT WRVM AS YOU HAVE PRAYED FOR US AND SUPPORTED US WITH YOUR GIVING. IF YOU'RE NOT ALREADY, I INVITE YOU TO JOIN US.

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THANK YOU FOR JOINING ME FOR THE MANAGER'S DESK, I'M MIKE CORNELL.