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TURN A CORNER!

Can renewal come to teenagers?

“Your children I will save,” says the Lord in Isaiah 49:25.

“All your sons will be taught of the Lord, and great will be your children’s peace,” Isaiah 54:13.

Several years ago Ray spoke three days to the 900-member student body of a Christian high school – and the first two days they seemed so responsive! On day three he spoke only about fifteen minutes and then asked the young people to come forward to commit themselves to the Lord. He asked six teachers to stand across the front of the auditorium to minister to them as they came to the front, and meanwhile, I was at the piano as everyone sang quiet hymns. Hundreds of the 900 students began to pour forward, and Ray called for the rest of the teachers to come and help.

But soon we realized an interesting phenomenon: the students at the front were going to minister to their friends throughout the auditorium! And for an entire hour, until Ray called for the meeting to be closed, the whole place was a quiet, holy buzzing of activity, with little groups everywhere of two or several praying, hugging, and weeping as they confessed and shared and admonished each other. It was truly one of God’s own “happenings,” which no human could have orchestrated.

We have seen the power of such outbursts of renewal among teenagers before – which then resulted in permanently changed lives and much service for Him.

“I will pour water on him that is thirsty,” says the Lord. Young person, are you thirsty for more of God in your life? Pray for yourself, and pray for your friends and your school, that the Holy Spirit will pour down gushers on you!