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TURN A CORNER!

This week a song occurred to me that I sang as a teenager at church in a mixed quartet:

“As torrents in summer,
Half dried in their channels,
Suddenly rise
Though the sky is still cloudless –
So hearts that are fainting
Grow full to o’erflowing,
And they that behold it
Marvel, and know not
That God at their channels
Far off has been raining.”

To me, back then, the words meant nothing, but now – oh, my. All around I see hearts suddenly rising, most of them thirty- and forty-somethings. God has been raining on them from far off... in their childhood, through this incident or that, through a person, through a book... every rainpatter part of the plan of God’s wooing love... and suddenly – (is this you?)

You’re becoming “mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ” (Eph. 4:13);
You’re becoming “filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:18);
You’re sensing a new “fullness in Christ” (Col. 1:10).

If this is you, then follow with the next step:

“Out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks” (Lk. 6:45).

There. You just turned a corner.