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HEALING FOR OUR BROKEN NATION

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Psalm 60: 1-5 (GNV)...¹ *You have rejected us, God, and defeated us; You have been angry with us—but now turn back to us.* ² *You have made the land tremble, and You have cut it open; now heal its wounds, because it is falling apart.* ³ *You have made your people suffer greatly; we stagger around as though we were drunk.* ⁴ *You have warned those who have reverence for You, so that they might escape destruction.* ⁵ *Save us by Your might; answer our prayer, so that the people You love may be rescued.*

THE PATH & PROMISE OF GOD

“If MY PEOPLE who are called by MY NAME will humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will HEAR from heaven and will FORGIVE their sins and HEAL their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14

With every promise of God, there are conditions or requirements. National healing starts with God’s people leading and living by example. Our nation needs healing in every area. How does God bring about healing, whether as nation, or as individuals in any area of our lives.

1. WE MUST HUMBLY CONFESS OUR SINS

“If my people who are called by my name will HUMBLE themselves...” 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” James 4:6b (NIV)

“If we claim that we are not sinning, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8

THE PROBLEM: WE SPEND MORE TIME ACCUSING OTHERS AND EXCUSING OURSELVES THAN PRACTICING HUMILITY.

“God gave us His Laws so He alone can rightly judge us. And He alone has the right to save or destroy. So who do you think you are to judge and condemn your neighbors?” James 4:12

“So when you, a mere human, pass judgment on others and yet you do the similar sins, how do you think you will escape God's judgment?”

Romans 2:3 (NIV)

“For it is time for judgment to begin and it must begin with us. Judgment must start with the Family of God.” 1 Peter 4:17

“People who try to cover up their sins will not succeed. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy.” Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be HEALED.”
James 5:16a (NIV)

2. WE MUST PRAY SINCERLY

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and PRAY...”
2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

THE PROBLEM: WE SPEND MORE TIME COMPLAINING THAN ACTUAL PRAYING

“They do not cry out to me with sincere hearts. Instead, they sit on their couches and wail (complain loudly).” Hosea 7:14a (NLT)

Let me ask you, do you spend more time watching the news or on social media commenting about the news, or in prayer talking to God about what’s going on. (Rick Warren)

“Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer, being alert and intent in your praying with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2 (Amp)

How can you be more sincere in your prayers?

- Be more specific! Write down a prayer list!
- Use scripture in your prayer time.

“Pray in the Spirit at ALL times with ALL kinds of prayers, asking for ALL you need. To do this you must ALWAYS be ready and never give up! ALWAYS pray for ALL God's people.”
Ephesians 6:18 (NCV)

Luke 18:1...

Your either praying or you’re giving up. If you prayed as much as you worry or you complained, you would have a lot less to worry or complain about.

3. WE MUST SEEK GOD INTENSELY

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and SEEK MY FACE...” 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

“God rewards those who EARNESTLY seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6b (NIV)

PRIORITY FOCUS – Seek HIM

THE PROBLEM: WE SPEND MORE TIME SEEKING THINGS FROM GOD, RATHER THAN GOD HIMSELF

“If you seek the Lord your God, you will find Him IF you look for Him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, you will return to the Lord your God and obey Him. For He is a merciful God; He will not abandon or destroy you...” Deuteronomy 4:29-31a (NIV)

“Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

MAKE PASSION FOR GOD YOUR PRIORITY

4. WE MUST TURN BACK TO GOD COMPLETELY

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS...” 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

THE PROBLEM: WE DON'T SEE OUR OWN WICKED WAYS

19 point checklist... *“People will be self-absorbed, loving only themselves. They will be greedy for money. They will be boastful and arrogant, insulting to God, rude and disrespectful, even to parents. They will consider nothing sacred. They'll be unkind and*

unforgiving. They will enjoy slandering others. They will have no self-control. They will love violence and be cruel. They will be cynical, despising anyone and anything that is good. They will betray those loyal to them. They will be reckless and rash. They will be inflated with self-conceit. They will love pleasure more than God. They'll claim to be spiritual but will reject the true power that could make them godly.” 2 Timothy 3:2-5 (Multiple)

WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO...

Acts 3:19... Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

THE PROMISE OF GOD

“IF...then I will HEAR from heaven and will FORGIVE their sins and HEAL their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

1. God Will Hear
2. He Will Forgive
3. He Will Heal Our Land

The Church, God's people must lead the way, to be the salt and the light, the representative of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 4:17...*“For it is time for judgment to begin and it must begin with us. Judgment must start with the Family of God.” 1 Peter 4:17*

Stop looking for others to change, it starts with US.

1 Cor. 11:31...*Amplified Bible*

But if we evaluated and judged ourselves honestly [recognizing our shortcomings and correcting our behavior], we would not be judged.

Our Hope is God. We need to be part of the solution, not the problem.

We pray for healing in our lives, our families, our church, our city, our state, our Nation, our World.

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