

Praying for Revival

1 Corinthians 10:11 tells us that the history of Israel and the things recorded about their history serve as an example for us and for our instruction. A big part of their history was their repeated turning from God and the consequences they suffered as a result. But God always offered a way to turn back to Him. There are times when we (individually and corporately), like Israel, stray far from God and need to turn back to Him. Today, we are looking at a prayer offered by Solomon at the dedication of the temple that provides a model for how God's people can turn back to Him in a serious, intentional and fervent way when we have wandered away from God.

Read 2 Chronicles 6:1-3; 12-42

1. This is part of Solomon's prayer at the dedication of the temple. How would you summarize this part of his prayer?

Read 2 Chronicles 7:11-18

2. How does God respond to Solomon's prayer?
3. In verse 14, God articulates the response of repentance that He would look for from His people in order to relent of the national calamities that He had brought upon them due to their sin. What is the response He would look for?
4. What does God promise to do if His people repent?

5. Does this passage still apply to us as New Testament believers? Why or why not? Read James 4:6-10. What similar themes do you see?

6. 2 Chronicles 7:14 is a kind of corporate prayer for revival in Israel. Do you think God continues to respond to corporate prayers for revival? Why or why not?

Steve said:

This corporate call to repentance is challenging for many of us. We tend to think of ourselves in isolation and to think of our relationship with God independent of other believers. Consequently, you may never have considered whether or not YOUR pride and disobedience affect what God might want to do through this church and through the body of Christ here in Manhattan. But numerous passages urge us think about ourselves as one body with many members. It's not enough for some of us to respond. Whether or not **you** are walking with God matters! Your walk with God affects the health of this church and it affects whether or not God will do something extraordinary in our town.

7. Have you ever thought that whether or not you are walking with God affects the health of our church and what God might want to do through this church in our community?

8. How might it affect you if you did think in these terms?

Faith Prayer Event
Sunday, Oct. 23rd (4:00 to about 5:30 pm) @ Faith