

# Heal Our Land Part 2

In His Mighty Grip Ministries

# Announcements

# Review

- The ULTIMATE IF – THEN statement!
- 2 Chronicles 7:14
- <sup>14</sup> 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

# Review

- What is the goal in that verse?
- “then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

# Review

- What are the 4 conditions in the verse?
- The people must humble themselves...
- The people must pray...
- The people must seek His face...
- The people must turn from their wicked ways...

# Review

- What does it mean to be humble?
- When used as a verb as in 2 Chronicles 7:14
  - lower in condition, importance, or dignity
  - to destroy the independence, power or will of
  - to make meek

# Why I Think We Are So Screwed Up

- Christians have failed to humbly approach God in prayer!
- We fail to harness the power God desires us to have.
- We pray for ourselves.
- We fall down, our peers fall, we fail to intercede for world!
- Who's fault is it.... OURS!!!!

## ...and pray...

- Break up into small groups and give me your definition of what it means to pray.
  - What is prayer?
  - Why should you pray?
  - What is our role in prayer?
  - What is God's role in prayer?

# Why Pray?

- Cause the bible says to pray!
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
- <sup>16</sup>Be joyful always; <sup>17</sup>pray continually; <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
- Romans 12:12
- <sup>12</sup>Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

# Why Pray?

- Because Jesus prayed!
- Luke 3:21 (when He was baptized)
- <sup>21</sup>When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened
- Luke 5:16 (by Himself)
- <sup>16</sup>But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed.
- Luke 6:12 (Before a big decision i.e. picking disciples)
- <sup>12</sup>One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

# Why Pray?

- It allows us to be a part of God's plan.
- Colossians 4:3-4
- <sup>3</sup>And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup>Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.
- Hebrews 4:15-16
- <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are— yet was without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.
- GOD USE US!!!

# Why Pray?

- It gives us power over evil!
- Matthew 26:41
- <sup>41</sup>"Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The **spirit is willing, but the body is weak.**"
- Prayer allows us to use God's power to fight spiritual battles!

# Why Pray?

- It keeps us humble.
- Jeremiah 32:17
- <sup>17</sup> "Ah, Sovereign LORD, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. **Nothing is too hard for you**
- John 15:5
- <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; **apart from me you can do nothing.**
- What does it mean to remain in Him?
- To get through the REALLY hard times in life... You need God because **NOTHING** is too hard for Him!

# Corporate Prayer

- Matthew 18:19-20
- <sup>19</sup>"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

# Private Prayer

- Matthew 6:5-8
- <sup>5</sup>"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup>And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup>Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

# Prayer Promises

- Psalm 145:18-19
- <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to all who call on him,  
to all who call on him in truth.
- <sup>19</sup> He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;  
he hears their cry and saves them.

# Prayer Promises

- Jeremiah 33:3
- <sup>3</sup> 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'
- He has the answers!!!

# Prayer Promises

- John 14:13-14
- <sup>13</sup>And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father.  
<sup>14</sup>You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

# Prayer Promises

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# Challenge

- Schedule some time to set aside to pray.
- Listen for God's response!