

Will You Pray? 2 Chronicles 7:11-18

Question: What causes you to pray?

“...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:11

Main Point: The circumstances we are in are designed to bring us back to God.

A Breakdown of 2 Chronicles 7:11

“my people”- We bear the image of God and are temples of the Holy Spirit.

“called by my name”- We proclaim the reputation, renown and fame of God.

“humble themselves”- We submit to God’s authority and are brought under His power.

“and pray”- We regularly bring ourselves before God and intensely express our desire for Him to intervene in order to bring our desires in line with His.

“and seek my face”- We search for God and try to know His unique attributes and character.

“and turn from their wicked ways”- We enter into true repentance of our sins regularly.

“I will hear from heaven”- God will hear true cries of repentance and humility.

“and forgive their sin”- God is faithful- when we approach Him in true repentance and humility He will forgive our sins and cleanse us.

“and heal their land.”- God is faithful; He will repair what has been badly damaged by our sin and restore our relationship with Him.

But it all comes down to one little preposition which started this verse: “If”.

We can either submit to God’s design for reconciliation and revival, or not – *it is our choice.*

Are you ready to do the work of prayer and repentance God is calling us to?

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