



Heal Our Land

By Pastor Jason Triplett

“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 7:14 (ESV)

American culture feels broken right now. It may have always been imperfect, but lately our processes and institutions of the American way feel like they're not working well at all. Our land seems to be greatly wounded.

I think many of us know America is broken at this moment. The question is what do we do about it? Many times, conscientious Americans tend to agree on societal problems while differing greatly in what will remedy them. We argue, we lobby, we protest and we fight for our solutions to be adopted or kept. We believe in and champion our solutions while casting down others. We believe this is how America works, but for me it only brings more questions. Is this way of doing things helping? Is this how nations truly become more healthy?

Imagine you're driving the family car and it runs out of gas. The way things are happening in America right now, it's like we've pulled the car over and called the mechanic. We think it needs an overhaul, when it just needs fuel. Or better, we are standing outside the car on the side of the road just yelling at the gas tank. We know the problem is the vehicle isn't moving us. But what's the fuel that makes it go?

The Word of God has the fuel. Our forefathers knew it when the country began. I only hope we haven't lost that understanding. It's the scriptural principle in the "if/then" statement above.

“If my people who are called by my name...” Christians, this is us! We are called by His name. He's speaking to the Israelites at the time, but the Church right now. We are His people called blessed and beloved in the glorious name of Jesus Christ.

“...humble themselves...” The word, “humble” is simple, but difficult. It's mean to put yourself in subjection to someone. Christians, we must put ourselves in total subjection to God by opening our hands, abandoning our solutions and looking to Him.

“...and pray and seek my face...” This is the image of a worshipper who's bringing all cares, all requests, all their joy and suffering to God. Seeking the face of God means we long to look upon Him, to behold Him. If we are seeking Him, we are actively pursuing our spiritual connection to Him.

“...and turn from their wicked ways...” Remember, God is speaking to His people here. This is the most concerning part where I fear the American Church may be lost. We don't seem to have the barometer which tells us if our ways are in fact wicked. The benchmark of “wicked” comes from God's Word as it affects our conscience. As a teacher and preacher of that Word, I wonder if that barometer has been lost from our Christian cultural framework.

And then we see the promise of God. What a promise it is!

“...then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” Oh that we would step fully into our mantle as the people of God! Would we turn to Him in humility? Would we pray? Would we look upon Him, mourn and turn from our wickedness?

Would we be like the remnant of Israel in the book of Nehemiah? The law of Moses had been lost to multiple generations of God's people. When they found it in the rubble of the temple, the scribe Ezra read it and the people mourned on their knees. They did this because they realized how far from God their lives had become.

Instead of fighting of our own solutions, the Word of God gives us the fuel to make the American vehicle go. It's the same fuel that makes all nations move forward. It's one the founders understood upon the formulation of our Union. At this time of American brokenness I pray the people of God open their hearts, turn from wickedness and appeal to the God who can heal our land.



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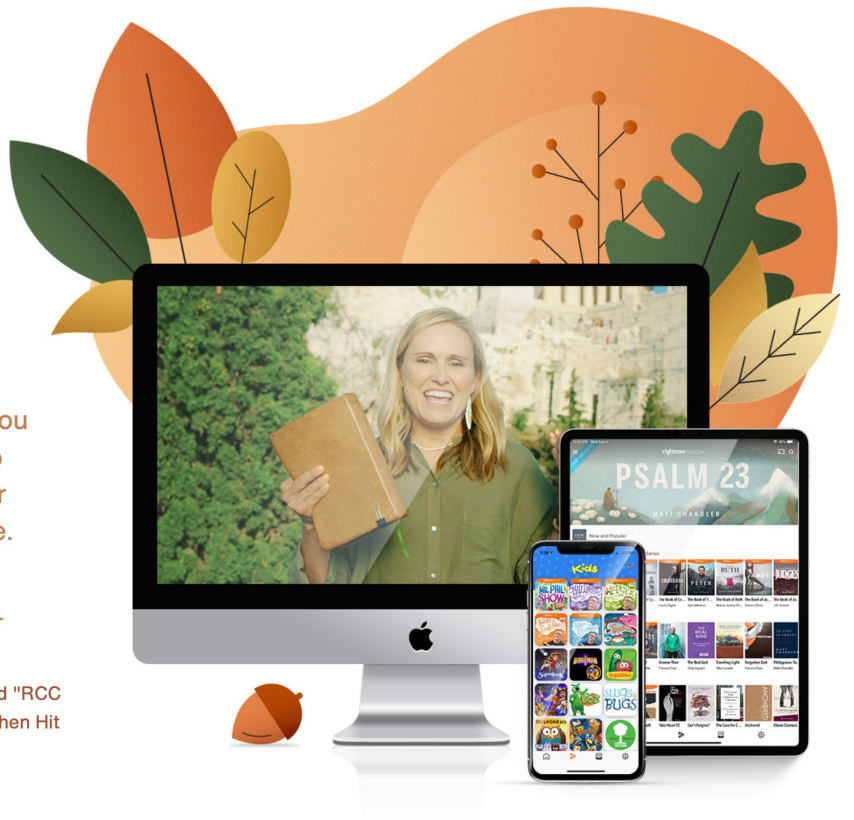
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RE-GATHER RCC

ROMANS 12:9-13

WORSHIP GATHERINGS IN OCTOBER

THREE OPTIONS:

Gatherings for Worship in the Building:
(Please Use our Online Sign-Up)

- 8:00am @ RCC
- 9:45am @ RCC

Online Gathering

- 9:45am

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Thanksgiving Food Baskets

50 Cans Pumpkin

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Collection Week Nov 26-34 here at RCC

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Prayers & Praises

Updated: 10/5/2020

RCC Student Ministries meetings have begun!

Tom Dunaway

Watkins family - recovered from Covid!

Bob Rhoades - knee surgery went well

Rick Ashcraft - cancer

The families of Jennie Hendricks, Dakota, Archer & Ransom Corrick

The family of Clause Miller

The family of Paul's niece, Jessica Bledsoe

Kailey Orwig - deployed to South Korea

Nate & Kristen Campbell - Praise for baby Caleb!

Amanda Trone's dad, Steve Young, headed to rehab in Peoria after serious side effects from surgery

Teresa Boyd - Undergoing tests to determine eligibility for liver transplant at Barnes Hospital

Marsha - surgery on calf was successful

Mike Statler - Praise for life change

Lamoine Christian Service Camp

Allen & Jane Wright - health

Thelma - Praise for good health

Aaron Trone - is home!

Still need: Nursery Point Person)

Ryan Combest - deployed to Afghanistan

Donovan Anderson - has finished Proton treatments & is back home

Carl & Carolyn Wiggins - relocated closer to family

Shannon Hughes - cancer

Associate Pastor search

Church Building Need

Abigail Norton - deployed to Africa

Liz Wood - cancer

Charles Slaughter - cancer

Dan Norton - stroke recovery

CHURCH OFFERINGS:

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Sept 13 - \$ 2361.05

Sept 20 - \$ 1266.30

Sept 27 - \$ 1892.80

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