

IF

The word “IF” is a small word. How many times have we seen that in our everyday lives? As a child, we may have heard that IF we cleaned our room, we could watch a special program. Or IF we got a project done at work, we could leave early. The word “IF” can have significant meaning with God. Let’s visit a Scripture:

“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 sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place” (2 Chron. 7:14-15, NKJV).

Reread that Scripture and let it take hold of your heart. If you read a few verses earlier, the Lord appeared to Solomon and these are His words. These words are in our Bible for a reason. It seems to me that as Christians, God has laid a big “IF” in front of us.

In today’s world, it seems everywhere we have been is affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, political unrest, hatred, economic issues, etc. The brokenness in this sinful world is very apparent now. IF we want God’s presence and power showing up in those situations, what would this Scripture encourage us Christians to do? Very easy:

- **Humble ourselves.** Get on our knees, recognizing who God is. He’s the King of kings and Lord of lords. There is no other.
- **Pray.** Prayers can be simple. Lift them. Then listen and expect God to respond. We pray and He has answers on the way. Our job is to listen and obey.
- **Seek His face.** Are our heads lifted and eyes on the Lord?

– **Turn.** This is a place to get real and repent. God knows all already. He's not going to be surprised when we call out sin and ask for forgiveness.

God's part is easy as well:

– **God hears.** I'm very sure God hears all our prayers. His ears are attentive to His children.

– **Forgiveness.** The beauty of today is we are after the cross of Jesus. This is where Jesus said, "It is finished." Jesus paid for our sin debt in full. We repent in awe and respect for what Jesus has accomplished for each of us. We fall short daily.

– **Heal their land.** Nothing more to say. (I can hear you saying, "Yes and Amen!" as you read that.)

Let's consider we are in a training camp going forward. Each day, let's endeavor to be humble, pray, study our Bible, focus on the Lord and strive to lead a life worthy of worship to the Lord. It's time for a revival on the face of the earth.

This is another Scripture to encourage you in your daily life. It speaks of God's will and prayerfully gives you more of God's guidance.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thess. 5:16-18, NKJV).

As children operating under God's grace, mercy and love, I'm sure we can find plenty to rejoice and be thankful for. I'll be joining you at camp, doing all of this. We all need Jesus!

Dear friends, we have been diving into sharing Jesus with those around us as well as growing with the Lord. We are working from my two books, Heaven Bound and Walking The Talk. You can read along and listen to my recent episode of Loved Always. My website, www.lovedalways.com, has links to purchase each book. Bring

along your Bible as it is the foundation for any book I write to help believers. There are countless Scriptures in these books. We will only be able to touch the surface within this framework.

I would like to make sure you have great, affordable resources that help you in your journey with the great God we love, serve and worship. Need a tool for group Bible Study or new members at your church? Looking for a gift for the upcoming holidays? Yes, both books are great resources for that too!

As believers, we get the privilege and opportunity to make Jesus famous. Will you join me? The website now has a donation link. I would also invite you to sow into this ministry and partner with me as I continue to share Jesus within every avenue God opens to me. Your prayers and support are always most appreciated.

Please enjoy the verse of the day or leave a prayer request at Loved Always Ministries.

“The LORD bless you, and keep you; The LORD cause His face to shine on you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His face to you, And give you peace'” (Num. 6:24-26, NASB). {eoa}

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