

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

Greetings from Judi and Dennis Folds

Greetings to all you at TBC and to the pastors and staff and to you at TBC Misato and TBC West Tokyo and TBC Fiji.

GOOD NEWS! COVID as a pandemic is over. Say PRAISE THE LORD!

INTRODUCTION: My message theme for PERSONAL SPIRITUAL REVIVAL

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray continually."

I challenge you here in the beginning of the message to make your life a life of PRAYER!

2 CHRONICLES 7:14 NLT
"Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land." AMEN!

Important Point

YOUR DAILY LIFE AS A BELIEVER IN CHRIST SHOULD BE A CONTINUED, RENEWED, PERSONAL HOLY SPIRIT DIRECTED COMMITMENT GIVEN THROUGH PRAYER

Notice in today's Scripture
God calls you and me, "My People," and "My People" are the first two words of 2 Chronicles 7:14.

It is by God's grace that you and I can be called God's People. Spiritual restoring, spiritual revival, spiritual renewal comes when you understand the depth and power of belonging to God.

Hebrews 4:12 – 13 "The word of God is alive (living) and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and

spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable." NLT

Today, I am here to challenge each believer to come ALIVE with the Holy Spirit's power of spiritual renewal.

The use of SUDDENLY in the Bible…

The point is, Bible says, "if you humble yourselves and pray, and repent, God will forgive you" and SUDDENLY God can bring a change to you and all of Tokyo Baptist Church!

There is a Hebrew word used in 2 Chronicles 7:14 that is "chayah" and it means "bring back to life," to "restore to a previous condition."

And MY PERSONAL CHALLENGE TO EACH BELIEVER IS TO PRAY FOR A RENEWAL OF YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

Important point

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL IS ALWAYS INTERNAL TO EACH OF YOU AND ALWAYS COLLECTIVELY INTERNAL TO TOKYO BAPTIST CHURCH

Verse 14 says "IF MY PEOPLE, WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME" and dear men and women, if you know Jesus Christ personally you should never lose the importance and the astonishment, that it is amazing, that God has attached His Name to you, if you are a believer and truly born again.

God says in 2 Chronicles 7:14a "I am your God and you will have my Name!"

Notice this from the Scripture

- **People has opinions of Abraham's God by what they thought of Abraham.**
- **People believed in Isaac's God by what they saw in Isaac.**
- **People formed an opinion of Jacob's God by what they saw in the life of Jacob.**

And this is still true today

- **When people make their assessments of who your Lord is, they look at you and your life.**
- **Is your life lived by faith or is it by sight and by rules and spiritual traditions?**

Important point
WHAT BRINGS TRUE INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL RENEWAL? PERSONAL PRAYER. WHAT BRINGS TRUE INDIVIDUAL SPIRITUAL REVIVAL? HUMBLE PRAYER. THE BIBLE SAYS, "IF MY PEOPLE, WHO ARE CALLED BY MY NAME, WILL HUMBLE THEMSELVES AND PRAY" THE LORD SAYS, "I WILL HEAR YOUR PRAYERS."

Question
HOW IS YOUR PRAYING? IS IT CONTINUED OR DO YOU ONLY PRAY AT SPECIAL TIMES?

Great Spiritual Revivals of the Past

- **The country of Wales 1904 and 1905**
- **Began when a 26y.o. coal miner name Evan Roberts began praying**
- **Over 100,000 people converted to Christ and became believers in five months**
- **The country of China in 1927-1937**
- **Called The Great Shantung Revival**
- **Began with small groups meeting and praying**

Romans 8:26 – 27
26 "And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will."

This Scripture is a reminder of your wonderful and unbelievable privilege to know the true and living God.

Important point
IF GOD DIRECTED POWER FROM HEAVEN CAME TO TBC OTHERS WOULD KNOW THIS BY YOUR CHANGED LIFE.

Dear TBC believers in Christ, I invite you and challenge you and encourage you more fervently than you have before in your life as a believer, to seek personal spiritual renewal. Humble yourself to God and confess your sins and daily, submit to the Lord, your God!

Let's join together and pray for personal renewal and revival at Tokyo Baptist Church.

PRAYER

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