

HOW GOD HEALS BROKEN NATIONS

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“You have shaken this nation and split it open. Now Lord, heal the cracks before it completely collapses.”
- Psalm 60:2 (NLT/LB)

“Heal the breaks! Everything is coming apart at the seams.”
- Psalm 60:2b (The Message)

“You have shown your people desperate times. We’re staggering like we’re drunk on wine.”
- Psalm 60:3 (NIV)

“But you have given us a banner to rally to; all who love truth will rally to it; Then you can deliver your beloved people. Use your strong right arm to rescue us.”
- Psalm 60:4–5 (LB)

THE PATH & PROMISE OF GOD

“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 sins and HEAL their land.”
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

National healing only happens if God’s people lead by example

1. **WE MUST _____ CONFESS OUR SINS**
“If my people who are called by my name will HUMBLE themselves . . .”
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” - James 4:6b (NIV)

“If we claim that we are not sinning, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.”
- 1 John 1:8

The problem: instead of practicing humility, we spend more time _____ others and excusing ourselves

“God gave us his Laws so he alone can rightly judge us. And he alone has the right to save or destroy. So who do you think you are to judge and condemn your neighbors?”
- James 4:12

“So when you, a mere human, pass judgment on others and yet you do the similar sins, how do you think you will escape God’s judgment?”
- Romans 2:3 (NIV)

“For it is time for judgment to begin and it must begin with us. Judgment must start with the Family of God.”
- 1 Peter 4:17

“People who try to cover up their sins will not succeed. But if they confess and forsake them, they will receive mercy.”
- Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)

“Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be HEALED.”
- James 5:16a (NIV)

2. **WE MUST PRAY _____**
“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and PRAY . . .”
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

The problem: We spend more time complaining than we do _____

“They do not cry out to me with sincere hearts. Instead, they sit on their couches and wail (complain loudly).”
- Hosea 7:14a (NLT)

“Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer, being alert and intent in your praying with thanksgiving.”
- Colossians 4:2 (AMP)

“Pray in the Spirit at ALL times with ALL kinds of prayers, asking for ALL you need. To do this you must ALWAYS be ready and never give up! ALWAYS pray for ALL God’s people.”
- Ephesians 6:18 (NCV)

3. **WE MUST SEEK GOD _____**

“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and SEEK MY FACE . . .”
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

“God rewards those who EARNESTLY seek him.”
- Hebrews 11:6b (NIV)

The problem: We spend more time seeking everything else

“If you seek the Lord your God, you will find him IF you look for him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, you will return to the Lord your God and obey him. For He is a merciful God; he will not abandon or destroy you . . .”
- Deuteronomy 4:29–31a (NIV)

“Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
- Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

4. **WE MUST TURN BACK TO GOD _____**
“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS . . .”
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

The problem: we don’t see our own wicked ways

“People will be self-absorbed, loving only themselves. They will be greedy for money. They will be boastful and arrogant, insulting to God, rude and disrespectful, even to parents. They will consider nothing sacred. They’ll be unkind and unforgiving. They will enjoy slandering others. They will have no self-control. They will love violence and be cruel. They will be cynical, despising anyone and anything that is good. They will betray those loyal to them. They will be reckless and rash. They will be inflated with self-conceit. They will love pleasure more than God. They’ll claim to be spiritual but will reject the true power that could make them godly.”
- 2 Timothy 3:2–5 (Multiple)

THE PROMISE OF GOD

“IF . . . then I will HEAR from heaven and will FORGIVE their sins and HEAL their land.”
- 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

1. humbly 2. accusing 3. sincerely 4. praying 5. intensely 6. completely

上帝如何醫治破碎的國家

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“你震動大地，將它撕裂。求你修補裂口，因為它要塌陷了。” - 詩篇 60:2 (當代譯本)

“修補缺口，因為一切都破裂了。” - 詩篇 60:2 下 (信息本意譯)

“你使你的子民遇見艱苦，你使我們喝那令人東倒西歪的酒。” - 詩篇 60:3 (新譯本)

“但你豎起旗幟讓我們聚集，所有愛慕真理的人都會聚集在那裏。你就可以拯救你所喜愛的人，用你強壯的右手拯救我們。” - 詩篇 60:4-5 (LB 意譯)

上帝的途徑和應許

“那時，稱為我名下的子民如果能謙卑下來，禱告尋求我的面，轉離他們的惡行，我必從天上聆聽，赦免他們的罪，使他們的土地復原。” - 歷代志下 7:14 (新普及譯本)

國家要得著醫治，上帝的子民就必須以身作則

1. 我們必須承認自己的罪

“稱為我名下的子民如果能謙卑下來...” - 歷代志下 7:14 (新普及譯本)

“上帝抵擋驕傲的人，但賜恩給謙卑的人。” - 雅各書 4:6 下 (和合本 2010)

如果我們說自己沒有罪，便是自欺，真理就不在我們心中。” - 約翰壹書 1:8 (當代譯本)

問題是：我們沒有保持謙卑，卻花上更多時間去別人、為自己開脫

“惟有賜下律法的上帝才是審判者；惟獨他既有能力拯救，也有能力毀滅。那麼，你有甚麼權柄評斷你的鄰居呢？” - 雅各書 4:12 (新普及譯本)

“哦，人哪！你評斷做這樣事的人，而自己也做同樣的事，你以為你能逃脫神的審判嗎？” - 羅馬書 2:3 (中文標準譯本)

“因為審判的時候到了，這審判要從上帝的家開始。” - 彼得前書 4:17 (新普及譯本)

“人若掩蓋自己的罪惡，必不亨通；人若承認並轉離罪惡，必蒙憐憫。” - 箴言 28:13 (新普及譯本)

“你們要彼此認罪，互相代求，好使你們得到醫治。” - 雅各書 5:16 上 (新普及譯本)

2. 我們必須禱告

“稱為我名下的子民如果能謙卑下來，禱告...” - 歷代志下 7:14 (新普及譯本)

問題是：我們抱怨的時間多過的時間

“他們不誠心呼求我，反而坐在長榻上哀號。” - 何西阿書 7:14 上 (新普及譯本)

“你們要專心致志地禱告，禱告的時候要保持警醒，心存感謝。” - 歌羅西書 4:2 (新漢語譯本)

“時刻在聖靈裏祈禱，藉着各樣的禱告為你們所需要的一切祈求。若要如此，你必須隨時作好準備，永不放棄！總要為上帝的所有子民祈禱。” - 以弗所書 6:18 (NCV 意譯)

3. 我們必須尋求上帝

“稱為我名下的子民如果能謙卑下來，禱告尋求我的面...” - 歷代志下 7:14 (新普及譯本)

“上帝會賞賜那些真心尋求他的人。” - 希伯來書 11:6 下 (新普及譯本)

問題是：我們花上更多時間去追求其他東西

“如果你全心全意地尋求他，就會尋見他。在遙遠的將來，你經歷了種種患難之後，最終會回到上主你上帝的面前，聽從他對你說話。因為上主你的上帝是憐憫的上帝，不會拋棄你，不會滅絕你...” - 申命記 4:29-31 上 (新普及譯本)

“你們要先求他的國和他的義，這一切都必加給你們。” - 馬太福音 6:33 (新譯本)

4. 我們必須回到上帝面前

“稱為我名下的子民如果能謙卑下來，禱告尋求我的面，轉離他們的惡行...” - 歷代志下 7:14 (新普及譯本)

問題是：我們看不到自己的惡行

“人們會自我陶醉、專愛自己、貪愛錢財、狂妄自誇、褻瀆上帝、粗暴無禮、違背父母，在他們眼中沒有甚麼是神聖的。他們會冷漠無情、不願和解、好說謊言、毫無節制、喜愛暴力、蠻橫兇暴、憤世嫉俗、不愛良善的人和事、出賣朋友、任意妄為、自高自大、沉溺享樂、不愛上帝，聲稱自己是屬靈的，卻抗拒那能使他們變得敬虔的力量。” - 提摩太後書 3:2-5 (當代譯本/意譯)

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