



AWAKEN



Awaken

¹⁴ 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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. ¹⁵ Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. ¹⁶ I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14–16

God is on the move. This is the time for our hearts to be awakened with a fresh desire for the indwelling presence of God. Where there is apathy, weariness and cynicism, God is longing to fill us with passion, faith and desire for his love and life. Where there is spiritual disconnection and isolation, God is seeking to draw us back into intimacy. He is inviting us to cry out for His presence. To relentlessly cry out in desperation. To ask, seek and knock. To hunger for the presence of God. This is the path towards awakening, renewal, revival — a path to our promised reward. For when we cry out to Him, He promises to gift us with His presence and His power. He promises to give us His Kingdom.

To live the awakened life is to be anchored in the Word of God, animated by the Spirit of God, embedded in the people of God, and expanding the kingdom of God. It is to be moved by the mind of Christ and directed by the will of God.”

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In 2 Chronicles 7, we find some principles that make space for the presence of God. In this passage, Solomon is dedicating the temple – the place where God’s presence would be manifest – and God is revealing the conditions for His healing power and presence. This series will explore some of the key elements that God speaks to Solomon as principles for awakening. May God grip our hearts with a renewed desire for the presence of God in this season of His church.

Presence

If my people who are called by my name...

Passage: 2 Chronicles 7:11–16

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2 CHRONICLES 7:15-16

About the Text

- What does God promise about His attention and presence in verses 15–16?
- Why is the temple significant in God's relationship with His people in this passage?
- How does this Old Testament view of God's presence compare with what we see in the New Testament (e.g., John 1:14; 1 Corinthians 3:16)?

Personal Reflection

- When have you most strongly sensed the presence of God in your life?
- What are some things in your life that might be dulling your hunger for God's presence?
- How do you personally relate to this quote from St Irenaeus; "the glory of God is the human being fully alive"?

Application

- What practical habits or rhythms could help you become more aware of God's presence daily?
- How can your life group intentionally cultivate a deeper hunger for the presence of God together?
- What's one personal step you can take this week to re-centre your life around God's presence?

Pray together

Come Holy Spirit and deepen our hunger to seek the presence of God. Let us yearn to be with You.

Humility

...will humble themselves and pray...

Passage: 2 Chronicles 20

3 Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. 4 The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

2 CHRONICLES 20:3-4

About the Text

- King Jehoshaphat could have called the Israelites to respond in many ways. Why do you think he would choose communal fasting?
- What does this passage reveal about the relationship between humility and seeking God?
- How did God respond to the people's humility and prayer later in the chapter?

Personal Reflection

- In what areas of life are you tempted to rely on yourself instead of seeking God?
- Why is it difficult to humble ourselves before God in prayer?
- When have you experienced a moment of "humble prayer" that led to spiritual growth or breakthrough?

Application

- What's one area in your life right now where God is inviting you to respond with humility?
- How can you incorporate humility into your prayer life this week?
- What would it look like for our life group to become a dedicated, humble, praying community?

Pray together

Come Holy Spirit and humble us in honest prayer before the Lord where we will meet with You and find everything we need.

Desperation

...and seek my face...

Passages: Luke 11:1–13 & 1 Kings 18:16–46

⁸ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity[e] he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.⁹ “So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

LUKE 11:8–10

About the Text

- In Luke 11:5–8, what posture does Jesus teach us about how we should pray?
- How does Elijah’s prayer in 1 Kings 18 demonstrate desperation and faith?
- What do both passages suggest about God’s response to persistent, heartfelt prayer?

Personal Reflection

- Do you consider your prayer life to be marked by desperation or comfort? Why?
- When was the last time you cried out to God with urgency and persistence?
- What do you think is holding you back from praying with honest and shameless audacity?

Application

- What would change in your daily prayer life if you came before God in desperation and honesty?
- How can we encourage one another to pray boldly and persistently?
- Choose one area of your life or community where you feel desperate for God to move—commit to praying for it every day this week.

Pray together

Come Holy Spirit and open our hearts completely before you so we might hold nothing back when we pray.

Repentance

...and turn from their wicked ways...

Passage: Luke 7:36–50

⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

LUKE 7:47–50

About the Text

- What do the woman’s actions say about her understanding of who Jesus is?
- In the parable, both debtors are forgiven. Why is the size of the debt important in understanding both the woman and Simon the Pharisee’s responses?
- How does Jesus demonstrate grace and truth in this story?

Personal Reflection

- How do you typically respond when confronted with your sin—defensiveness or repentance?
- Have you ever felt like the woman in this story—ashamed yet drawn to Jesus?
- What does repentance look like in your everyday walk with God?

Application

- Ask God to reveal an area of your life that needs repentance—what is He showing you?
- What step can you take this week to walk in repentance and renewed faith?
- How can we, as a group, cultivate an environment of grace and honesty that encourages repentance?

Pray together

Come Holy Spirit, confront and comfort us in our need for repentance. Wash us clean and remove our sins as far as the east is from the west.

Love

... I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin...

Passage: Luke 15:11–32

³¹ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²
But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is
alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

LUKE 15:31-32

About the Text

- What do the father’s actions toward the prodigal son reveal about God’s character?
- How does the older brother respond to his brother’s return, and why is that significant?
- What is Jesus teaching about forgiveness and the heart of God in this parable?

Personal Reflection

- Do you relate more to the younger son, the father, or the older brother in this season of your life?
- Is there any shame, guilt, or bitterness you’re holding onto that God is inviting you to release?
- What does it mean to truly receive God’s love and forgiveness?

Application

- Who do you need to extend grace and forgiveness to this week?
- What’s one way you can live more freely in God’s love and identity as His child?
- How can we become a group that reflects the father’s heart of radical love toward one another and those we live, work and laugh with?

Pray together

Come Holy Spirit and give us a fresh revelation of your love and grace for us. Open our hearts to freely receive and then extend that love to others.

Healed

...and heal their land.

Passages: Isaiah 58:6–12 & Luke 4:14–20

⁶“Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?⁸

ISAIAH 58:6–8

About the Text

- What does God promise in Isaiah 58:6–12 to those who practice justice and compassion?
- How does Luke 4:18–19 describe the purpose of Jesus' ministry?
- What kind of healing—spiritual, social, or physical—do you see emphasised in these passages?

Personal Reflection

- Where in your life do you long for healing—spiritual, emotional, relational, or physical?
- How have you experienced God's healing in the past?
- What brokenness in our world stirs your heart the most?

Application

- What is one healing step you feel God is calling you to take—personally or relationally?
- How can you be a vessel of healing in your workplace, family, or neighbourhood?
- What's one way we as a group can serve or bring healing to our wider community?

Pray together

Come Holy Spirit and stir us to loving action. Awaken Your Church to actively bring healing and revival to our land.