#### THE CALL OF GOD TO REBUILD THROUGH PRAYER

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### 2021: CALLED TO RENEWAL: REBUILDING, REPAIRING AND RESTORING

As a people called to rebuild, repair and restore, what is the role of prayer in our personal transformation and our communities?

<sup>4</sup>When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven. <sup>5</sup> Then I said: "Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep his commandments,

<sup>6</sup> let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess the sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you.

We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses. 8 "Remember the instruction you gave your servant Moses, saying, 'If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations,

<sup>9</sup> but if you return to me and obey my commands, then even if your exiled people are at the farthest horizon, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place I have chosen as a dwelling for my Name.'

<sup>10</sup> "They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great strength and your mighty hand. <sup>11</sup> Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of this your servant and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give your servant success today by granting him favor in the presence of this man." I was cupbearer to the king.

# **PRAYER PRINCIPLE ONE**

#### The Foundation of ANY great work for God is PRAYER!

- Luke 22:42
- Acts 4:9-32
- Esther 4:13-16

# PRAYER PRINCIPLE TWO

Prayer that rebuilds presupposes that there is a Divine Agent that is willing and able to respond • Isaiah 58:9 • Psalm 145:18-19 • Matthew 6:6

# **PRAYER PRINCIPLE THREE**

Prayer that rebuilds is based on history and relationship • Isaiah 63:16

• Matthew 6:9-13

# PRAYER PRINCIPLE FOUR

Prayer that rebuilds requires self-examination and acknowledgement
Psalm 51
Nehemiah 1:6-7
1 John 1:9

# **PRAYER PRINCIPLE FIVE**

Prayer that rebuilds invokes previous promises

- Isaiah 62:6-7
- Psalm 119:49-50
  Isaiah 43:26

## **PRAYER PRINCIPLE SIX**

Prayer that rebuilds includes the needs, desires and interests of others

- Ezekiel 22:30
- Ephesians 6:18
- Philippians 2:4

# **PRAYER PRINCIPLE SEVEN**

Acknowledges who we are in relationship to who God is

- Nehemiah 1:10
- 1 Corinthians 3:9
- 2 Corinthians 6:1

# WHAT BARRIERS OR OBSTACLES KEEP US FROM ENTERING THE PLACE OF PRAYER?

- Misunderstanding Prayer
- Time
- Sense of unworthiness

- Guilt and Shame
- Sense of Distance
- Misguided priorities
- Dissatisfaction/Self-Sufficiency