

WHAT WILL HEAL AMERICA?

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WHAT IS TEARING US APART?

RACISM

"But if you treat people according to their outward appearance, you are guilty of sin..." (James 2:9, GNB)

"Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." (John 7:24, ESV)

POLITICS

"Some of you are saying, 'I am a follower of Paul.' Others are saying, 'I follow Apollos,' or 'I follow Peter,' or 'I follow only Christ.' Has Christ been divided into factions?" (1 Corinthians 1:12–13, NLT)

FEAR

"Love has no fear, because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid...this shows that we have not fully experienced his perfect love." (1 John 4:18, NLT)

"Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king." (1 Peter 2:17, NLT)

THE CURE

"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." (2 Chronicles 7:14, NIV)

If WE will...

1. ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY.

"if my people who are called by my name"

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor?...You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden." (Matthew 5:13–14, NLT)

2. PRACTICE HUMILITY.

"will humble themselves"

"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." (James 4:6, NIV)

3. PRAY WITH INTENSITY.

“and pray and seek my face”

“Seek the LORD while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near. Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the LORD that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.” (Isaiah 55:6–7, NLT)

4. REPENT WITH SINCERITY.

“and turn from their wicked ways”

“So change the way you think and act, and turn [to God] ...that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.” (Acts 3:19-20, GW/ESV)

Then GOD will...

1. HEAR US

“hear from heaven”

“The LORD hasn’t lost his powerful strength; he can still hear and answer prayers. Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That’s why he doesn’t answer your prayers or let you see his face.” (Isaiah 59:1–2, CEV)

2. FORGIVE US

“forgive their sin”

“If I announce that a certain nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down, and destroyed, but then that nation renounces its evil ways, I will not destroy it as I had planned.” (Jeremiah 18:7–8, NLT)

3. HEAL US

“heal their land”

“...the LORD says, “Turn to me now, while there is time. Give me your hearts. Come with fasting, weeping, and mourning. Don’t tear your clothing in your grief, but tear your hearts instead.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is eager to relent and not punish.” (Joel 2:12–13, NLT)

LAST THOUGHT:

WHAT AMERICA NEEDS MOST?

THE CHURCH!

“The nations will realize that I, God, make [my people] holy when my holy place of worship is established at the center of their lives forever.” (Ezekiel 37:28, The Message)