# Part Four of Series: THE STORY OF YOU Letting God Redeem Your Past and Rewrite Your Story October 17th and 18th, 2020 Pastor Kerry Shook

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, 'Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!' So God granted him what he requested." Chronicles 4:9-10 (NKJV)

# In The Middle of a Painful Chapter...

# **1. ASK GOD FOR BLESSING**

*"Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, 'Oh, that You would bless me indeed....'"* 1 Chronicles 4:10a (NKJV)

*"The Lord's blessing is our greatest wealth. All our work adds nothing to it!"* Proverbs 10:22 (TLB)

"You do not have because you do not ask God." James 4:2b (NIV)

# 2. ASK GOD FOR GROWTH

"Oh, that You would enlarge my territory...." 1 Chronicles 4:10b (NKJV)

"What are we getting into? Our brothers who spied out the land have frightened us with their report. They say that the people of the land are tall and powerful, and that the walls of their cities rise high into the sky! They have even seen giants there..." Deuteronomy 1:28 (TLB)

*"Jesus replied, 'What is impossible with man is possible with God."* Luke 18:27 (NIV)

### **3. ASK GOD FOR POWER**

"Oh, that You would be with me!" 1 Chronicles 4:10c (NKJV)

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD Almighty." Zechariah 4:6 (NIV)

# 4. ASK GOD FOR GUIDANCE

"'Oh, that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!' and God granted his request." 1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

"But these things I plan won't happen right away. Slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when the vision will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!" Habakkuk 2:3 (TLB)

"And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up." Galatians 6:9 (TLB)