2 Chronicles 7:13-15 "13 When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locust to devour the land, or send a plague among my people, 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." (NIV)

THE PREMISE: CONDITIONS FOR HEALING AND HOPE

"If **my** people who are called by **MY** name".

Matthew 12:50 "For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven **is my** brother and sister and mother." (NIV)

1. ADMIT I'm not in control.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "… if my people, who are called by my name, will **humble themselves** …". (NIV)

- If I'm humble, God will GUIDE me.

Psalm 25:9 "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way." (NIV)

- If I'm humble, God will BLESS me.

Isaiah 66:2b "… These are the ones I look on **with favor**: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word." (NIV)

- If I'm humble, God will REDUCE my stress.

Matthew 11:28-30 "28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden light." (NIV)

2. ASK God for help!

2 Chronicles 7:14 "… if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and **pray** …". (NIV)

John 16:21-24 "21 A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. 22 So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. 23 In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete." (NIV)

1) Remember Jesus WANTS me to ask.

2) Ask in Jesus' NAME.

James 5:13-15 "13 Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." (NIV)

3) Get OTHER PEOPLE to pray with you.

Matthew 18:19-20 "19 Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (NIV)

4) Keep praying till God tells you TO STOP.

Ephesians 6:18 "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." (NIV)

3. Seek GOD, not a miracle!

2 Chronicles 7:14 "… if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and **seek my face** …" (NIV)

Hebrews 11:6 "And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who **earnestly seek Him**." (NIV)

Deuteronomy 4:29-31 "[29] But if from there you **seek the Lord** your God, you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. [30] When you are in distress and all these things have happened to you, then in later days you will return to the Lord your God and obey Him. [31] For the Lord your God is a merciful God; He will not abandon or destroy you or forget the covenant with your ancestors, which He confirmed to them by oath." (NIV)

Proverbs 8:17 "I love those who love me, and those who seek me find me." (NIV)

4. Turn my attention from the WORLD back to the WORD.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "… if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and **turn from their wicked ways** …" (NIV)

Isaiah 17:10 "**You have forgotten God** your Savior; you have not remembered the Rock, your fortress …" (NIV)

Proverbs 10:28 "The **fear of the Lord** adds length to life, but the years of the wicked are cut short." (NIV)

Proverbs 15:9 "The Lord detests the way of the wicked, but He loves those who **pursue righteousness**." (NIV)

Acts 3:19 "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord." (NIV)

James 5:16 "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed." (NIV)

THE PROMISE

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