

**Discussion & Reflection Questions**  
**Revive Us Again Week 1 - 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Read: 2 Chronicles 7:11-14**

Thus Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's house; all that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the Lord and in his own house he successfully accomplished.

<sup>12</sup> Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: 'I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice.

<sup>13</sup> When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, <sup>14</sup> if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**Luke 18:1-14**

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. <sup>2</sup> He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. <sup>3</sup> In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." <sup>4</sup> For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, <sup>5</sup> yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." ' <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. <sup>7</sup> And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?' <sup>9</sup> He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: <sup>10</sup> 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." <sup>13</sup> But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

**Discussion Questions**

1. What might "healing their land" have meant in Solomon's time? What might it mean to a nation, church, community or individual today?

2. What role does repentance & grace play in God's work in the world & our lives?
3. 2 Chronicles 7:14 has been turned to in times of crisis but how might it be used as in God's continuing work of Revival?
4. Jesus says we should "always pray and not give up." What situations in your life test your persistence in prayer, & how does this parable encourage perseverance even when answers seem delayed?
5. How does Jesus use contrast between the uncaring judge & God's righteousness to teach about God's willingness to respond to us?
6. In the second parable, both men pray in the temple, one confident in his righteousness, the other pleading for mercy. What do these two prayers reveal about humility, self-awareness, & the way God evaluates our hearts?
7. How do these 2 readings open up your understanding of God's work in the world & in the hearts of individuals?

### **Prayer**

O Lord, tireless guardian of your people, teach us to rely, day and night, on your care. Drive us to seek your justice and your help, and support our prayer lest we grow weary, for in you alone is our strength. We make our prayer through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.