

# PROMOTING REVIVAL

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### HOSEA 10:12

The Jews were a nation of farmers, so it was common in the scriptures to use illustrations familiar to farming. Hosea uses “break up the fallow ground” to express the need to look within and deal with the condition that caused their backsliding. Why? So God could rain down righteousness upon them. They needed to repent from their idolatry and backsliding. Breaking up fallow ground means to soften hearts, influence minds and position people to bring forth fruit.

#### **The How To (2 CHRON. 7:14)**

- 1.) If my people” God’s promise to hear, forgive and heal is conditional.
- 2.) Humble themselves: Jesus exemplified humility.
  - A.) Before God.
  - B.) Before others – esteem them higher, serve others.
  - C.) Take responsibility for the condition of my life.
- 3.) Pray: Prayer is the means through which God’s will is accomplished.
  - A.) For God to move.
  - B.) For spouse, children, family, church, community, nation, world.
- 4.) Seek my face: Revival is the fruit of the pursuit of God.
  - His face means His presence and intimacy with Him.
  - Sit at the feet of Jesus, listen to His Word, Worship.
  - Desire God more than anything else.
- 5.) Turn from wicked ways: secret sins, sins of omission, commission.
  - Omission – ingratitude, neglect of prayer, study, concern for others, love for souls.
  - Commission – pride, being worldly minded, envy, slander, not crucifying the flesh, sinful behaviors, wrong heart attitudes.

**Conclusion** – Doing our part positions us to see God, hear, forgive and heal. Let’s continue on the path we’ve been on and become more focused on joining forces with God so He can accomplish His desires and will among us.