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**“A GOOD GOD ON A BAD DAY”**

*“I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests—and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning—and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution—and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, And if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!” Alexis de Tocqueville (1831)*

*“Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.” Psalm 20:7*

*“He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for he guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones.” Proverbs 2:7-8*

*“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, I will forgive their sins and I will heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14*

*“If you return to the Lord your God, and your children begin wholeheartedly to obey all the commands I have given you today, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes.” Deuteronomy 30:2-3*

**I. We Reconnect with God.**

A. First, you have to **recognize** that God is God and you're not.

*“The Lord is our God. The Lord is one.” Deuteronomy 6:4*

B. Realize that He is more ready to **connect** with you than you are ready to **connect** with him.

1. God isn't mad **at** you. He's mad **about** you.

*“The Lord is compassionate and merciful, always ready to forgive. The Lord is good to everyone and He's loving toward everyone he has made.” Psalm 145:8-9*

*“The Sovereign Lord, the holy one of Israel says, ‘Only in returning to me and waiting on me will you be saved.’ Isa. 30:15 (NLT)*

*“Return to the Lord your God for he is compassionate and merciful and he is always ready to forgive and to change his plans about disaster.” JOEL 2:13 (GW)*

## **II. We Rejoice in his grace.**

*“Rejoice in the Lord always! And again I say rejoice.” Philippians 4:4*

### **Gratitude when things are going wrong is the ultimate proof that you trust God.**

*“Even though the fig trees have no blossoms and there are no grapes on the vine and even though the olive crop fails and the fields lie empty and barren and even though the flocks die in the fields and the cattle barns are empty, yet I will rejoice. I will rejoice in the Lord and I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.” Hab. 3:17-18*

*“Give thanks in all circumstances. For this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thess. 5:18*

*“We rejoice in our trouble because we know that these troubles produce patience. And patience produces character, Christ likeness and character produces hope. And this hope will never disappoint us because God has poured out his love to fill our hearts.” Romans 5:3-5*

## **III. We Request help for our leaders.**

- A. Why should I pray for leaders?” 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4
1. That we may live peaceful and quiet lives.
  2. It pleases God our Savior.
  3. It promotes evangelism.

## **IV. We must Repent of self-centeredness.**

- A. The heart of all your problems is a problem in your heart.

*“When you follow the desires of your sinful nature your lives will produce these evil results...” sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions.” Galatians 5:19-20*

## **V. We must Revere Jesus’ name.**

- A. **First.** You can just see it from physical observation.  
B. **Second.** The name “Jesus” is the key to answered prayer.  
C. **Third.** One day we’re going to stand before the judgment throne give an account of our life to Jesus Christ.

*“God raised Jesus to the highest place and God made his name greater than every other name so that every knee will bow to the name of Jesus. Everyone in heaven and on earth and under the earth and everyone will confess one day that Jesus Christ is the Lord and bring glory to God the Father.” Philippians 2:9-11*