

PRAY FIRST PRAYER CAMPAIGN - DAY 1

Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap in mercy; <u>Break up your fallow ground,</u> For it is time to seek the Lord, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you.

Hosea 10:12

The expression, "Break up your fallow ground" means, "Do not sow your seed among thorns". Land was allowed to lie fallow that it might become more fruitful; but when in this condition, it soon became overgrown with thorns and weeds. The cultivator of the soil was careful to "break up" his fallow ground, to clear the field of weeds, before sowing seed in it. So says the prophet, Hosea, "Break off your evil ways, repent of your sins, cease to do evil, and then the good seed of the word will have room to grow and bear fruit."

"The God who displayed His glory in the great awakenings of the past is no less able to turn the heart of a nation today than He was 100 years ago! All the social and political evils that threaten to be the undoing of our world today, all the false religions that vie for the allegiance of men-these are no match for our God. He is willing-yes, eager – to manifest Himself and His saving grace to this lost, prodigal planet. But first we must have a revived church. And a revived church consists of revived people. If you will seek Him with all your heart, you can be assured that He will restore, renew, and revive you."

(Nancy Leigh De Moss Seeking Him)

God first!

Let's pray together that Jesus Christ will become the first love in our heart.

Let's pray together that we will have an increased desire to read and obey God's Word first.

Let's pray together each of us would be set free from any bitterness, anger, and worry, and the fallow ground in our hearts would be broken so that our life would be characterized by love, forgiveness, and God-centered trust first.

Let's pray together that each of us will cultivate a habit of turning to God first when faced with any kind of trial.

It says in 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, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." Today, we humble ourselves and we repent. (Spend time confessing any area where God has not been first) Lord, we need healing and revival in our land and I know it begins with me. Amen.

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