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MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 6

"The word 'grace' emphasizes at one and the same time the helpless poverty of man and the limitless kindness of God." —William Barclay

"When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it." Jonah 3:10

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

There are some things we cannot control such as the day we are born and the family we are born into. Other things like our own resurrection as promised by Christ after our bodily death are out of our control. In these things we are completely dependent on God. If we are to experience a revival of Holy Spirit proportions in the city of Houston and surrounding areas, we will have to completely depend on God. It will be up to Him to grace us with a movement of His presence and power. As such, God has a part and we have a part. No, we can't control or manipulate a move of God, that's up to Him. We can lean into God in prayer and repentance. This is what God calls us to. This is our part.

Houston is a bit like the city of Nineveh; the recipient of the prophetic preaching of Jonah. Independent, pagan people who hear the call of God to repent. In fact, they do repent in obedience to God. What do they find out about God in their repentance? He is merciful, kind, and gracious.

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I love what the prophet Joel says about repentance, returning, and the heart of God.

Joel 2:12 "Yet even now, declares the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; render your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He relents over disaster."

Let us turn away from the sins we get so easily entangled in and turn toward God with all of our heart. Let us repent and return to our Father and His good life. I am always amazed at the kindness of God in scripture and in my life in the wake of true repentance. We are spiritually impoverished, begging poor, as we approach God in our prayers of repentance. Yet, He meets us, with a grace and forgiveness; undeserved and yet freely giving through Christ.

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:

Father, by your Spirit, draw the people of God in the city of Houston and surrounding areas to genuine repentance. Let us experience your grace and kindness as we approach you humbly.

TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

Father, for the people in my family and in my church, I ask that your Spirit would lead each of us toward you through prayer and repentance. Reveal the unique sins we each struggle to resist or that are so part of our lives it does not seem like sin any more. Reveal these things to us that we my repent and find your grace.

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