

# DAY 09

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*"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew..." Isaiah 6:1-8*

## OUR CHURCHES

PRAY THAT GOD WOULD BRING A SPIRIT OF REVIVAL TO YOUR CHURCH AND OTHER CHURCHES ACROSS THE CITY.

### TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

September 4th, 2014, marks one of the most difficult days of my life. On that day, my wife and I entrusted our four-month-old daughter to a heart surgeon so he could perform open heart surgery to repair her congenital heart defect. As difficult as that was, I knew that for her to live the life we wanted her to live, her heart needed to be fixed.

Similarly, to live the life that God wants for us, we must entrust our hearts into the hand of The Master Surgeon for Him to repair our spiritual heart defect, sin. Only He can give us holy hearts passionate to live for His glory. Isaiah answered God's call to live for Him with the famous words in Isaiah 6: 8: "Here am I. Send me!". While I love Isaiah's response to God's invitation, what happened before that response completely captures my attention.

*"It is impossible to live pure lives until we have pure hearts."*  
—Billy Graham

In verses 1-3, he saw God's sovereignty, power, and holiness. This is summarized in the words of the Seraphim as they declared: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." In verses 4 and 5, Isaiah was confronted with his heart problem, sin. He declared, "I am a man of unclean lips." In Hebrew culture, there was a connection between the lips and the heart. So, in verses 6 through 7, when the seraph touched Isaiah's mouth with burning coal, it was a sign that God was fixing the problem in his heart. It was a picture of what God does in our hearts through Jesus. You see this in the words of the angel: "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." This spiritual heart surgery led Isaiah to say, "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah's response of total surrender to God's invitation could only come after his spiritual heart surgery. In the same way, for people in our city to experience the life God has for them, they must realize who God is and understand their heart problem and their inability to fix it themselves. Therefore, entrust their hearts to Him, the Master Surgeon. Spend time asking God to work in the hearts of those around us and do what He can do in them.

### TODAY'S PRAYER:

God, please work in the heart of the people around me who need the gospel and use me to bring the Good News to them. Continue transforming hearts in our city for your glory; in Jesus' name, amen!



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