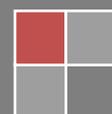


2020

# 2 Chronicles 7:14

## Devotional

A Personal Journey of Preparation



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As I am penning my personal journey, Singapore is presently battling with our second peak of COVID-19 and we are into the second week of the nation's circuit breaker that began in April 2020.

However, my journey in prayer and reflection started in early February 2020 when the first few cases originating from local transmission of COVID-19 were reported. Around that time, I received the prayer and reflection regarding COVID-19 by Dr Tan Gee Paw, Trinity Annual Conference's former Vice-President, from a sister-in-Christ. (Full transcript found in Appendix A). When I took this reflection to the Lord in prayer, I was convicted that this was indeed God's message to His Church during COVID-19.

**When we hear God speak, we must obey.** So I did. I sought to pause each day, spend time with Him, be quiet and listen. On 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020, it dawned on me that 2 Chronicles 7:14 was not only a cry to the Lord to HEAL our land from COVID-19, **it is what God wants us to do in our daily pause during this COVID-19 season!** Moreover, the immediate context of 2 Chronicles 7:14 is for the healing from pestilence, while the larger context is the Covenant Faithfulness of God's People to Him. It is imperative to note, however, that the promise from God to HEAL our land in 2 Chronicles 7:14 is a conditional one – it is dependent on God's People choosing to obey Him – to humble ourselves, pray, seek His face and turn from our wicked ways, or not!

We need to REPENT.

We need to RENOUNCE.

We need to REALIGN to God, His Holiness, His Ways and His Will.

We need to RETURN to Him with a heart wholly devoted to Him *alone*.

We need to RENEW our covenant with the Lord.

It is URGENT.

Jesus is coming again soon.

Jesus Himself declared it so *three times* in Revelation 22, in verses 7, 12 and 20.

God has convicted me of the *hastening* of the day of Jesus' return in my pause.

We need to BE READY.

We need to BE PREPARED.

We need to WATCH and PRAY.

Would you join me in humbling before our Lord, praying, seeking His face, and turn from our wicked ways?

Lord! Make me READY for Jesus' Coming!

Lord! Make us READY!

In Jesus' name I pray

Amen.

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