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Last week we begin this 2 part series by looking at the person God uses by taking a deep look into the life of King Josiah and the amazing revival that took place in Josiah life, the nation of Judah and even its affect on those nations surrounding it. We must ask the question again, are you willing to be a person that God Can Use in His kingdom – to a be person that it is a conduit of revival! I am praying that the Lord will raise up some people in this church family – and I believe that He has – that want revival in their personal life and life of this church more than anything else. So the next step then is to see what kind of prayer God answers – for we know as we look back in the Bible and history of the great movements of God – they were all birthed – begun in prayer.

So great question – what kind of prayer does God answer? This is not some checklist – but instead a prayer of the great prophet Isaiah that powerfully illustrates that desperate prayer that we need to be praying. And remember, prayer is not about changing God's mind, but instead changing our heart and will to be in line with His! Prayer changes us!

Let's take a look at Isaiah's passionate plea this morning.

Remember God's Faithfulness 63:7-14

His Lovingkindness

His Goodness

He Is Our Savior – He Redeemed Them

Reminded of Their Sin

Remembered His Power

He Gave Them Rest

Responds Honestly

63:15,17-19

God is big enough to handle our honesty. He knows what we are thinking anyway? And as we share our hearts with Him, what is truly in our innermost being, then He can begin to deal with us.

Lord I am stagnant, Lord I don't understand, Lord I am needy, Lord I am helpless, Lord I am a mess, Lord, why didn't this happen, and on it goes

Recognize Him as Lord 63:16

That He is Your Father, That He is on His Throne, That He is in Control

Request Him to: 64:1-4b

Rend the Heavens & Come Down

This is no small prayer, not some listless prayer, not some prayer that really has not spark to it.

But let us be reminded what we are asking the Lord to do in our midst!

Remain (Wait) With Him 64:4c

Don't grow weary in doing good, you keep praying, keep seeking, keep asking, keep living, keep serving. Galatians 6:9

Rejoices in Doing Righteousness 64:5a

The kind of prayer God answers comes from a person who is living a right life. (Not perfect for that it is not possible), one who loves to do what it is right. Does that describe you? Do you love to do what is right? To rejoice in righteousness!

Remember The Lord in Their Ways 64:5b

Aware that in everything you say and do, that Lord is in the middle of it. Whether work, school, play, family, hobbies, game days, marriage, dating life, whatever that the Lord is in all that you do!

Repentance Brings Revival 64:5c-7

Wow, what a true statement. This is true and genuine confession followed by repentance. If our righteousness looks like filthy rages, don't you wonder what our sin looks like to the Lord?

Where do you need to repent in your personal life today?

Release Control 64: 8-9

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Jeremiah 18:1-6; Isaiah 45:9