

# Lead Us Back Home

by Carter Conlon

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**Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 7:14, Daniel 9:18, James 4:10, Acts 1:8, Psalm 85:6, 1 Peter 5:6

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## Transcript

Greetings to everyone. This is Pastor Carter Conlin from Times Square Church in New York City, and I'm just so thankful that you're joining with us in prayer, that we have the opportunity to pray together, and to believe perhaps for an end-time awakening, spiritual awakening, in our generation like nothing that you have ever seen or I have ever seen in our lifetime. I'm drawn today to the passage that God spoke to King Solomon after the glorious dedication of the temple.

In 2nd Chronicles 7, verse 12, it says, Then I will hear from heaven. I will forgive their sin, and I will heal their land. Then he finishes with an incredible statement.

He said, Now, this kind of prayer, in my opinion, that can move a nation back to God, and move God back towards a nation, starts with humility. It doesn't start with power. It doesn't start with the numbers of people that we gather together, as wonderful as that may be, but it starts with humility.

I honestly believe a prayerless Christian is an arrogant person. It's the height of arrogance. It's you and I saying to God, I don't need you.

I can do this on my own. Thank you for dying for my sins. I can take it from here.

I'm smart. I've got great ideas. I can do all these things for your kingdom, and I can do it all in your name.

Without the instruction of God, without the leading of God, without a dependence on God, without the humility to say, God, I can't even see your kingdom, let alone build it. Lord, I need you every day of my life. That's why prayer that can move the hand of God to revive a nation must start with humility.

It was Daniel that said when he prayed, just before the children of Israel were released from captivity, he said, In other words, for the way we've treated you, for what we've done, we deserve to be where we are. But to you, Lord, belongs mercy. And so we thank you one more time.

Thank you, Lord God, that you will forgive our arrogance of trying to build a kingdom we can't even see. You'll forgive our foolishness, Lord, of not praying or strutting and talking about all the wonderful things we've done and been doing when our whole nation is dying in its sin. Forgive us, my God, for you have destined us to be a people that are blessed and a people through whom you will bless the earth.

So, Lord, we ask you to bring us back to our inheritance again. Bring your church home to her former glory. My God, may we have an upper room experience again where we come out into the marketplace empowered by the Spirit of Almighty God, declaring in the power of God the things that are yet to come.

Lord, thank you, God. Thank you for hearing our prayer. Thank you for leading us back home.

Thank you for making us into the people that you have always destined us to be. We humble ourselves in your presence, Lord, and we ask you one more time, because as Daniel said, to you belongs mercy. And we thank you, Father, in Jesus' name.

God bless you. Look forward to seeing you again soon.

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