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"Whatever is natural in you will come out of you in a crisis...and crisis will reveal the true state of your heart."

I came across this teaching from Allen Hood, Associate Director of the International House of Prayer in Kansas City, MO, as I was considering what will happen on November 7th in America. Right now, Christians are in crisis mode – praying earnestly that God will save our nation from total destruction; yet, many have focused their attention on which person will be in the White House rather than placing their hope in God alone. It is the people in God's house who hold the future of America...not governmental leaders. We are called

to pray for those in authority...but not to depend upon them for the healing of our nation.

God has been filled with grace and mercy towards a nation characterized by a lack of biblical truth. Believers *know* the truth, but it does no good if that truth doesn't live fully within them and if it is not expressed in their everyday lives through words and actions. If, on the day following the election, or whenever the result is finalized, God's people ease back from the earnestness of our prayers, whether due to relief or resignation, the Father will see the true condition of our hearts.

Crisis in our nation will not be averted or brought to bear through an election, but because the people called by His name have humbled themselves and prayed, sought His face and turned from their wicked ways (see 2 Chronicles 7:14). If our dependence on God is true, then we will continue to seek Him on behalf of our nation after the election is over. The Church has been impotent and silent before heaven, as well as within our culture. We have been relegated to the position of irrelevance...and therefore, so has our God. His people have not represented Him in the fight for biblical truth in America...and we are now reaping what we have sown. But God! IF we, His people, called by His name, will truly humble ourselves and pray and seek His face, and turn from our wicked ways...then He will hear from heaven, forgive our sins and heal our land. What an incredible promise to us that has been left unclaimed in this generation!

It's time to blow the trumpet and sound the alarm! (Joel 2) Believers must not stop seeking the face of God until revival is poured out upon a repentant people and His kingdom is unmistakably established within our nation once again!

I believe the future of America is teetering on a precipice...and our response to this perilous moment in history will reveal the true condition of our hearts. May our God find

us faithfully about the work of earnest and focused intercession so that He will hear the prayers from His humble, broken people...pour out His merciful forgiveness...and heal our land!

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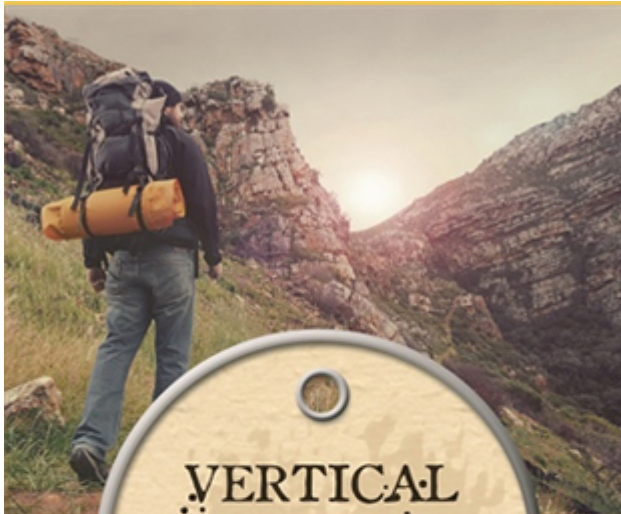
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