

Bible in a Year #35d- Joel, Reaching for God

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### **Reaching for God**

#### To Awake is to Change

Jesus is the Agent for Change,

Those who choose to **Ignore**. Hosea 4:6 “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.”

Those who choose to **Intercede**. 2 Chron. 7:14 “If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

#### Three Steps to Take

**One: Preserve your witness.** (Acts 1:8)

Guard your words: "Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice" (Ephesians 4:31). We are to "show perfect courtesy toward all people" (Titus 3:2), especially our leaders (Romans 13:1; 1 Peter 2:17). Christians are to speak the truth, but in love (Ephesians 4:15).

**Two: Fulfill your call.** (Isa. 6; Phil 3:14)

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**Three: Keep the faith.** (1 Cor. 16:13; Eph. 6:10)

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Bible in a Year #35c- Joel, Responding to God

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### Responding to God

#### Three Types of Believers

Those who \_\_\_\_\_. Proverbs 22:3 “The prudent sees danger and hides himself, but the simple go on and suffer for it.” Acts 17:30-31 “The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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