



## FROM THE *Pastor's* DESK

It is *Back-to-School* time! . . . Well, more like preparation time. AND with it a long TO-DO list so we do not forget a single detail. This is something we also do for work so we can excel; and, how about weddings, moving, birthdays . . . and the list goes on.

While thinking about it, something inside of me clicked, something that made me think about our emotional, physical (health), mental, financial, and spiritual growth - and the list goes on. How much attention do we pay to it? How intentional are we about those areas of our lives? How important are they for us? How do we prioritize? YES! That sounds like A LOT of questions. Almost overwhelming, BUT important.

As Christians, we say, we claim we believe in the Bible. Our sacred scriptures, the Bible, is one filled with instructions, testimonies, rules and ordinances (Psalm 19), history, etc. It is a record of God's relationship with humanity. In it we also find wisdom and stories about others' relationship with God and the outcome of their decisions, whether for better or for worse.

My question is, how do we read our Bibles? Do we pick and choose? How do we decide what are we going to follow and what to ignore? What is true and what is not? What is important and what is not?

This week I came across, once again, a scripture that we have read many times, memorize, and often repeat, **BUT** . . . and that is where we stop at – the **BUT** - because most of us fail at adhering to the call to action. The call to action is a **TO-DO** list that God says is important in order to receive God's blessing: **humble, pray, seek, turn.**

**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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

It is, perhaps, not the most appealing TO-DO list, BUT it certainly is effective **AND** the results are delightful and fulfilling. The best is yet to come!

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