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**Grace Notes Radio Program**  
**SERIES: Revival in the Land**  
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**SONGS: ROCK OF FAITH**  
**CREATE IN ME**

**INTRO:**

**Hezekiah was considered to be one of the most Godly kings in the history of Judah. A great revival occurred under his reign. Today on Grace notes, Barbara Sandbek will begin a series entitled 'Revival in the Land'. She'll take a look at the conditions that brought about the need for revival and outline the preliminary steps Hezekiah took to prepare for it. So stay tuned for a blessing.**

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**If God wrote a summary statement of your life...what would it say?  
Here's what He wrote about Hezekiah, king of Judah in 2 Chronicles 29:1...  
Hezekiah was 25 years old when he became king...and he reigned in  
Jerusalem 29 yrs. His mother's name was Abijah, daughter of Zechariah.  
He did what was RIGHT in the eyes of the Lord.**

**As we study portions of the life and work of Hezekiah, let's ask ourselves the question..."Am I doing things right in God's eyes?"**

**There's good news and there's bad news in Hezekiah's childhood. The bad news is that he had an ungodly father, King Ahaz, who did NOT do what was right. He followed the practices of heathen nations. Because of this, the Lord handed him and his people over to the enemy and made them an object of dread, horror and scorn.**

**God often allows affliction so we'll turn back to Him, but Ahaz did just the opposite. In his time of trouble he became even more unfaithful.**

**He took a downhill path away from God. Here's a run down of his deeds:**

- . He solicited the help of the King of Assyria instead of God**
- . He gave the temple articles to the enemy to appease them and their pagan gods**
- . He put out the lamps and shut the doors of the temple**
- . He removed all the Godly influences and set up pagan altars at every street corner**
- . He caused the people of Judah to abandon their faith in God.**

**But...there's good news...God showed Himself and His care to Hezekiah through the extended arms of others. Hezekiah had a Godly grandfather, Jothan. He spent nine years with him before he died - these are the formidable years of life.**

***That shows me that Grandparents can make a difference!***

**He also had a Godly mother, Abijah. Did you notice - she's even mentioned in his epitaph. We all know the importance of a mother's role in a child's life.**

**Unlike his father, Hezekiah chose to serve the Lord. I'm sure Hezekiah wasn't his father's favorite son. That must have been hard to deal with, but he found favor with God who saw his commitment and helped him.**

**2 Chronicles 16:9a says..**

**The eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to Him.**

**Here's a list of the RIGHT things Hezekiah did as King:**

- He stated the sins of the past**
- He recognized that their captivity was a result of their sin and that their testimony was ruined**
- He openly acknowledged his need for God.**

**Hezekiah immediately began a reformation to reverse the process, and he started with himself. He resolved to make God the Lord of his life. Then he commanded the priests and Levites first to consecrate themselves, and then to purify the temple.**

**They sacrificed blood offerings for their sins. They opened and repaired the temple doors and turned the lights back on. They removed all the defilement from the sanctuary and took it to the Kidron Valley, which was a dung heap outside the city. It took them sixteen days to do this.**

**I looked at this and thought...**

**Is the United States so different from the kingdom of Judah in King Ahaz's day?**

**Psalm 33:12 says..Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.**

**The US was formed as a nation under God and it has been blessed. But today, Godly influences are becoming less and less obvious. Public prayer and Bible reading are a thing of the past. The only time God is spoken of is to blame in a tragedy. There are more people at Walmart and flea markets on a Sunday morning than in a church service. Churches are canceling services for lack of**

interest. Hardly anyone says, 'no' to conducting business as usual on the Lord's day.

Churches are turning into social clubs. Young people need to be entertained to keep them coming. There's no respect for sacred things. Rarely do people stand when God's Word is read...if it's even read. There's so much talk about what to pray for that there's no time left for prayer – that becomes gossip.

Christians are living a watered down life. They act no differently than the rest of the world. They, too, vote for their pocketbook rather than for moral issues. They expect the church to be the sole source of their spiritual supply and leave if the sermons do more than tickle their ears. They've taken God for granted. They're traveling down a path away from Him. They've lost their testimony and their power. Proverbs 14:34 says...

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. People are laughing at Christians, just like they did at the Israelites, not because they ARE different, but because they PRETEND to be different.

We need revival in the US and in the world. We must acknowledge our need for God and RESOLVE to make Jesus, Lord of our life! He is the ROCK we should stand on!

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\*\*\* ROCK OF FAITH \*\*\* LENGTH: 3:02  
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*The Rock of faith is Jesus & on this Rock we stand  
His Name is like a tower, raised high above the land  
And when we are in danger, we run to Him & find  
The grace that keeps our spirits, the peace that guards our minds  
Praise the Rock, praise the Mighty Rock.*

*The Rock of faith is Jesus, & in this Rock we hide  
He draws us to His Presence, He calls us to abide.  
And from our Rock of Refuge, the eyes of faith behold  
The Glory of the Father, that Christ the Son unfolds.  
Praise the Rock, praise the Mighty Rock.*

*The Rock of faith is Jesus & on this Rock we build  
A resting place for others, a temple to be filled  
With those who need His comfort, with those who thirst for Him  
The love that God hath shown us, through us He shows to them.*

***The Rock of faith is Jesus - let all His people sing  
For our great Rock of refuge is also our Great King.  
He comes in love to serve us; He keeps us in His way  
We know the love of Jesus - let Jesus know our praise***

***Let Him know our praise, let Him know our praise  
The Rock of faith is Jesus  
Let Jesus know our praise - our praise.***

**The people in Hezekiah's day had to continually offer sacrifices for their cleansing. But Jesus Christ became our ONCE & FOR ALL SACRIFICE through his death, burial and resurrection. When we receive Christ as the sacrifice for our sin, our bodies become God's temple and our heart His sanctuary.**

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 says...**

**"...your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God**

**? You are not your own. You were bought with a price.**

**Therefore, honor God with your body."**

**As Believers, the Holy Spirit doesn't leave us when we sin, but how grieved He must be when we do things that Christ had to die for.**

**Romans 12:1-2 says...**

**...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

**We need to do our part...identify the JUNK in our temple (habits, God-time stealers, obsessions) and literally remove the tempting things. We must open our heart and let God clean house. No reformation can occur until this is done.**

**In Psalm 51:17 David says...**

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.**

### ***HOW TO PRAY***

***By Barbara Sandbek***

***I prayed today so very hard***

***I didn't see a difference.***

***I even got down on my knees***

*to show I was persistent.*

*I said the words I learned to say  
convinced that God would hear.  
He'd surely be impressed by them  
and lend a listening ear.*

*I rattled off those sacred vows  
repeated phrases often.  
I even shed some timely tears  
was sure His heart would soften.*

*But silence ruled my time with Him  
His voice I could not hear.  
When I told Him that I knew I'd sinned  
His message THEN was clear.*

*He's not impressed with who we are  
or things we say and do.  
He gave us all we've ever had  
and knows us through and through.*

*Just come to God with a humble heart  
and tell Him how you feel.  
You'll find that He will hear your prayer  
and make His presence real.*

**Let's stop playing church and get serious about the condition of our heart. We can make a difference in our world if we choose to do RIGHT, like Hezekiah did. We don't have to let our upbringing or environment dictate who we follow.**

**Revival begins one person at a time and it begins when we confess and turn from our sin. 2 Chronicles 7:14 says...**

**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 will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.**

**Let's close now with King David's words from Psalm 51 and apply them to our hearts.**

\*\*\*\*\* **WRITER: Brown Banister**  
**\*\*\* CREATE IN ME \*\*\* LENGTH: 2:24**  
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*Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord  
Take not Thy holy spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
And renew a right spirit within me*

*Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
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*Cast me not away from Thy presence, oh Lord  
Take not Thy holy spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation  
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**Our Father in Heaven,  
We've sinned individually and as a nation. We ask your forgiveness. O God,  
help us to rid ourselves of our wicked ways and follow You. Hear our prayer.  
Heal our land. In Jesus' Name...Amen.**

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