

CALL2FALL: SUNDAY, JULY 5TH AT OPEN DOOR FELLOWSHIP

Q - What's involved?

A - The Call 2 Fall is nothing fancy. No slick program. No big production. Just setting aside a short time during our worship service on July 5th to get down on our knees and faces before the Lord in repentant prayer for God to reshape our lives and renew our land.

Q - Who can participate?

A – The "Call 2 Fall" on our knees is for every Christ-follower in America! There are millions of believers who realize that America is in trouble and that neither Washington nor Wall Street has the answers. Open Door Fellowship is joining at least 40,000 churches throughout our country to participate in a corporate act of humility, repentance, and desperate prayer before the Lord.

Q - Where will we do it?

A - "Call 2 Fall" on our knees will be taking place at Open Door as we meet for our morning worship service. We plan to set aside at least 5 minutes to pray before the Lord when we gather that day.

Q - When will it happen?

A - "Call 2 Fall" is set for Sunday July 5, 2009. Why that Sunday? Because on the day after we celebrate our "Independence," we hope that believers will express their "Dependence" upon the Lord. Throughout this special day, we encourage believers to spend time on their knees in crying out to God to heal our souls and our land.

Q - Why a Call 2 Fall?

A - First, the Scriptures teach it. The key verse is **2 Chronicles 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

The first requirement on the path to renewal is to "humble ourselves," to fall on our knees and faces before the Lord in repentant prayer. Over and over the Scriptures teach this.

- Second, our history records it.

Our founding fathers sensed the need for a "Call 2 Fall" in view of the monumental struggle we were engaged in with Britain. The First Continental Congress called for a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer throughout the Colonies on July 20th, 1775 just after war broke out. In addition, colonial America and the early years of our republic experienced what observers have called Great Awakenings, which began with God's people humbling themselves in repentant prayer and led to others becoming followers of Christ.

- Third, our nation needs it.

Ponder the past decade. From 9/11 to war to natural disasters to financial and moral collapse, we are witnessing what happens when a nation turns away from God. In view of the monumental challenges of our times, do we not find ourselves in a similar situation as that of ancient Israel and early America? Consequently, we are sensing the need to return to simple but powerful truths like:

- God is sovereign. He is holy and He is love.
- We are sinners. We are saved from His severity of His wrath toward sin only by the fierceness of His love in Christ.
- When we drift away in disobedience, we experience His discipline. His judgments are just.
- The pathway back must begin with:
 - A humility and brokenness before the Lord.
 - Desperation to find the face of God.
 - A heart cry for the mercy of God.
 - A desire to turn from our sinful ways.
 - A resolve to return to the ways of God.

This is what the ancient words of Scripture are calling us to do when we speak of a "Call 2 Fall."