

## WHY PRAY?

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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (NIV)

**Q.** Can the Lord trust us with trouble?

**Q.** Why wouldn't we pray?

**Zechariah 4:6** – So he said to me, "This is ... 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty. (NIV)

### Sovereignty

**Sovereignty = God has supreme reign**

**TCC- The church is acting on His supreme orders... If you pray I will hear, heal and forgive.**

- God's sovereign rule is precisely why we should **pray** and **seek** and **humble** and **call** on the name of the Lord.

### Immutability

To mutate means to change; **immutability is** something that never changes

God CANNOT change!

**Deuteronomy 9:18** Then once again I fell prostrate before the Lord for forty days and forty nights; I ate no bread and drank no water, because of all the sin you had committed, doing what was evil in the Lord's sight and so arousing His anger. <sup>19</sup> **I feared the anger and wrath of the Lord, for he was angry enough with you to destroy you. But again the Lord listened to me.**

**Exodus 32:9-11** – <sup>9</sup>“I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”...<sup>11</sup> But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,”...<sup>14</sup> **Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.** (NIV)

**Jonah 4:2** – He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. **I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.** (NIV)

### **TCC- Why pray?**

Because God whose character IS UNCHANGING... He listens and changes His mind based on the people seeking Him!!

**1 Thessalonians 5:17** – <sup>17</sup>pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. (NIV)

**1 Timothy 2:1-2** –Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. (NKJV)