



Discover His Kingdom Purpose James Robison

Focus When we humble ourselves and pray, God answers our prayers. He uses imperfect people and can change your life if you surrender everything to Him.

Fun What is the longest you've ever kept a New Year's resolution? What is the shortest you've ever kept a New Year's resolution?

Review Key Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14

1. God answers prayer.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God 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 I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." If we want to see positive change in our nation, culture, and government, we need to pray. We need to pray for all people of influence. God can soften the hardest heart and turn the most rebellious person to follow Him. If you are born again, you have the ability to lean in, pray, and see miracles.

2. God gives us compassion and courage.

When we seek God, He will give us compassion for others. We are to be compassionate toward people and share God's love with them courageously. Often, we can get stuck on political issues, but when we focus on God's Word and the love God has for people, we can bring righteousness and light that will change things. The Church is not an arm of a political party, the Church is an extension of the living God. We should represent God, His love, and His light to the world courageously and compassionately.

3. God uses imperfect people.

God accomplishes His perfect will by using imperfect people. Preachers and

pastors are not perfect, and nobody should ever be put on a pedestal. All of us are works in progress, and God is continually molding and shaping us into the image of Christ. Even though we are imperfect, we still need to be bold and courageous to stand for righteousness and godliness in our land.

4. Surrender everything in your life to God.

When you turn your life to God and surrender to Him, it changes everything. James Robison was born to a mother who could have chosen to have an abortion, but God sees purpose and potential in every life. When James was a teenager, he surrendered his life to Jesus and God has used him to touch thousands of people. God has a plan for each one of us and when we seek Him and put Him first, we will walk in that plan. God will transform your life if you will surrender to Him.

Group Dynamics Idea As the new year begins, this is a time many people are setting new goals and often they want to get more involved. Use that momentum to invite people to serve in new ways. Make a list of opportunities, so people can take ownership in your group. Invite them to engage in new ways and give them a chance to step up and serve.

Discuss

1. Read 2 Chronicles 7:14. What stands out to you about the promise of this verse? What does it look like to humble ourselves and seek God as we pray?
2. What are some things you feel burdened to pray for in our country? Think of people you would like to spend more time praying for? What is a practical way we can encourage each other as a group to be faithful praying for these things and people?
3. How is prayer, love, and compassion a more powerful weapon than arguing with someone who doesn't stand for God's righteousness or believe in God's Word?
4. Why is it encouraging to know God uses imperfect people? How does focusing on God's power and ability, instead of our own ability, bring freedom to stand for God with compassion and courage?

5. What does it look like to be fully surrendered to God? Why do people sometimes find it difficult to surrender every single area of their life to God?

6. What is the Holy Spirit saying to you? Have you surrendered every area of your life to God? Are there still some areas of your life you need to surrender to Him? Take a moment to respond to what God is putting on your heart and give your life completely to Him.

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- God answers prayer.
- God gives us compassion and courage.
- God uses imperfect people.
- Surrender all of your life to God.

Prayer Heavenly Father, we thank You for hearing our prayers. We humble ourselves and ask You to please heal our land. We ask for Your kingdom to come and Your will to be done in our country. Please give us Your compassion and love so we can courageously stand for You. We surrender all of our life to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip People love to talk about things they are interested in. When new people join your group, take time to ask them about their work, interests, and hobbies. By asking them questions about themselves, you can learn about the things they enjoy, and it is easier to make a connection.