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I think it is safe to say that the overriding message of our media outlets over the past two years has been, and continues to be, one of fear. Daily we are reminded of the threat of an invisible enemy that is spreading rapidly, always adapting, and taking lives. This constant messaging creates a state of anxiety and fear. Many find it disheartening. Some are immobilized.

Many of us feel like we have our heads in the snow and are asking ourselves how to get up and get going. How do we stand up and move forward? To guide our thoughts let's look at two biblical examples: one Old Testament and one New Testament. I will not argue for a particular political or medical response to the pandemic, but I will encourage us to live in a direction.

In a crisis,

- Our heart response must be determined by God's word to us, not our circumstances.
- Our prayers must be shaped by who God is, not our enemies.
- Our prayers must focus on our primary mission, not our personal well-being.
- Our action must be fueled by the emboldening presence of the Holy Spirit, not the fear messaging of our time.

Questions for Reflection:

- How has your individual prayer life changed the way you have faced the pandemic?
- How have your prayer times with your spiritual family (e.g., Life Group prayer times, Prayer Summits, prayer groups, etc.) changed the way you have faced the pandemic?
- In what areas is your individual prayer life strong? What might you do to strengthen your prayer life?
- In what areas is your church family prayer life strong? What might be done to strengthen our corporate prayer life?

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