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### **TURN A CORNER!**

*God is indeed in the business of renewal!* If these days you're feeling dry, stale, weary, and depressed by failures and sins, *He longs to refresh you and restore you.*

*"Sin increases" in our world* – multiplied abortions, multiplied divorces, multiplied confusion and misery – *but "grace increases all the more"* (Rom. 5:20). The door is still open! Says the Lord,

"When I send a plague among my people [drugs, AIDS, etc.], 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" (2 Ch. 7:13,14).

*God's part: to*

*Hear,*

*Forgive,*

*Heal.*

*Your part:* to humble yourself and pray and seek His face and turn from your wicked ways. Probably this will mean open confession to one or several meaningful persons in your life.

I remember when I wrestled a long time with a personal sin and couldn't win over it at all – until, in total embarrassment I confessed it to those who loved me. Then God gave victory! "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed" (James 5:16). Bite the bullet! Turn a corner!