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TURN A CORNER!

Christian influence in America is declining. A Gallop poll indicates that religion is up, morality is down!

There's an interesting comparison between our country now and as it was in the early eighteenth century. Then, as now, Christians were frustrated. People were bored with church. Politicians gave lipservice to religion but had a very secular agendum.

In 1721 Increase Mather in Boston cried, "O degenerate New England! What art thou come to at this day? How are those sins become common in thee which once were not so much as heard of in this land?"

Sounds familiar, doesn't it!

But Christians began to pray. God moved through preachers like Jonathan Edwards, the Wesley brothers and George Whitefield. And the spiritual tide turned so powerfully that just nineteen years later Ben Franklin wrote in his papers,

"It is wonderful to see the changes in the manners on our habitants. From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seems as if all the world is growing religious, so that no one can walk through the town in an evening without hearing Psalms sung in different families on every street."

That same year, 1740, Whitefield wrote in Boston, "So many persons come to me under conviction and for advice that I have scarcely time to eat bread. Wonderful things are doing here. The Word runs like lightning."

Wherever you live, in America or elsewhere – let us earnestly, regularly, pray to God for revival again in our day!

Pray for us to turn a corner!