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- Psalm 33:12-- "Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD"
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- Proverbs 14:34-- "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."

3 I. THE ROAD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS - WHAT MADE AMERICA GREAT!

- Founded upon Christian principles
- Psalm 11:3-- "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"
- Samuel Adams: "We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His kingdom come."

4 Benjamin Franklin

- "In the beginning of our contest with Britain, when we were sensible of danger, we had daily prayers in this room for divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were heard and graciously answered ... We have been assured in the sacred writings that except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe this and I also believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

5 Patrick Henry

- "I have now disposed of all my property to my family. There is one thing more that I wish I could give to them That is the Christian religion. If they had that and I had not given them one shilling, they would have been rich; and if they had not that and I had given them the world, they would be poor."

6 Abraham Lincoln

- "We have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined that all things were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God who made us."

7 II. THE ROAD OF REPROACH - SIN!

- Joe Wright's prayer: "Heavenly Father, we come before you today to ask your forgiveness and to seek Your direction and guidance. We know Your Word says, "Woe unto those who call evil good," but that's exactly what we have done.
- We have lost our spiritual equilibrium and reversed our values.

8 We confess that:

- We have ridiculed the absolute truth of Your Word and called it pluralism.
- We have worshiped other gods and called it multi-culturalism.
- We have endorsed perversion and called it an alternative lifestyle.
- We have exploited the poor and called it the lottery.
- We have neglected the needy and called it self-preservation.
- We have rewarded laziness and called it welfare.
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9 We confess that:

- We have killed our unborn children and called it a choice.
- We have shot abortionists and called it justifiable
- We have neglected to discipline our children and called it building self-esteem.
- We have abused power and called it political savvy.
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10 We confess that:

- We have coveted our neighbor's possessions and called it ambition.
- We have polluted the air with profanity and pornography and called it freedom of expression.
- We have ridiculed the time-honored values of our forefathers and called it enlightenment.

11 Search Us, O God,

- and know our hearts today; cleanse us from every sin and set us free. Guide and bless these men and women who have been sent to direct us to the center of Your will. I ask it in the name of Your Son, the living Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

12 The response

- Legislators walked out
- 5000 phone calls were logged at the pastor's church
- **Paul Harvey aired the prayer** - received a larger response to this program than any other he had ever aired.
- Thank God for the vocal remnant who stand for righteousness!

13  **A SAD FACT: We, live in a nation, that for the most part**

- does not value life,
- does not value morality, and
- does not value the family
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- Family values are lifted high as important by the politicians, but the family has been redefined to include immoral and God debasing relationships.
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14  **The things that are valued :**

- self-gratification (If it feels good, do it!)
- self-fulfillment or self-realization (no matter what it takes or who is hurt)
- self-absorption (no thought of how our actions affect others--I, me, my, mine--us 4 and no more)
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15  **IT IS A REPROACH**

- to know that the United States is the biggest exporter of pornography in the world. (90% of all porn originates in "Christian" America.)
- over 45 million babies (more than 52 million today) have been aborted in America since Roe Vs Wade.
- that we are entertained by that which God calls evil.
- to know that we promote perversion in the name of "diversity" and call it an alternative lifestyle.

16  **III. THE ROAD TO REVIVAL - WHAT CAN SAVE AMERICA**
(II CHRONICLES 7:14)

- 1 Peter 4:17-18: "For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?"

17  **II 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 will forgive their sin and heal their land.

18  **WHAT CAN SAVE AMERICA**

- HUMBLE OURSELVES
- PRAY
 - Pray For Forgiveness.
 - Pray For God To Search Us.
 - Pray For God To Use Us.
 - Pray For Our Country And Its Leaders.

19  **WHAT CAN SAVE AMERICA**

- SEEK GOD'S FACE - Proverbs 3:5-6-- "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."
- TURN FROM OUR WICKED WAYS.