

## STEPS TOWARD SPIRITUAL AWAKENING "Upside Down, Inside Out Living"

2 Chronicles 7:11-16

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<sup>11</sup>When Solomon had finished the temple of the LORD and the royal palace, and had succeeded in carrying out all he had in mind to do in the temple of the LORD and in his own palace, <sup>12</sup>the LORD appeared to him at night and said:

"I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple for sacrifices. <sup>13</sup>When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people, <sup>14</sup>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 will heal their land. <sup>15</sup>Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. <sup>16</sup>I have chosen and consecrated this temple so that my Name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.

**2 Chronicles 7:11-16 (NIV)**

"Spirituality is about seeing. It's not about earning or achieving.

It's about relationship rather than results or requirements.

Once you see, the rest follows.

You don't need to push the river, because you are in it.

The life is lived within us, and we learn how to say yes to that life."

-From "Everything Belongs" by Richard Rohr

**I AM WILLING TO...**

**PRAY**

*"Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.  
Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you; save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God; be gracious to me, O LORD, for to you do I cry all day long.  
Gladden the soul of your servant, for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul"*

**Ps. 86:1-4**

**SEEK**

*"As the deep pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for you, my God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God  
When can I go and meet with God?"*

**Psalms 42:1-2**

"O for a spark of heavenly fire,  
From the Redeemer's throne,  
The pure and permanent desire  
Of loving [God] alone!

The pure desire unquenchable  
Ev'n now I *seem* to prove,  
But only Thou, my God, canst tell  
If Thee I *wish* to love.

Vouchsafe me then the wish sincere,  
The wish sincere fulfill,  
And stamp me with thy character  
According to thy will:

Accomplish'd see thine own desires,  
And O! be satisfied,  
When singing with th'immortal quires  
*I triumph at thy side."*

-From "The Unpublished Poetry of Charles Wesley," Vol. 3

### **CHANGE**

*"Teach me to do your will,  
for you are my God.  
Let your good spirit lead me  
on a level path" (Ps. 143:10)*

"Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do."  
-Edwin Hatch (1835-89)