

**Read:** 1 Samuel 7:1-8

**Day 20**

### **“The Elements Of Revival”**

*Then Samuel said, “Assemble all Israel at Mizpah, and I will intercede with The LORD for you.” When they had assembled at Mizpah, they drew water and poured it out before The LORD. On that day they fasted and there they confessed, “We have sinned against The LORD.” Now Samuel was serving as leader of Israel at Mizpah. -1 Samuel 7:5-6*

#### **Insight Into The Word: Corporate Prayer**

When we come to these verses, we see what happens when Samuel’s words are taken to heart. His public proclamation led to corporate prayer and confession. And in this call to prayer, Samuel asks Israel to do one thing: gather everyone together in a specific place. We should take note of this because it is strategic for revival. In strategic revival, everybody should be present and active in prayer.

Once everyone has gathered together, Samuel says that he will intercede with The LORD for them. Samuel makes this statement and request with boldness and assurance. He says this because his relationship is right with God. He has the authority to pray corporately as an intercessor. Samuel also has a certain confidence that God hears him when he prays because he walks with God and has committed his life to Him.

There is also a ritual mentioned in this passage. The people of Israel drew water and poured it out before God. The pouring out of water was symbolic that they were going to empty themselves of their transgression against God. They were no longer going to fill themselves with sin and wickedness. Instead, they were going to fill their lives with God, obey Him, and follow His ways.

The people also fasted and confessed. They were in prayer for themselves, their families, and their nation. From their ritual, we can learn how we ought to assemble for corporate prayer and repentance. Perhaps if we would pray like this, we could do so much more for God and see His power like we have never seen it before!

#### **Thought to Ponder:**

*What stands out to you most in the corporate prayer ritual of the Israelites?*