

## **A PRAYER FOR THE YEAR**

### **WHAT ABOUT THIS YEAR?**

- What are you looking for?
  1. Goals you would like to achieve
  2. If I could just \_\_\_\_\_
- What are you expecting this year?
  1. Good, bad, no idea, but hopefully not bad (*Psalms 39:7 NKJV*)
  2. What are you expecting from God?

### **A MAN AND A PRAYER GOD GRANTED (1 Chronicles 4:9-10 NKJV)**

- Jabez - an honorable man
  1. Someone worthy of esteem and respect
- A man with a negative label #he will cause pain
  1. His mother labeled him from birth
  2. He did not accept that label as his destiny
- He had a faith in God
  1. He called on God - because He believed in God
  2. He believed God could help him and would be good to him
- He dared to ask God for His intervention
  1. He asked God to bless him
  2. His purpose was to not cause pain in others
  3. God granted his request

### **REASONS TO BEGIN PRAYING THIS PRAYER THIS YEAR**

- To ignite/ reignite your prayer life
  1. Prayer has too often been relegated to a win/lose proposition
  2. Prayer is about interaction and relationship with God
- To receive God's help in moving past negative labels
  1. The labels others have placed on you
  2. The most damaging labels are the inner labels we give ourselves
  3. A big blessing is to see yourself as God sees you (*2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV*)
- To ask God to do for you what you can not do on your own
  1. God's blessings include material blessings, but go beyond the material
  2. Blessings of strength, peace, wisdom - correction, and direction
  3. For God to bless you so that you can be more of a blessing (*Matthew 5:14-16 CSB*)