# "Called to be a Blessing"

"And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing." (Genesis 12:2)

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 1:3)

### In the Steps of our Savior

Acts 10:38 – "...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Mark 10:16 – "And he took (the children) in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them."

Mark 10:21 – "And Jesus, looking at him, <u>loved him, and said to him</u>, 'You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."

## **Avoiding the Path of the Worthless**

2 Chronicles 21:4,11, 18-20 – (4) "When Jehoram had ascended the throne of his father and was established, he killed all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the princes of Israel. (11) Moreover, he made high places in the hill country of Judah and led the inhabitants of Jerusalem into whoredom and made Judah go astray. (18) And after all this the LORD struck him in his bowels with an incurable disease. (19) In the course of time, at the end of two years, his bowels came out because of the disease, and he died in great agony. His people made no fire in his honor, like the fires made for his fathers. (20) He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. And he departed with no one's regret. They buried him in the city of David, but not in the tombs of the kings."

# "What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?" (Psalm 116:12):

#### The Sacrifice of Praise

"Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name." (Hebrews 13:15)

### The Sacrifice of Caring & Sharing

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:16)

### What Does God Expect of Me?

"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:6-8)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)