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A CALL TO REPENTANCE

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empower us to wake up to God's truth
and turn from our falsehood.**

Heavenly Father...

For the many ways we've conformed to the pattern of this world instead of to the image of Jesus Christ;

We repent and ask for your forgiveness

For living like we were on vacation rather than as soldiers in a battle;

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For our unwillingness to pursue relationships with people whose appearance and culture is different than our own;

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For believing the lies people have told us about ourselves rather than trusting your word about us, spoken on Calvary;

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For allowing ourselves to fall into the bondage of strongholds and addictions;

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For gossiping and slandering people rather than blessing them;

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For praying too little and watching television too much;

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For all the lies we've told and all the things we've stolen;

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