

# **BUILDING A WINNING CULTURE**

## **Part 1: Connecting With God**

### **A WINNING CULTURE**

- ❖ **Culture: Attitudes and behavior that are characteristic of a group or organization**
  - ◆ A winning culture is easy to see, a culture of fear or desperation is hard to hide
  - ◆ A winning culture is marked by excitement and commitment
- ❖ **A winning culture in your world**
  - ◆ An expectation that you will overcome, come through, come out OK
  - ◆ Not believing that you are a victim
- ❖ **Your connection with God can have a huge impact on establishing a winning culture (*Hebrews 10:22a NKJV*)**
  - ◆ We can come close (connect) with God - the One who has no limits

### **A MAN WHO MADE A CONNECTION**

- ❖ **Not such a great start (*1 Chronicles 4:9-10 NKJV*)**
  - ◆ Difficult family life - Mother negatively named him
- ❖ **Jabez had faith to call on God; He believed that God was real**
  - ◆ He wanted God's involvement in his life
- ❖ **Believed that God was not powerless**
  - ◆ That God could bless, enlarge help and protect him
  - ◆ Jabez initiated contact with God by his prayer
- ❖ **He had a bigger purpose**
  - ◆ Not a selfish prayer - because God answered
  - ◆ He did not want to cause pain

### **YOUR CONNECTION WITH GOD**

- ❖ **You have the ability to come closer**
  - ◆ The faith to call on God (pray) (*Hebrews 11:6 NKJV*)
- ❖ **Believe that God will be involved in your life**
  - ◆ Not only is He real, He is a rewarder
  - ◆ He can still bless, enlarge, help protect
- ❖ **Have a legacy purpose**
  - ◆ Not just so everything is great in your life - not the stopping place
  - ◆ God's Kingdom is built around love