

"Revival"

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Websters dictionary defines revival as an act or instance of reviving the state of being revived. A renewing or refreshing. Restoration of force or validity. Some of you define revival as aww man church again tonight? We must have a spirit of expectancy going into revival and we must contend for longevity after revival. Its more then just a series of services its more then just a religious pep rally its more then just emotion what revival needs to be is an encounter with God we need to cry out God I need you to visit me. My soul needs reviving we need it to be personal.

I. Spiritually Prepared

A. You get out of a revival what you put into it.

1. If revival is to you some haphazard attempt to satisfy your religious side, you are going to miss out on everything that God has for you.

a. The God we serve is a personal God and he does get involved in the affairs of his peoples lives.

VS. 17. That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.

b. He's a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief he's an ever present help in times of trouble he promises streams in the desert rest for your burdened soul but being spiritually prepared is crucial.

2. There needs to be a spirit of expectancy within each and every one of us

B. Pentecost wasn't happening in the book of Acts because they were sitting around they were praying and expecting this tremendous moving of God. And it happened.

Acts 2:2-4 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

1. True revival happens when we cultivate an atmosphere where God can move and what we need, what the New Convert needs, what our family needs, what our city needs, what the world needs is nothing more then a Holy Ghost revival we need a spiritual awakening.

a. A prepared heart will see God.

II. The Spirit of Revival.

A. In life and in salvation things happen to us that weigh us down this happens spiritually.

1. The enemy is a strategist and is also aware of the potential of the spirit of revival. He's aware that it can breath life into our dried up bones, he's aware that it can bring the dead in Christ alive, he's aware that it can mend marriages it can bring home the backslider, it can that it can renew restore and revive us. So he tries to stomp it out before it can take effect.

1 Thessalonians 2:18 18 Therefore we wanted to come to you--even I, Paul, time and again--but Satan hindered us.

a. Satan is real. He is called "the god of this world" and "the commander of the powers in the unseen world". We don't know exactly what hindered Paul from returning to Thessalonica—opposition, illness, travel complications, or a direct attack by Satan—but Satan worked in some way to keep him away.

2. This happens to us, ever been getting ready for church and.....

a. We need to make every effort we can to be in revival. The spirit of revival says no matter what I'm going to be in church because I need to hear from God. The spirit of revival says I'm going to bring someone out to church because they need God. The spirit of revival says I'm going to believe God for my miracle for my blessing, for my need.

B. We must contend for the spirit of revival to start working in us now. I challenge you to start praying now and ask God to start preparing you now for what God is going to do next week and pray that you stay stirred.

1. God wants to visit you personally God wants to move on your behalf but we must catch the spirit of revival now. Invest into it with time prayer reading your bible outreaching calling people and we need God to kick-start the revival spirit within us.

III. The Life Spirit is for all of us

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A. Our text highlights that this life giving spirit is for all of us not just to have enough but God promises to have it overflow within us.

John 7:37-38 *37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."*

1. That we would hunger and thirst for this spirit to be alive in us beloved God will show us a great and a mighty thing.

Matthew 5:6 *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be filled.*

a. We need to be revived we need to be refreshed we need to be renewed and that only comes when the spirit of revival is loosed within us.

2. The spirit of revival has the power to change the spiritual climate of our age it has the power to deliver to set free to renew to heal and we can be filled with that spirit starting today.