

# Revival

2 Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray and seek (crave, require as a necessity) My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear [them] from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.

- **Revival isn't needed in the book of Acts / They were alive**
  - When something is active, breathing, has a pulse, fulfilling purpose you don't need to do chest compressions, breathe into it, when something is alive you don't need CPR or Revival
  - Book of Acts church had a pulse - blood flow, heart beat, breath, purposeful movement
  - Signs and wonders followed them, prayer was their life, their testimony was worth dying for, time together was a true priority, the mission of seeing the lost found - lame healed defined them
    - Acts 2:42 They were continually and faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, and to fellowship, to [i]eating meals together and to prayers.
    - A sense of awe was felt by [i]everyone, and many wonders and signs (attesting miracles) were taking place through the apostles.
- **Not the American church, we need CPR - Revival**
  - CPR is an outside force performing life saving efforts to keep someone from completely dying
  - Check for danger, call for help, check for a pulse, Check the airway, listen for breathing, breath into the body since they can't breath for themselves, compress or move their heart since they don't have a heart beat on their own.
- **False Revival**
  - Much of the body has become okay with being lifeless. All they are left with is stories to tell
    - 2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power
    - 2 Timothy 3:7 Ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth
    - Most of the American church is focused on hearing information, performing duties, following routines. There are no divine interruptions, signs & wonders, book of acts
  - The other half of the American church is trying to breathe but struggling.
    - Relying on big names, big personalities, traveling far and wide to borrow fire instead of rebuilding the structure at home to facilitate a fire that is God designed for their community and church.
    - It's okay to borrow a spark, Our youth will be going to the Ramp in Dec to get a spark, to see what God wants to do in their lives back home. It's a good thing but we can't rely on an evangelists spark, we can't continually borrow fire from distant revivals.
    - God is calling for us to slow down, stop all the commotion, sit down with him and learn how he wants to build the fire in our church. The fire he wants to build can be maintained and it is perfectly suited for our community.
    - Each community has it's own identity, it's own needs, it's own issues. So when God moves he wants each church to learn to walk in a unique move of God so that it ministers to their people the way they need it to.
    - How God moved in the 90's is great but people are different and they need a different move of God today.
    - How God moved in another city is great but that was their city and that city had it's own sin, bondages, strongholds, That city had a unique demonic influence and what they needed isn't what we need. We need What God says we need.
    - We are too impatient and prayerless to sit down and hear God's heart, learn his way, instead we will run and try to fast track a move of God.

- **True revival**

- Is personal

- We say revival and we think of church but there's no revival in the church unless there is revival in you. If you and I don't go from barely breathing to full alive our church won't either.

- Revelation 3:20 "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."
      - Joel 2:12 "Even now," says the Lord, "Turn and come to Me with all your heart [in genuine repentance], With fasting and weeping and mourning [until every barrier is removed and the broken fellowship is restored]; 13 Rip your heart to pieces [in sorrow and contrition] and not your garments." Now return [in repentance] to the Lord your God, For He is gracious and compassionate, Slow to anger, abounding in lovingkindness [faithful to His covenant with His people]; And He relents [His sentence of] evil [when His people genuinely repent]. 14 Who knows whether He will relent [and revoke your sentence], And leave a blessing behind Him, Even a grain offering and a drink offering [from the bounty He provides you] For the Lord your God? 15 Blow a trumpet in Zion [warning of impending judgment], Dedicate a fast [as a day of restraint and humility], call a solemn assembly.

- Alive and spontaneous

- Routine is a man made thing. It's not a God thing.

- Rut is a deep hole that a tire has repeatedly gone through and it keeps getting deeper and deeper and it's harder to come out of. At some point you get stuck
      - One sure fire way to never get stuck in a rut? Don't go through the same place twice.

- Life with God is meant to be adventurous, daring, exciting.

- Jeeps were meant to be taken off the road

- Every day, walking with God should test us, take us to new places

- Joel 2:28 It shall come about after this  
That I shall pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and your daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. 29 "Even on the male and female servant I will pour out My Spirit in those days. 30 "I will show signs and wonders [displaying My power] in the heavens and on the earth, Blood and fire and columns of smoke.

- When God moves it's never boring

- 1716 Great Awakening, interrupted sermons crying out what must we do, a fear of God settled over them, people weeping, repenting, on the floor shaking
      - 1904 Whales revival prayer and public repentance, marked by worship,
      - Messages of repentance, a deep realization of their need for God
      - A return to prayer and reaching the lost

- 2 Chronicles 7

- 11 And so Solomon **finished** the house (temple) of the Lord and the palace of the king. He successfully accomplished all that he had planned to do in the house of the Lord and in his palace. 12 Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 If I shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or if I command locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence and plague among My people, 14 and My people, who are called by My Name, humble themselves, and pray and seek (crave, require as a necessity) My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear [them] from heaven, and forgive their

*sin and heal their land. 15 Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer offered in this place. 16 For now I have chosen and sanctified and set apart for My purpose this house that My Name may be here forever, and My eyes and My heart will be here perpetually.*

- Finished? Finished what?
- Preparation
  - His dad's name was David and David had prepared
    - Purchased the grounds where it was built
    - Provided the plans to his son
    - Found masons to make stones
    - Collected iron, and cedar trees
    - Gathered 100,000 talents of gold/silver brass
  - Solomon prepared
    - Began building 480 years after exodus, only 4 years into being king
    - Labor tax required all men in israel to serve a certain amount of time
    - Traded wheat and oil for cedar wood from lebanon
  - Before the glory came, before a witness to the world was established,
    - Everything was planned out, prayed over, divine instruction from God was given on how everything had to be prepared
  - That's why we are in a season of preparation
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- We can't dedicate something that God is not able to be in charge of or in control of
- We can't see the glory of God come unless preparation is completed