

## *BluePrints For Revival pt 2*

- Revival is not
  - Guest speaker, evangelist
    - The role of the evangelist is biblical and we need that ministry in our church. I pray that we raise up some evangelists in this house but most of them are not revivalists. Most of them are not geared to strategically help a church maintain the fire after they are gone.
  - Going to a conference
    - It's okay to borrow fire but it can never replace building our own fire God's way.
    - No shortcuts
  - Having a few good services.
    - Cpr / Bypass machine can never replace our church learning to breathe in and out on it's own.
    - Many times God will begin to move in a church and after he's moved for a couple weeks the people relax their posture. They don't lean in, their desperation diminishes and they get out of the posture of prayerful seeking.
    - We can't get comfortable and think that we reach a certain place and we can relax. We can't live on the bypass machine. We must learn to humble ourselves, repent, seek God's face, turn from our ways and Develop a lifestyle of prayerful pursuit.
  - Growing a church based on personality and influence
    - If the only time we have a powerful move of God is when we have the right worship, the right evangelist, we don't have a move of God.
    - When we pour lighter fluid on a pile of wood and light it, the blaze is big but the fire dies out. You have to build it strategically, you have to soak the wood, you have to make sure there is air flow. Once a fire is going, it'll take care of it's self but when you are building a fire you have to plan, prepare, build and maintain the flame
  - It's not denominational
    - The spirit of God doesn't care about our traditions or denominational barriers
    - The spirit of God is looking for hungry people, desperate people
    - You'll rarely see church leaders be a catalyst for revival, too comfortable, revival cost too much, changes too much, they are not desperate enough
    - You'll rarely see God moving and it only happens with one denomination or one particular church. True moves of God happen to hungry people wherever they can be found.
    - Brownsville revival Florida, Asbury Revival Kentucky, were not denominational. When God moves he moves on hearts and you'll see people who are from every background responding to God!
  - It's not in your control
    - When God moves, it's almost always out of our control.
    - God doesn't force himself but when you are hungry for more and you surrender God will breathe life into us and our church and it will stop being something we plan out
    - You can't control God's spirit
    - 1 Corinthians 14:39 Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.
  - It's not about you and I
    - Everyone's got an opinion about denominations, church activities, styles, fads
    - I like this preacher, I like this ministry, this is the way, that is the way.

- 1 Corinthians 1:12-13 Now I say this, that each of you says, “I am of Paul,” or “I am of Apollos,” or “I am of Cephas,” or “I am of Christ.” 13 Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?
  - Distractions from Jesus, him crucified, his purpose
  - The church has committee meetings about choosing carpet colors
  - You ask them about what the lord is doing in their life, ask them about the last time they ministered to someone on behalf of the lord, crickets
  - We are prone to steer off course and we must intentionally remind ourselves and keep focused on the bigger mission
- Revival is
- Repentance is the precursor or beginning
  - Acts 3:19-21 NKJV - Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord .
  - 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.
- Prayer is the fuel
  - Welsh revival 1904-1905 100,000 people turned to Jesus
  - Azusa street revival, 50,000 people 1906 - 1915
  - All marked by burdensome, passionate prayer
    - Didn't start that way, there was a sense of God wanting to do something and they made room for prayer, once they took the consistent time for prayer, it gripped them
  - The Azusa revival began where every revival should rightly begin—in repentant tears. It began in tears, it lived in tears, and when the tears ended the Azusa revival ended.
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- Holiness is a natural result
  - You can't make someone live the way you want, they have to want to
    - Horse to water, can't make them drink
    - Someone who is in a cycle of addiction, depression
      - They have to want to change, They don't have the power but they have to want to change enough to try something new, to step away from something old
    - Church has tried to do what only the Holy Spirit can do
      - People don't need leaders harping on them every 5 minutes
      - People need to regularly encounter God's spirit and feel his conviction
      - We have tried to be a museum instead of a hospital for broken people
      - We have tried to be the doctor who fixes patients at the hospital instead of being the nurse, being the receptionist, etc. You and I are not the physician, we cannot do the surgery needed on people's hearts. We fool ourselves into thinking that God needs us to handle it. If we will do our part of praying, humbling ourselves,

repenting over our issues the atmosphere of our lives and church will be so powerful that the people around us will encounter God's supernatural conviction/correction.

- Our desire to live Holy or blamelessly has to come from experiencing Jesus
  - If you desire to be Holy for any other reason you are moved by the wrong motives
    - You shouldn't want to be Holy because your pastor says, your parents say, your friends say,
    - you should want to be Holy because you have caught a glimpse of God's holiness
      - It's like having a white shirt, living in the Mineral Area
      - You don't realize that your shirt isn't white until you are in the presence of someone with a truly white shirt. When you stand next to true white your dingy dull stained white shirt will stand out and you'll feel compelled to fix it.
      - Bleach can help but sometimes you just need a new shirt! That's why we push you to encounter God inside/outside of church, only he can help you realize your lack, your stains, only God can give you the genuine desire to be Holy. Only God can take your shirt and give you a truly white shirt
  - 2 Corinthians 7:1 ESV Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.
  - 1 Peter 2:9 ESV But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
  - 1 Peter 1:15-16 ESV But as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."
  - 1 Samuel 2:2 ESV "There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.
  - Romans 12:1 ESV I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
  - Leviticus 20:26 ESV You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine
- Soul Winning is the purpose of Revival
  - There is nothing that even comes close in God's heart. Winning people to Jesus is the Goal
    - It's not just sharing our testimony, it's not just explaining how to be saved, it's not just getting them to go to the altar at church, it's walking with them from new birth spiritually to full maturity so that they mature so much that they begin to do what we did for them.
  - He does the work as we do our part
    - If I be lifted up, I will draw all men to me
- Expectancy comes from
  - Regularly/consistently experiencing God outside of church
  - Learning to know God's character
    - Who he is, how he moves, what moves his heart
  - If you don't expect company, you are uncomfortable, unprepared, stressed out
  - If you expect company, you clean up, remove things that are piled up on your chairs, make room for them, you give them a comfortable seat

- All we're learning to do is prepare a place for Jesus
  - A clean place
  - A comfortable place, fits his needs wants
- Taylor swift came to a restaurant, streets were filled, blocked traffic, she was in the building
- When the book of Acts church had the power of God
  - Acts 2:6 Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. 7 And they were all amazed and marvelled
  - Acts 17:6 they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, "These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.
- I hope this church, that we individually are known to have Jesus in the house, do we host his presence?
  - Do we make him comfortable, do we suit our efforts to his needs and desires
  - Do we expect him
    - Something lost on my generation
    - My grandparents would have reoccurring, regular get together a with guests. They met so often at some point it just became expected and they don't even call to confirm anymore
    - Expectation
    - 1 kings 6 As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, carry out my regulations and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel." So Solomon built the temple and completed it.
    - We are building something, don't get distracted, don't get caught up in other things.
    - Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him
- If we expect, we will naturally prepare, build
- When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the Lord, because the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house. When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the Lord, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."

II Chronicles 7:1-3 NKJV