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*"Turning Point"*

## **"Death: The Spark of Revival"**

**John 12:24-28**

*"Revival is when the God who is **everywhere** decides to be **somewhere**. When his omnipresence is eclipsed by his manifest presence." -Russell Johnson*

### **KEY PRINCIPLE:**

**FOR EVERY FAITHFUL DEATH, THERE IS A GLORIOUS RESURRECTION.**

*"Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat **falls to the ground and dies**, it remains only a **single seed**. But if it dies, **it produces many seeds**. 25 Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. 26 Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me.*

*27 "Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify your name!" -John 12:24-28*

### **7 Marks of Revival:**

#### **1. The "Suddenly" of God.**

*"**Suddenly** there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind." -Acts 2:2*

#### **2. Conviction and Holy Fear.**

*"When the people heard this, **they were cut to the heart** and said to Peter and the apostles, '**Brothers, what must we do to be saved?**'" -Acts 2:37*

#### **3. Renewed Hunger for God's Word.**

*"Hilkiah the high priest said to Shaphan the secretary, 'I **have found the Book of the Law** in the temple of the Lord.' He gave it to Shaphan, who read it...**When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes.**" -2 Kings 22:8, 11*

#### **4. Uncommon Unity.**

*"They **devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**" -Acts 2:42.*

#### **5. Uncommon Generosity.**

*"They sold property and possessions **to give to anyone who had need.**" -Acts 2:45*

#### **6. Bold Witness and Truth-Telling.**

*"When they saw **the courage** of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that **these men had been with Jesus.**" -Acts 4:13*

#### **7. Unusual Harvest of Souls.**

*"...and the Lord **added to their number daily** those who were being saved." -Acts 2:47*



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## **REVIVAL IS...**

Where the ever-present God becomes unusually manifest. The result is a quickened acceleration of spiritual hunger and outpouring of Grace that changes individuals, a church, a region, & a nation.

### **Discussion Questions:**

#### **Getting to Know Me**

1. What are some of your initial thoughts following Charlie Kirk's memorial? How would you describe the significance of the event?
2. We saw 43 baptized this past Sunday post-church camp! How have you been personally encouraged by what God has been doing in our church recently?
3. Why do you think God uses death to spark revival?

#### **Into the Bible/Sermon**

1. When you think about the stories of great revival in the book of Acts, what events were revivals often preceded by?
2. In the book of Acts, what is the opposition's response to revival? How does a strong opposing response authenticate the revival itself?
3. What events followed revivals in the book of Acts? How do those events inform our response to revival today?

#### **Application**

1. What was your main takeaway from Pastor Josh's sermon? How were you impacted/ encouraged? Did you have an "ah-ha" moment or realize something for the first time?
2. How would you describe the process of revival in your own story of redemption? What things started revival in your life?
3. Of the 7 Marks of Revival Pastor Josh described in his sermon, which do you feel the Lord calling you to take a more active role in?
4. How would you describe your hunger to see the Lord's revival? Pray for God to stir up great revival in your own heart, in our church, our state, and our nation and ask the Holy Spirit to show you how you can specifically contribute.