

Do We Need a Stirring?

Joel 2:12-17

England before the first awakening

1. Widespread drug and alcohol abuse.
2. Open immorality among the highest public officials.
3. Increase in criminal and gang activity.
4. Adoption of harsher penalties to control behavior.
5. Prevalence of pornographic literature.
6. Decreasing spiritual vitality of churches.
7. Breakdown of marriage and the social fabric.

Characteristics of a Stirring

1. A new burden for prayer and fasting.
2. A widespread awareness and sorrow over sin.
3. Open and sincere public confessions.
4. A renewed sense of intimacy with God.
5. A contagious spirit of joy and freedom.
6. The reconciliation of broken personal relationships.
7. A new motivation to share the Gospel and acts of compassion.

The End Result

A church that lives again and a society that is transformed from the inside out.

Steps to Personal Revival

1. Admit just how far you have drifted from God.
2. Humbly call to God in prayer and fasting.
3. Repent with a broken and contrite heart.
4. Confess your sins to God and one another.
5. Receive the power of the Holy Spirit to serve Christ.

A Prayer for Us All to Pray:

“Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations? Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.” Psalm 85:5-7