

Genesis 26:17-18 A Prescription For Revival

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1. The Power and the Possibilities

Genesis 26:18 — "And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father,"

"The first thing we have to realize about the present position is its desperate character." -MLJ

"There is no need for us to prospect and send for the water diviners." -MLJ

"Men are God's method. The Church is looking for better methods; God is looking for better men... What the Church needs to-day is not more machinery or better, not new organizations or more and novel methods, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer." E.M. Bounds

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"There is great value in the reading of church history... nothing is more important for us at this present time." -MLJ

"God remains the same. Man remains the same." -MLJ

Hebrews 13:8 — "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today, and forever."

"Christianity today is so subnormal that if any Christian began to act like a normal New Testament Christian, he would be considered abnormal."-Leonard Ravenhill

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2. The Modern Philistine

Genesis 26:15 — Now the Philistines had stopped up all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, and they had filled them with earth.

"Reformation precedes revival." -MLJ

"Without a single exception," what has marked the church in every period of declension is "either a denial, or else a concealing, or else a neglect" of certain truths. -MLJ

"Without a single exception, it is the rediscovery of these cardinal doctrines that has always led to revival." -MLJ

"they had filled them with earth."

"And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace."

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

by Helen H. Lemmel

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3. The Holy Spirit in Revival

Genesis 26:18 NKJV — And Isaac dug again the wells of water...

"The Holy Spirit not only has His ordinary work — He has His extraordinary work, and that is revival." -MLJ

"You'll never get out that water until you've cleared out the rubbish of the Philistines."

"There is something we have to do before we pray." -MLJ

"It is useless for large companies of believers to spend long hours begging God to send revival. Unless we intend to reform we may as well not pray." — A. W. Tozer

"We cannot continue to ignore God's will as expressed in the Scriptures and expect to secure the aid of God's Spirit." — A. W. Tozer

"Those pink feet will never land on anything dirty." -A. W. Tozer

"The Holy Spirit—Let Him Come In."

Genesis 8

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4. Defective Orthodoxy

"Why does the Spirit not descend on every evangelical church? What's the matter? There must be something wrong." -MLJ

"You mustn't exalt to the primary and the central position matters that belong to the periphery."
MLJ

"Majoring in the Minors"

Tongues, Healing, & Miracles?

-Prophecy, The Rapture, & End Times?

-Election, Predestination, Calvinism vs Arminianism?

-Modes & Timing of Baptism?

-Church Government

"Do your doctrines conceal the persons?" -MLJ

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5. Dead Orthodoxy

Job 12:2 — "No doubt ye are the people" — (aimed at evangelical smugness.)

"This isn't a plea for emotionalism. It's a plea for emotion." -MLJ

"Where there is no passion, the church perishes, even though it be full to the doors." — Leonard Ravenhill

Proverbs 4:18 NKJV — But the path of the just is like the shining sun, That shines ever brighter unto the perfect day.

"When did you last weep because of your distance from God?" -MLJ

"Be not content with knowing the Doctrines of Grace and being called orthodox. Seek to feel the power of Gospel Truth." -Spurgeon

-1 Corinthians 14:40 NKJV — Let all things be done decently and in order.

-1 Thessalonians 5:19 NKJV — Do not quench the Spirit.

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6. To Know Him

Philippians 3:8 & 10 NKJV — Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord... that I may know Him...

"We have become so afraid of false experiences that we are shutting out experience altogether." MLJ

[We must seek] "Not the experience itself, but to experience Him and to know Him." -MLJ

“The great reason why the Holy Spirit was given from heaven was to make Christ Jesus' presence manifest to us.” Andrew Murray

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The Hebrides Revival

The praying sisters.

“We do well to ponder the fact that revival comes as a result of a cleansed section of the Church, bent and bowed in supplication and intercession. It views an age shackled with false religion and sickened at the sight of perishing millions; then they wait—perhaps days, weeks, and even months until the Spirit moves upon them, and heaven opens in revival blessing.”
Ravenhill

Psalms 24:3-5 NKJV — Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, Nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive blessing from the LORD, And righteousness from the God of his salvation.

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Genesis 26:19 NKJV — Also Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found a well of running water there.

"The first thing we have to realize about the present position is its desperate character." -MLJ

The need for water is the need for life itself.

“I'm tired of rhetoric, meaningless rhetoric that never changes things.”

“I'm tired of hearing about revival.”

“We've held on to our religious rhetoric and our revival talk, but we've become so passive.”

— David Wilkerson

“I can give you one simple reason why we don't have revival in America. Because we're content to live without it.” — Leonard Ravenhill

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Isaiah 44:3 — “For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, and floods on the dry ground.”