

Opening passage: "But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you." - James 4:6-10

To position yourself for revival, here is where all of us must begin:

1. KNOW WHAT GOD OFFERS - understand what God has offered, what God has promised, what God has required, what God has demanded

2. DO A SPIRITUAL INVENTORY - assess where you are in comparison to what #1 reveals. Measure the distance between #1 and where you are.

3. HUMBLE YOURSELF & MOURN - let the weight of the distance between #1 & #2 impact you in the deepest way. Grieve over the distance between what God desires and what you have settled for. Acknowledge it to be real and urgent. Feel the distance between you and Him.

4. CRY OUT IN PRAYER- confess where you have fallen short. Confess for yourself, your family, your church, your community, your tribe and your nation. Align with His heart and declare the transgression. Agree with God that this cannot continue.

5. BELIEVE IN GOD'S GRACE- trust that God will honor your mourning and your crying out to Him. Believe that He is pleased with your repentance. Trust that He will powerfully move on your behalf within the space in your heart that you have now created. Anticipate change to come within you and through you.

6. COMMIT TO A NEW WAY - listen intently to the many ways through which God will speak to you. Repent continually in a radical level as He will reveal obstacles, practices, relationships and false belief patterns that have hindered revival in your own life. Commit to obey all that He reveals to you. Do the right thing, no matter the cost. Seek His face in all matters and reorient yourself away from the world and unto the King.

7. ABIDE IN THIS NEW REVELATION - don't budge from this new way. Don't allow anyone to talk you out of it. Don't try to control others to do as you have done. Welcome God to deal with them as you pray for them. Deny yourself. Carry your cross. Die to lesser loyalties. Pray, fast, gorge on the Word, worship fervently, pursue deep fellowship with others who are burning for Him. Let His love constrain you in all matters. Advance the Gospel. Wage war in the Spirit against the evil one. Love without reservation.