

# Revived: 10 Steps to your Revival

Are you dying spiritually and how would you even know? Jesus is our only source of life, may we find our way back to true revival.

## Signs of Dying on the Vine

Lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, the pride of life.

1 John 2:15-17

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15 Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. 16 For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from this world. 17 And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

American Mall Parking Lot Testimony

John 15:1-8

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15 "I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener.

- Jesus is the source of life to those that belong to/abide in Him.
- God the Father cares for the grapevine and the branches and receives glory when there is much fruit.

2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.

Dying on the vine:

- Where there is no fruit there is no L.I.F.E
- Where there's no life there's no nutrients.

3 You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. 4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me.

Dying on the vine:

- Only the word of God brings the nutrients we need to produce fruit. If we remove ourselves from the study of, and obedience to the word we're in danger of being severed from the vine.

5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

Dying on the vine:

- Those who remove themselves from close fellowship with the word will find it impossible to accomplish anything purpose related which glorifies God.

6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned.

Dying on the vine:

- If you leave your first love, and return to the lust of this world we are thrown away and gathered to be burned.

7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

But if.....

- The key to personal revival is to recognize that you've separated yourself from the King, the Vine, the source of life. The study of, and obedience to the word of God activates faith and propels you towards a fruitful purpose.

## **Producing the Lord's Fruit**

Philippians 1:9-11

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9 I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. 10 For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. 11 May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ[a]—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

- If the Lord's fruit is in us it means we'll have His character as well.

## **Mephibosheth Revived/ 10 Steps of Revival**

1. Recognizing the royal source of love, goodness, kindness, and power.

Mephibosheth - grandson of King Saul, Israel's first king. Son of Jonathan David's best friend.

Revelation 19:11-16

New Living Translation

The Rider on the White Horse

11 Then I saw heaven opened, and a white horse was standing there. Its rider was named Faithful and True, for he judges fairly and wages a righteous war. 12 His eyes were like flames of fire, and on his head were many crowns. A name was written on him that no one understood except himself. 13 He wore a robe dipped in blood, and his title was the Word of God. 14 The armies of heaven,

dressed in the finest of pure white linen, followed him on white horses. 15 From his mouth came a sharp sword to strike down the nations. He will rule them with an iron rod. He will release the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty, like juice flowing from a winepress. 16 On his robe at his thigh[a] was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of all lords.

Romans 15:13

New Living Translation

13 I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

2. A covenant, a promised commitment to the well being of another.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

Hebrews 8

New Living Translation

Christ Is Our High Priest

8 Here is the main point: We have a High Priest who sat down in the place of honor beside the throne of the majestic God in heaven. 2 There he ministers in the heavenly Tabernacle,[a] the true place of worship that was built by the Lord and not by human hands.

3 And since every high priest is required to offer gifts and sacrifices, our High Priest must make an offering, too. 4 If he were here on earth, he would not even be a priest, since there already are priests who offer the gifts required by the law. 5 They serve in a system of worship that is only a copy, a shadow of the real one in heaven. For when Moses was getting ready to build the Tabernacle, God gave him this warning: "Be sure that you make everything according to the pattern I have shown you here on the mountain."<sup>[b]</sup>

6 But now Jesus, our High Priest, has been given a ministry that is far superior to the old priesthood, for he is the one who mediates for us a far better covenant with God, based on better promises.

7 If the first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no need for a second covenant to replace it. 8 But when God found fault with the people, he said:

“The day is coming, says the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel and Judah.

9 This covenant will not be like the one  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
and led them out of the land of Egypt.

They did not remain faithful to my covenant,  
so I turned my back on them, says the Lord.

10 But this is the new covenant I will make  
with the people of Israel on that day,[c] says the Lord:

I will put my laws in their minds,  
and I will write them on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

11 And they will not need to teach their neighbors,  
nor will they need to teach their relatives,[d]  
saying, ‘You should know the Lord.’

For everyone, from the least to the greatest,  
will know me already.

12 And I will forgive their wickedness,  
and I will never again remember their sins.”[e]

13 When God speaks of a “new” covenant, it means he has made the first one obsolete. It is now out of date and will soon disappear.

Hebrews 13:5

New King James Version

5 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

3. A separation, whether real or perceived, from the abundance of life, caused by the thief Satan.

Saul and Jonathan were killed and battle and Mephibosheth was crippled and separated from the royal life he once knew.

How does Satan separate us? By persuading us to disconnect ourselves from faith.

Luke 22:31-32

New Living Translation

31 "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. 32 But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."

- One sure sign that we need revival is our denial of Jesus.
- Repentance leads to revival.

1 Peter 5:8-9

New Living Translation

8 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 9 Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers[a] all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are.

4. A reunion between the victim and the victor.

2 Samuel 9:3-5

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3 The king then asked him, “Is anyone still alive from Saul’s family? If so, I want to show God’s kindness to them.”

Ziba replied, “Yes, one of Jonathan’s sons is still alive. He is crippled in both feet.”

4 “Where is he?” the king asked.

“In Lo-debar,” Ziba told him, “at the home of Makir son of Ammiel.”

5 So David sent for him and brought him from Makir’s home.

Source: <https://www.gotquestions.org/Lo-Debar-in-the-Bible.html>

***Lo Debar (or Lo-debar) is a town only mentioned a few times in Scripture. If it is, as many scholars assume, the same town as Debir, mentioned several times in the book of Joshua, we find that it was one of the cities of Canaan that Joshua destroyed (Joshua 10:39). Debir, whose name means “pasture” or “sheepfold,” was located near the Valley of Achor (Joshua 15:7) on the northern boundary of Judah, somewhere between Jerusalem and Jericho. The exact location of the town is impossible to ascertain. If Lo Debar is the same town as Debir, somewhere in its history the name was changed to Lo Debar.***

***Debar normally means “word” or “thing.” The prefix lo is a negator; thus, the term Lo Debar would mean “no word” or “no thing.” The town’s name is not complimentary. The name may or may not have been an apt description of the town. If it was an apt description, it may have been lacking good pasture, or it may have been an insignificant, “nothing town.” In English we might say that it was “in the middle of nowhere.”***

***Lo Debar is first mentioned in connection with Mephibosheth, the only surviving son of Jonathan, son of King Saul. David wanted to show kindness to Jonathan’s family, and he was told that Mephibosheth was living in Lo Debar. The story is found in 2 Samuel 9. Mephibosheth leaves “Nothingville” (Lo Debar) and moves into the king’s residence in Jerusalem—from Podunk to palace.***

Again we see here that he lived in a town that represented a place with “no word”, no fruit, no pastures.

James 4:7-10

New Living Translation

7 So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. 9 Let there be tears for what you have done. Let there be sorrow and deep grief. Let there be sadness instead of laughter, and gloom instead of joy. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

Matthew 4:4

New Living Translation

4 But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say,

‘People do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’[a]”

## Part 2

5. Surrender and reverence to the Reviver.

6 His name was Mephibosheth[a]; he was Jonathan’s son and Saul’s grandson. When he came to David, he bowed low to the ground in deep respect. David said, “Greetings, Mephibosheth.”

Mephibosheth replied, “I am your servant.”

6. A new covenant of revival and restoration.

7 “Don’t be afraid!” David said. “I intend to show kindness to you because of my promise to your father, Jonathan. I will give you all the property that once



belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will eat here with me at the king's table!"

7. A humble response to the offer of revival and restoration.

8 Mephibosheth bowed respectfully and exclaimed, "Who is your servant, that you should show such kindness to a dead dog like me?"

8. A royal command setting revival in place.

9 Then the king summoned Saul's servant Ziba and said, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. 10 You and your sons and servants are to farm the land for him to produce food for your master's household.[b] But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, will eat here at my table." (Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.)

9. Obedience to the command.

11 Ziba replied, "Yes, my lord the king; I am your servant, and I will do all that you have commanded."

10. Revived - to forever be connected to and in the company of the giver of life.

And from that time on, Mephibosheth ate regularly at David's table,[c] like one of the king's own sons.

12 Mephibosheth had a young son named Mica. From then on, all the members of Ziba's household were Mephibosheth's servants. 13 And Mephibosheth, who was crippled in both feet, lived in Jerusalem and ate regularly at the king's table.

## 10 Keys to Being Revived

1. A source of love, goodness, kindness, power and love.
2. A covenant, a promised commitment to the well being of another.
3. A separation, whether real or perceived, from the abundance of life, caused by the thief Satan.
4. A reunion between the victim and the victor.
5. Surrender and reverence to the Reviver.
6. A new covenant of revival and restoration.
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