

Lord Revive Us Again Revive Us Oh Lord Week 1 Devotional

Day 1

Reading: Habakkuk 3:2

Devotional

Habakkuk lived in a spiritually dark time. God's people had grown comfortable in disobedience, and judgment was coming. Yet Habakkuk did not simply complain about the condition of the nation. He cried out to God: "Revive Your work." Revival begins when God's people become burdened for what only God can do. Habakkuk knew that Judah did not need a better strategy, a better economy, or better circumstances first. They needed God's mercy and God's presence. They needed their hearts awakened again.

This prayer is not just for ancient Judah. It is a prayer for every believer who has grown cold, distracted, passive, or satisfied spiritually. Revival is not first about the world changing; it is about God's people returning to Him. Before we ask God to revive a nation, a church, or a family, we should ask Him to revive our own hearts.

Habakkuk's prayer reminds us that God is holy, but He is also merciful. Even when discipline is deserved, God's people can cry out, "In wrath, remember mercy." That is the heart of revival: seeing our need clearly and running back to the God who restores.

Application

Reflection: How many areas of your life have become spiritually routine, passive, or indifferent toward God?

Action: Take a few quiet minutes today and honestly name one area where you need God to revive your heart.

Prayer: Lord, revive Your work in me. Wake up what has grown cold. Stir my heart again with love, obedience, and awe for You. In Your mercy, draw me close. Amen.

Day 2

Reading: Psalm 85:4-7

Devotional

Psalm 85 is a prayer of restoration. The people are not asking for shallow happiness or temporary relief. They are asking God to bring them back to Himself. "Will You not revive us again so that Your people may rejoice in You?" That line shows us something important: true joy is found in God, not merely in better circumstances. The psalmist understood that God's people had lost something deeper than comfort. They had lost the joy of walking closely with the Lord.

When believers drift from God, joy often fades. Worship becomes routine. Prayer becomes rare. Obedience feels burdensome. The heart becomes satisfied with lesser things. But when God revives His people, joy returns—not because life becomes easy, but because fellowship with God is restored. The psalmist also asks, "Show us Your faithful love." Revival is not rooted in our ability to fix ourselves. It is rooted in God's covenant love and mercy. He is the God of our salvation. He is able to restore what sin, complacency, and neglect have damaged.

Application

Reflection: What kind of things do you tend to look to for joy before you look to God?

Action: Set aside one distraction today and use that time to worship, pray, or read Scripture.

Prayer: God of my salvation, restore my joy in You. Help me not to settle for shallow comfort when You are offering deeper fellowship. Show me Your faithful love again. Amen.

Day 3

Reading: James 4:8; 1 John 1:9

Devotional

When Adam and Eve sinned, they hid from God. That is still our natural response when we fail. We pull away. We avoid prayer. We become defensive. We minimize sin. We may even try to redefine what God has already made clear. But the gospel gives us a better way. Because of Jesus, we do not have to run from God when we sin. We can run to Him. First John 1:9 reminds us that confession is not met with rejection but with forgiveness and cleansing. God does not call His children to hide in shame. He calls them to come into the light.

James 4:8 gives a promise: "Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you." This does not mean God is reluctant or distant. It means He welcomes those who humbly seek Him. Like the father in the story of the prodigal son, God is ready to receive the repentant heart. Revival requires honesty. You cannot be revived while pretending everything is fine. But when you confess your sin, stop hiding, and draw near to God, you find mercy waiting.

Application

Reflection: How many times do you pull away from God when you feel convicted instead of drawing near to Him?

Action: Confess one specific sin or struggle to God today. Do not excuse it. Bring it honestly before Him.

Prayer: Father, help me stop hiding from You. Thank You that Jesus has made a way for me to come near. Forgive me, cleanse me, and restore my heart. Amen.

Day 4

Reading: Philippians 3:10-14

Devotional

The apostle Paul had experienced powerful ministry, deep suffering, and incredible spiritual insight. Yet he still said, "I have not reached the goal." Paul was not satisfied with where he was spiritually. He wanted more of Christ. That is a mark of spiritual health. The closer you grow to Jesus, the more you realize your need for Him. Spiritual maturity does not produce pride; it produces hunger. Paul wanted to know Christ more deeply—not just His blessings, but His power, His sufferings, and His life.

Complacency says, "I am fine where I am." Faith says, "I want to know Him more." Revival happens when believers stop coasting and start pressing on again. Paul also knew that following Jesus required focus. He said he was "forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead." That means he refused to let past failures define him or past successes satisfy him. His eyes were fixed on Christ.

The Christian life is not standing still. It is a continual pursuit of Jesus.

Application

Reflection: What kind of spiritual habits or attitudes show whether you are pressing on or standing still?

Action: Choose one simple way to pursue Christ this week: Scripture reading, prayer, serving, repentance, or reconciliation.

Prayer: Jesus, I want to know You more. Deliver me from spiritual complacency. Help me press on with faith, humility, and hunger for Your presence. Amen.

Day 5

Reading: Matthew 6:33; Romans 10:13

Devotional

Jesus does not call us to seek Him as one part of life. He calls us to seek Him first. His kingdom, His rule, His righteousness, and His will are to take priority over everything else. Many people want Jesus as Savior, but resist Him as Lord. They want His provision, forgiveness, and comfort, but not His authority. Yet Romans 10:13 says, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." The One who saves us is also the One who reigns over us.

Seeking first the kingdom means we do not pick and choose which parts of Jesus we want. We embrace all of Him—His mercy and His truth, His forgiveness and His commands, His comfort and His correction. Jesus promised that when we seek His kingdom first, the Father will care for our needs. That does not mean life will be easy, but it does mean our lives will be rightly ordered. Revival happens when Jesus is moved back to the center—not just on Sunday, but every day.

The question is not simply, "Do you believe in Jesus?" The question is, "Is Jesus first?"

Application

Reflection: How many decisions in your daily life show that Jesus is truly first?

Action: Before making one decision today, pause and ask, "Does this honor Christ as Lord?"

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You are not only my Savior; You are my Lord. Teach me to seek Your kingdom first. Align my desires, decisions, and priorities with Your righteousness. Amen.