

REVIVE US AGAIN

CENTRAL QUESTION:

What is true revival, and when do we need it most?

I. WHAT IS REVIVAL? (00:00:00)

Key Scripture: Psalm 85:6 "Wilt thou not revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee?"

Hebrew Insight: Chayah (khaw-yaw) = to live, have life, to be quickened, to be restored to life.

What Revival IS NOT:

- Just a name or a scheduled event.
- Just a memory of a past spiritual moment.
- Something that can happen without prayer.

What Revival IS:

- To "come alive again."
- God disrupting our "business as usual."
- A movement we live in, not just a moment we look back on.

II. WHEN DO WE NEED REVIVAL? (10:37:21)

A. WHEN PRAYERLESSNESS REIGNS IN THE CHURCH (10:37:21)

Key Insight: Prayer is not optional. A lack of prayer is a lack of faith and indicates we think we can get by on our own.

Historical Example: The Fulton Street Revival (1857) began with one man calling a prayer meeting where only a few people showed up. It grew into a movement where 10,000 people a week came to Christ in New York City.

B. WHEN THERE'S A LACK OF THE SPIRIT'S POWER (18:39:19)

Key Insight: We cannot be Pentecostal in name only, having a form of religion but denying its power.

Biblical Pattern: Miracles, signs, and wonders followed the preaching of the gospel in the book of Acts. We need the authentic power of the Holy Ghost in these last days.

C. WHEN WORLDLINESS INVADES THE CHURCH (22:04:08)

Key Scripture: 1 Peter 2:9 - "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people..."

Problem: "Seeker sensitive" approaches that compromise God's Word in order to attract more people.

The Church is called to be set apart and look different from the world, not be an echo of it.

D. WHEN SIN IS TOLERATED IN THE CHURCH (31:07:06)

Key Scripture: James 5:16 - "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

Historical Example: The Asbury Revival (2023) was sparked when a student openly confessed

his sin to a small group, which changed the spiritual atmosphere for the entire campus.
Historical Example: The Welsh Revival (1904), where over 100,000 were saved, was fueled by the desperate prayer of a young man, "O Lord, bend me."

III. THE RESULT OF REVIVAL (38:38:22)

Key Insight: The goal of revival is so that God's people may REJOICE in Him.

Revival produces:

- Genuine Joy
- God's Mercy and Salvation
- Peace
- A tangible sense of His Presence

IV. LIVING THE REVIVAL (40:15:05)

The Challenge: Will you spend your life living in past "moments" with God, or will you step into the "movement" He is calling you to?

Daily Practice:

1. Refuse to just go through the motions.
2. Ask God to make you hungry for Him again.
3. Develop a persistent prayer life, even when it feels difficult.
4. Ask God to break you and disrupt your own plans for His.

KEY TAKEAWAY:

True revival moves us from remembering isolated moments with God into a continuous movement of His Spirit in our daily lives. It is a state of being spiritually alive.

FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

- Are you living in a "moment" or a "movement"? What does that look like in your life?
- In which of the four areas mentioned do you need personal revival the most?
- What is one practical step you can take this week to pursue revival instead of just waiting for it?

Scripture References for Further Study: Psalm 85 | 1 Peter 2:9 | James 5:16 | Acts 5:12-15 | Acts 19:11-12