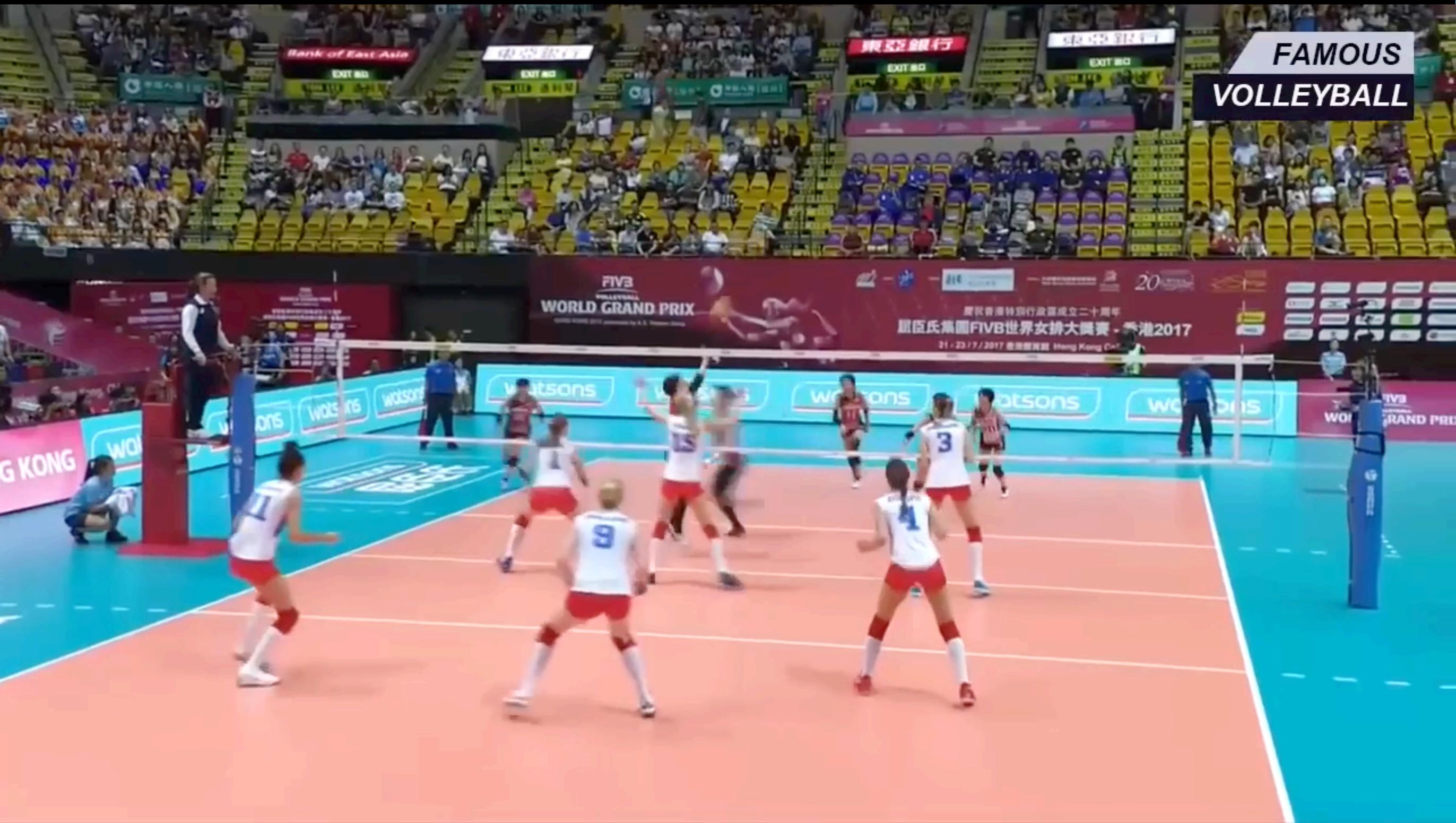


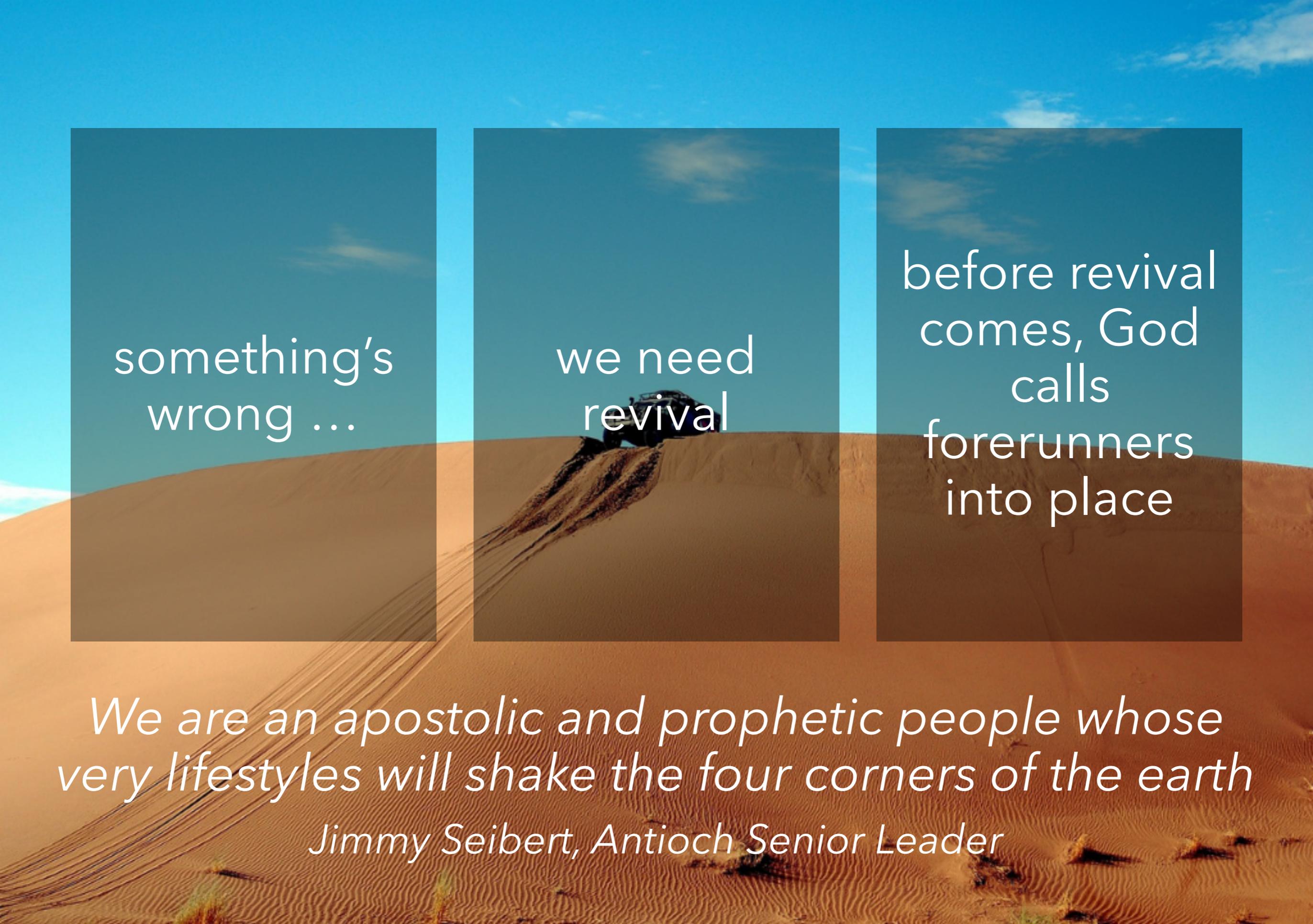
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PREPARING THE WAY FOR REVIVAL

**FAMOUS  
VOLLEYBALL**





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"I will send my messenger, who will **prepare the way before me**. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. Malachi 3:1 NIV

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Gabriel and John's father prophesy that he'll be a forerunner

And to you I prophesy, my little son, you will be known as the prophet of the glorious God. For ***you will be a forerunner***, going before the face of the Master, Yahweh, to prepare hearts to embrace his ways  
Luke 1:76 TPT

# Forerunners are messengers who point the way to Jesus, the light of life

John 1<sup>6</sup> Then suddenly a man appeared who was sent from God, a messenger named John. <sup>7</sup> For he came to be a witness, to point the way to the Light of Life, and to help everyone believe.

<sup>8</sup> John was not that Light but he came to show who is. For he was merely a messenger to speak the truth about the Light. <sup>9</sup> For the Light of Truth was about to come into the world.

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# Forerunners' lives are not bound by those who don't believe

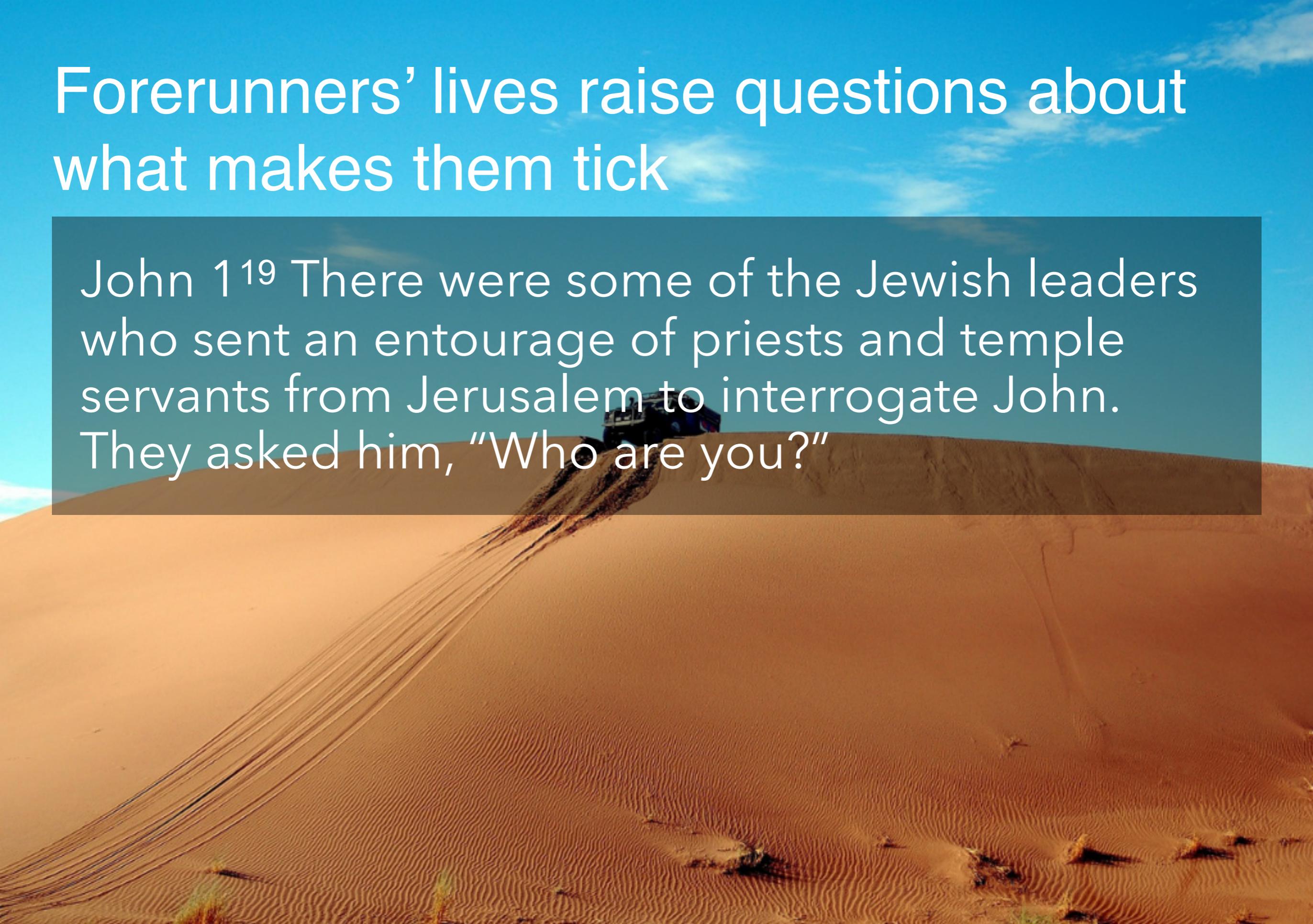
John 1<sup>11</sup> He came to the very people he created – to those who should have recognized him, but they did not receive him.<sup>12</sup> But those who embraced him and took hold of his name were given authority to become the children of God

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*Don't let those with no belief shape your witness*

# Forerunners' lives raise questions about what makes them tick

John 1<sup>19</sup> There were some of the Jewish leaders who sent an entourage of priests and temple servants from Jerusalem to interrogate John. They asked him, "Who are you?"



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<sup>20</sup> John answered them directly, saying, "I am not the Messiah!"

<sup>21</sup> "Then who are you?" they asked. "Are you Elijah?"

"No," John replied.

So they pressed him further, "Are you the prophet Moses said was coming, the one we're expecting?" "No," he replied.

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<sup>22</sup> "Then who are you?" they demanded. "We need an answer for those who sent us. Tell us something about yourself—anything!"

<sup>23</sup> So, John answered them, "*I am fulfilling Isaiah's prophecy: 'I am an urgent, thundering voice shouting in the desert—clear the way and prepare your hearts for the coming of the Lord Yahweh!'"*

# When forerunners see Jesus at work, they point it out

John 1<sup>24</sup> Then some members of the religious sect known as the Pharisees questioned John,  
2<sup>5</sup> "Why do you baptize the people since you admit you're not the Christ, Elijah, or the Prophet?"

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<sup>26-27</sup> John answered them, "I baptize in this river, but the One who will take my place is to be more honored than I, but even when he stands among you, you will not recognize or embrace him! I am not worthy enough to stoop down in front of him and untie his sandals!" <sup>28</sup> This all took place at Bethany, where John was baptizing at the place of the crossing of the Jordan River.

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<sup>29</sup> The very next day John saw Jesus coming to him to be baptized, and John cried out, "Look! There he is—God's Lamb! He will take away the sins of the world!" <sup>30</sup> I told you that a Mighty One would come who is far greater than I am, because he existed long before I was born! <sup>31</sup> My baptism was for the preparation of his appearing to Israel, even though I've yet to experience him."

# A forerunner's calling and identity are based on responding to Holy Spirit

John 1<sup>32</sup> Then, as John baptized Jesus he spoke these words: "I see the Spirit of God appear like a dove descending from the heavenly realm and landing upon him—and it rested upon him from that moment forward! <sup>33</sup> And even though I've yet to experience him, when I was commissioned to baptize with water God spoke these words to me, 'One day you will see the Spirit descend and remain upon a man. He will be the One I have sent to baptize with the Holy Spirit.'  
<sup>34</sup> And now I have seen with discernment. I can tell you for sure that this man is the Son of God."

# Forerunners raise up those who become disciples of Jesus

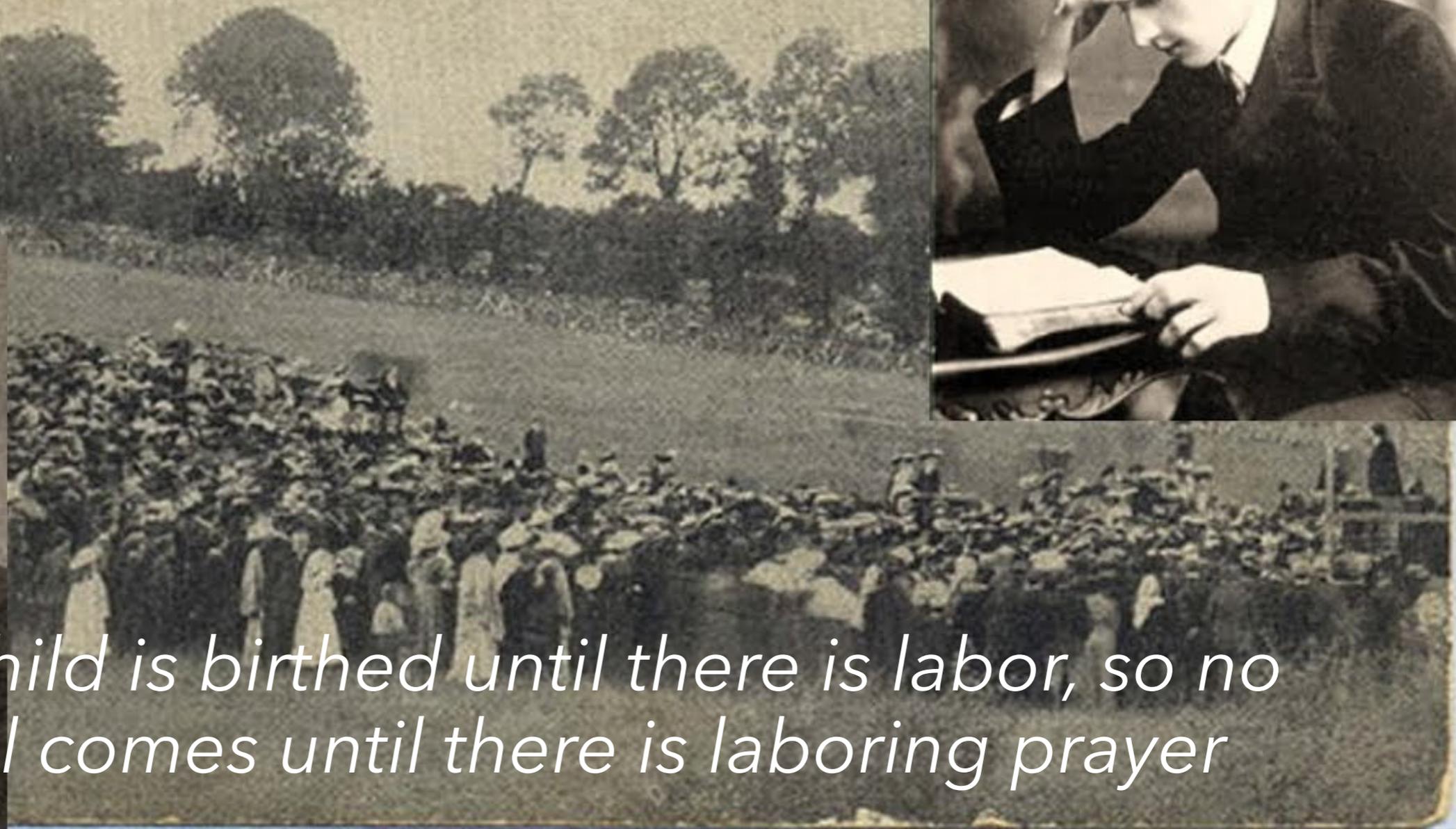
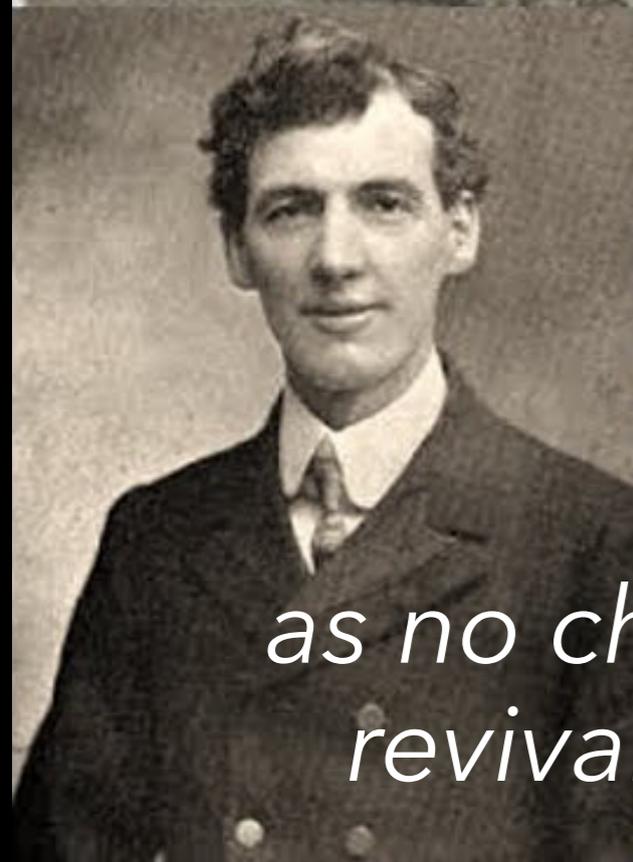
John 1<sup>35-36</sup> The very next day John was there again with two of his disciples as Jesus was walking right past them. John, gazing upon him, pointed to Jesus and said, "Look! There's God's Lamb!" <sup>37</sup> And as soon as John's two disciples heard this, they immediately left John and began to follow a short distance behind Jesus.

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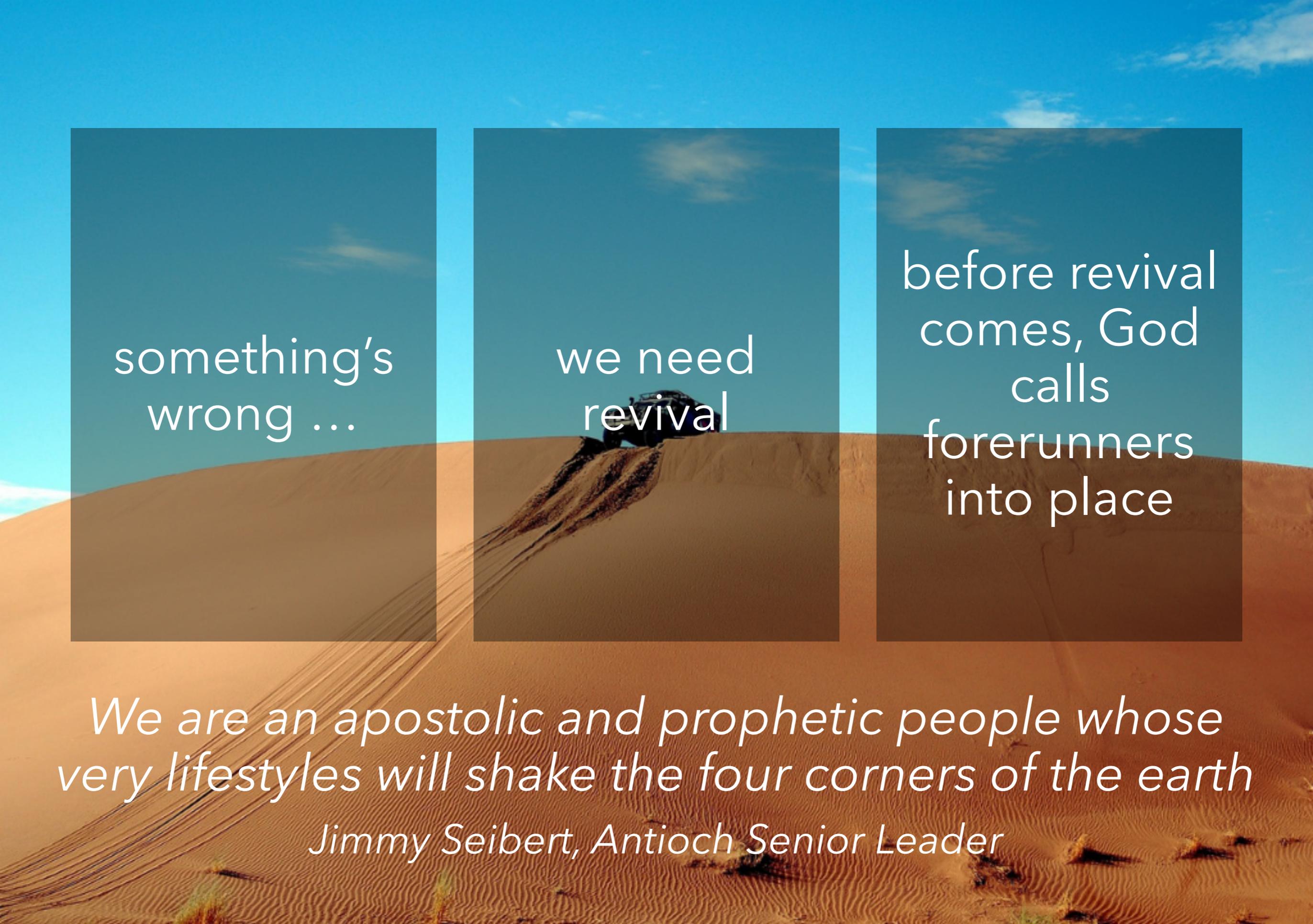
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## Welsh Revival (1904 to 1905)



*as no child is birthed until there is labor, so no revival comes until there is laboring prayer*



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