

Pleading for Revival at Clements Selected Scripture October 10, 2017

Revival has nothing to do with the lost. However, it has everything to do with the saved. You cannot revive the lost! You cannot revive a lost church member! Revival occurs when God ignites the fire of His Word and mobilizes His people to go and make disciples at home and in every nation.

Barna Research:

"The most populous religious sect in America is known as Casual Christians. These are people who enjoy faith in moderation, allowing them to feel religious without having to prioritize their faith. If this is truly the face of the American religious life in America, and it is, then we are in a desperate need for a wakeup call."

Two questions concerning your faith:

- 1. On a scale of 1-10, how important is your faith to you?
- 2. On a scale of 1-10, how important is your church to you?

Romans 13:11 Besides this, knowing the time, it is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

Martyn Lloyd Jones:

"And in movements of the spirit the first thing that happens and which eventually leads to a great revival is that one man or a group suddenly begin to feel the burden and they feel the burden so much that they are led to do something about it."

Thom Rainer:

"About 20 years ago, a church member was considered active in the church if he or she attended three times a week. Today, a church member is considered active in the church if he or she attends three times a month. Something is terribly wrong in today's church when a Sunday morning rain keeps us at home, but that same rain would not stop us from sitting in the stands watching our favorite team."

Five reasons church members attend church less frequently:

- 1. We minimize the importance of local church.
- 2. We worship the idols of activities.
- We take several vacations from the church each year.
- 4. We no longer have high expectations of our members.
- 5. We make infrequent attendees leaders in our churches.

Here are some things I ask you to consider:

• Are you open for the possibility that Jesus might want you to go to the Huntsville campus as a missionary for the next four to six months?

- Are you concerned that the majority of people in our ministry are not attending a 6:30 P.M. Wednesday night Bible service?
- Are you concerned that the majority of people in our ministry are not attending a 5:00 P.M. Sunday afternoon Cell Group?
- Are you concerned that the majority of people in our ministry never attend a 3rd Sunday afternoon Outreach effort?
- Are you concerned that the majority of people in our ministry have never lead a single person to faith in Jesus Christ during their lifetime?
- Are you concerned that the majority of people in our ministry are not interested in a weekly Life-on-Life discipleship group?
- Are you concerned that the majority of people in our ministry will never ask the Holy Spirit where He wants them to serve and use their spiritual gift?
- Are you concerned that the majority of people in our ministry will never mature enough in their faith to lead or facilitate any spiritual ministry?
- Are you concerned that the majority of people in our ministry will never do anything except attend a Sunday morning service?
- Are you concerned that the majority of people in our ministry do not give Jesus at least 10% of their gross income back to Him every payday?
- Are you concerned that many people in our ministry have never invited a single person to join them for Life Group or for worship?
- Are you concerned that the average person in our ministry might live and die, and never accomplish anything significant for the kingdom?

Eight Day Call to Prayer for the Clements Family:

Sunday, Day 1 - October 29:

Pray for spiritual revival across our three campuses, and for spiritual awakening in our nation. Pray for the Lord to reveal sin and the need for personal repentance.

Monday, Day 2 - October 30:

Pray for our marriages to thrive instead of just surviving and for our families to repent and walk with God in personal holiness.

Tuesday, Day 3 - October 31:

Pray for our family members and friends by name to be saved.

Wednesday, Day 4 - November 1:

Pray to the Lord of the harvest for enough missionaries to successfully launch our Huntsville campus.

Thursday, Day 5 - November 2:

Pray for our Stateside ICR Pastor's Conference November 2nd – 4th.

Friday, Day 6 - November 3:

Pray for your pastor, staff, deacons, and all spiritual leaders on our three campuses as they approach Sunday responsibilities.

Saturday, Day 7 - November 4:

Pause several times throughout the day and ask the Holy Spirit to anoint your pastor to preach the gospel clearly on Sunday.

Sunday, Day 8 - November 5:

Pray for your pastor as he casts vision for our 2018 Neighbors and Nations mission budget this Sunday.

J.C. Ryle:

"A zealous man in religion is preeminently a man of one thing. It is not enough to say that he is earnest, hearty, uncompromising, whole-hearted, and fervent in spirit. He sees one thing, he cares for one thing, he lives for one thing, he is swallowed up in one thing — and that one thing is to please God. Whether he lives, or whether he dies, whether he has health, or whether he has sickness, whether he is rich, or whether he is poor, whether he pleases man, or whether he gives offence, whether he is thought wise, or whether he is thought foolish, whether he gets blame, or whether he gets praise, whether he gets honor, or whether he gets shame, for all this the zealous man cares nothing at all. He burns for one thing, and that one thing is to please God, and to advance God's glory."