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THE KEY TO EXPERIENCE REVIVAL

The only hope I see for America is for America to turn back to God. But, before that will ever happen, the church must turn back to God for revival. I suppose no other passage in the Bible has been used more often to preach about revival than II Chronicles 7:14 . . . “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (KJV) We need revival!!! We have a lot of meetings, but we need more than a meeting. We need revival. We need something that we cannot produce by our own efforts. Revival is a supernatural event. The only way we will see revival is for the Lord to give it. While we cannot produce a revival, we can meet the requirements set forth in this verse, and that will make revival much more likely.

Notice that this verse is directed to God’s people. He says “If my people, which are called by my name.” This is not a verse to lost people. Lost people do not need revival, they need to be saved! You and I as Christians is the key to experiencing revival.

Let me give 4 requirements from II Chronicles 7:14. These 4 requirements are not original to me, but I do know that they are true.

- I. There is a Call to Preparation – Humility.** This word has the idea of being “under another”. When we humble ourselves to the Lord, we are acknowledging His Lordship in our lives. We are admitting our weakness and reach out for his power. We are saying, I can’t, but you can!
- II. There is a Call to Prayer – Prayer.** This word means just what it says- pray! In essence, it is humility in action. Prayer is an essential ingredient for revival. There have been great revivals without great preaching, without great singing, but there has never been a great revival without great prayer.
- III. There is a Call to Passion – Devotion.** The Bible says we are “to seek his face”. This is speaking about to “desire something”. The idea is nothing in life is more important, more precious, or more needful to us than having God and all He has to offer. A. W. Tozer said “If we longed for God as a bride looks forward to the return of her husband, we would be a far greater force for God that we are now”.
- IV. A Call to Purity – Repentance.** Notice that phrase “turn from their wicked ways”. In plain language God wants his people to stop their sinning! We are to examine our lives, identify anything that does not please God, and we are to eliminate that thing from our lives. I realize that we don’t like words such as repentance. But the truth is, before revival can come, we must be clean.

Let me ask you these questions—

1. Are you sure you are saved? If not, you can be!
2. Are you willing to come before God and humble yourself, pray, seek His face and turn from your wicked ways?
3. Are you willing to be and do whatever it takes to see revival in your life, your church, your family, and your nation?

Oh, may God send a great revival and it begin in me!!!!

Mid-Year Update

God has blessed so great thus far this year. I have seen over 600 people trust Christ as Saviour. In addition to these, there have been literally hundreds others that have rededicated their lives back to Christ. I believe during these troubling times in our nation, people are realizing that all of their “stuff” won’t meet the needs of their soul. Beginning in July, I will be preaching every week through the third week of December.

Thank you for helping to make all of this possible. I Love You!!!

PREACHING SCHEDULE

June			August		
June 14	West Jackson Baptist Church	Jackson, TN	Aug 2-5	Cario Baptist Church	Alamo, TN
June 21	North Pointe Baptist Church	Donelson, TN	Aug 9	Leatherwood Baptist Church	
June 22-24	Southern Baptist Convention	Louisville, KY		Harvest Day	Anniston, AL
			Aug 16	First Baptist Church	
July				Harvest Day	Morristown, TN
July 5	North Pointe Community Church	Donelson, TN	Aug 23-26	Faith Baptist Church	Wilmington, OH
July 12	Springfield Baptist Church	Springfield, TN	Aug 30-Sept 2	First Baptist Church Groveport	Columbus, OH
July 15	Bellevue Baptist Church	Cordova, TN			
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July 26	Connection Fellowship A.M.	Greenville, SC			
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