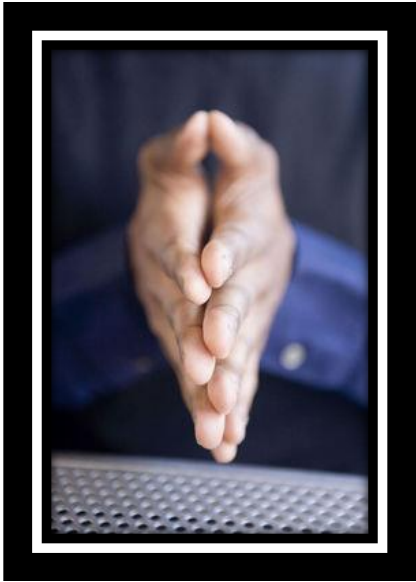




40-Day Prayer Guide



2024

For Revival Preparation

a Prayer Guide

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Day 1

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According to scripture, experiencing revival is not as simple as just scheduling a set of meetings and attending them. Experiencing the reigniting of our spiritual passion for Christ and His mission takes preparation. The writer of 2 Chronicles writes, “*Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.*” (2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT). This verse holds the key to experiencing real revival.

It all begins with those of us who have experienced the saving power of the Gospel. The verse states that everything hinges on, “*if my people who are called by my name.*” This means that revival begins with God’s people - Christians! So, I am asking on this beginning day of our prayer preparation, for WBC members to commit in seeking God in preparation for our revival effort. If you are not a member of Woodville Baptist Church, but would like to join us in this 40-day preparation for our revival effort we welcome you, too.

Please begin praying for our Evangelist (Dr. Duane Floro) and Music Evangelist (Bro. John Newman). Pray that the Lord will begin speaking to them and guiding them in preparing the messages and music for Reignite.

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According to God’s prescription for revival, those of us who are His children must humble ourselves before Him. ***“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT).***

To humble ourselves involves understanding who God is and who we are in relation to him. ***“He is our God and we are his people.” (Psalm 95:7)*** We are completely dependent upon Him for everything. If we are going to experience revival (personally and corporately) God must send it. Revival cannot be worked-up, hyped-up or brought about by human ingenuity. We must ask God to send revival.

As you take time to pray during this 40 days, please remember that we are completely dependent upon God for revival. Humble yourself before the Lord and ask Him to send a genuine revival to you personally and to WBC as a church family. Please continue to pray for our Evangelist (Dr. Duane Floro) and Music Evangelist (Bro. John Newman). Pray that the Lord will begin speaking to them and guiding them in preparing the messages and music for Reignite.

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As we have seen in the first two days of devotional thoughts, real revival is hinged upon God’s people coming before Him in humble submission. Pride has no place in the life of God’s children. Pride is a hinderance to prayer. Prayer is essential to experiencing real revival. Notice that the Word of God says that God’s people must humble themselves and PRAY. ***“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT).***

History is filled with examples of God answering the prayers of His people in sending revival and spiritual awakening. The Great Awakenings that occurred in the 1800s (on either side of the Civil War) both began with intensive prayer efforts by Christian people. Those prayer efforts began with small groups and resulted in great moves of God. Prayer is not the use of rote collections of words, but it is the heart-felt cries of the believer who pours-out their deepest desires to God. Prayer is God’s child getting down to the nitty-gritty with his/her Heavenly Father.

Do you have a deep, heart-felt desire to see God move in your life and in His church? Do you hunger to see people (maybe some specific people) come to know Christ as Lord and Savior? Are you longing to have your love and passion reignited for the Christ and His mission? Talk to the Lord about it. Devote yourself to earnest prayer about these desires. Remember - God answers prayer! ***“The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” (James 5:16)***

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One of the most common mistakes we make as Christians is seeking the hand of God (His powerful acts) without seeking His face (His personal presence). In God’s prescription for revival, we are told, “*Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.*” (2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT). In this verse it is clear that one of the Lord’s requirements is that we make spending time in His presence a priority in our lives.

As God’s children, we know that we live in God’s continual presence. His Holy Spirit is with us and in us. We all need to live in the conscious awareness of His divine presence. When the Lord says that we need to “*seek His face,*” however, he means something else. He wants us to set aside and spend time with Him in a focused way. During this time we shut-out the world and focus our attention on conversing with our Heavenly Father and enjoying His company (Psalm 37:4). This is what “seeking” His “face” is all about.

The beauty of seeking God is that it enables us to both experience the Lord’s presence and see His power at work. In fact, spending time in intimate fellowship with God sensitizes us to God’s amazing handiwork around us. We see His power at work and become channels of His amazing power in the lives of other people. By the way, Jesus, who walked and enjoyed the Father’s continual presence often withdrew from the everyday busyness of life to have focused times of conversation with the Heavenly Father. If the divine Son of God needed those times of focused “seeking” of the Father’s face, so do we!

Let me challenge you to spend some time each day during these 40 days of prayer (though not limited to them) seeking the face of our gracious God and enjoying His presence in a focused way. Allow the Lord to draw you close to Him and work in your life. Please continue to pray for our Evangelist (Dr. Duane Floro) and Music Evangelist (Bro. John Newman). Pray also for God to rekindle your love for Jesus and His mission. Pray for me, your pastor, that God’s Spirit will work mightily in my life and equip and empower me to lead the church in His way.

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In 1758, Robert Robertson wrote the words to a song that has been one of the most beloved hymns in many churches. One phrase seems to sum up the experience of believers everywhere. “Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love.” You and I seem to have a particular talent for straying from the path that the Lord has for us. We give in to temptations and fail to do the things that we know God wants us to do. God’s prescription for revival tells us that we need to deal with the sin in our lives in order to experience real revival. ***“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT).***

Repentance is not just for nonbelievers. It must be a part of the believer’s life, too. What are the sins that you have allowed to take root in your life? What acts of rebellion (which is what sin is) have you committed against the Lord? Before you can have your love and passion renewed for Christ and his mission, you must “turn from your wicked ways.” Why not begin now by asking the Lord to open your eyes and help you see the sins that you need to confess and be cleansed of. The Apostle John wrote, ***“if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” (1 John 1:9)***

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When God’s people fulfill their part in seeking revival, the Lord then begins his work. He said ***“Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14 NLT).*** Until we are willing to earnestly engage in humbling ourselves, praying and seeking God, and repenting of the rebellion in our own lives, we need not expect the Lord to send revival.

We need to allow the words of B.B. McKinney become our own cry:

1 Coming now to Thee, O Christ my Lord,
Trusting only in Thy precious Word;
Let my humble prayer to Thee be heard,
And send a great revival in my soul.

2 Send the Holy Spirit now within,
Burning out the dross and guilt of sin;
Let Thy mighty works of grace begin,
Oh, send a great revival in my soul. [Chorus]

3 Send a great revival, Lord in me,
Help me that I may rejoice in Thee;
Give me strength to win the victory,
And send a great revival in my soul.[Chorus]

4 Help me go for Thee, dear Lord, today,
To some lonely soul that's gone astray;
Help me lead them in the homeward way,
Oh, send a great revival in my soul. [Chorus]

Chorus:

Send a great revival in my soul, (In my soul)
Send a great revival in my soul; (In my soul)
Let the Holy Spirit come and take control,
And send a great revival in my soul.

Day 7

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One of the most serious problems that we have as believers is our tendency to allow our love for Christ to grow cold. The passion we need for the Lord’s mission and its fulfillment can not be present if our love for Jesus has grown cold. Jesus confronted his followers in Ephesus about this very issue. In *Revelation 2:5*, Jesus told the church *“you don’t love me ...as you once did.”*

How is your love for Jesus? Do you love him as you once did? Why do you go to worship service at church? Why do you do the acts of service that you are involved in? Is it because of your love for Jesus or is it because you have a sense of obligation? Perhaps you need to ask the Lord for a rekindling of your love for Him. Go back in your mind to the time right after you trusted Christ as your Lord and Savior. Spend some time reading in the gospels about His sacrifice for your sins. Meditate on how deep His love is for you. Allow your love to glow again with that first-love passion for Christ.

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According to the Apostle Paul, Christ’s love is the principle that provides motivation for the believer’s life and ministry. As Paul wrote to the Corinthian church, he said, ***“Either way, Christ’s love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life. He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.” (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)***

For the Apostle, it was Christ’s love that provided the reason to live and the reason to carry on the work to which God had called him. The word of God is clear that Christ’s love for us is the driving force behind his redeeming sacrifice ***(Romans 5:8; John 3:16)***. Paul realized that he was undeserving of God’s grace in salvation and in Paul’s opportunity for service (Ephesians 3:8; 1 Corinthians 15:9). In the verse quoted above, Paul says that the purpose of life is to ***“live for Christ, who died and was raised”*** for him. This attitude was born from gratitude for the high price Christ paid for Paul’s salvation ***(1 Corinthians 6:19-20)***.

As you seek the face of the Lord during these 40 days of prayer, take time to reflect upon the high price that Jesus paid for your salvation. Allow the Holy Spirit to rekindle your love for Jesus in response to His great love displayed for you at Calvary. Ask the Lord to help the “love of Christ” to become the motivation for all you do.

Please continue to pray for our Evangelist (Dr. Duane Floro) and Music Evangelist (Bro. John Newman). Pray that the Lord will begin speaking to them and guiding them in preparing the messages and music for Reignite. Please pray for the leaders of WBC to experience real revival and a rekindling of love for Christ and His mission.

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The Apostle Paul made every effort to help us understand the work of Christ on our behalf. In writing to the Roman believers, he said,

- 6 When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.*
- 7 Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good.*
- 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*
- 9 And since we have been made right in God’s sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God’s condemnation.*
- 10 For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son.*
- 11 So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God. (Romans 5:6-11)*

Notice our condition before Christ saved us: helpless, sinners. There was nothing we could do to save ourselves. We were not only sinners (rebels, enemies of God), but we were **HELPLESS!** There was absolutely no way we could approach our holy God. We were living under the condemnation of God. Because of God’s love for us, Christ came and died for us.

Because of the salvation provided by Christ’s death upon the cross, we have been made friends and family (John 1:12) with God. We enjoy a brand-new relationship with the Father. Jesus took our sin and gave us His righteousness. (2 Corinthians 5:21). What an amazing change has taken place! We need to meditate upon this marvelous gift God has given to us and respond to the love He has shown for us.

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In **Revelation 2-3**, Jesus wrote some personal letters to believers in seven churches. In these letters we find some practical counsel that we need to heed in order to experience the reviving work of the Lord in our midst. These seven letters deal with some issues that prevent the free flow of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our church.

In **Revelation 2:8-11**, we read,

8 “Write this letter to the angel of the church in Smyrna. This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive:

9 “I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan.

10 Don’t be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

11 “Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.

The Lord says that the believers in the church have a hidden wealth that the world does not see. These Christ-followers are wholeheartedly and uncompromisingly living out their love for Jesus. They are choosing to serve Him even in the middle of difficulties and extreme trials. I wonder if the Lord could say the same about you and I.

In order to answer this question, we need to come to grip with some serious and potent issues.

- (1) Am I saved? (Have I truly repented of my sin and surrendered my life to Jesus Christ as my Lord?)
- (2) Is there anything or anyone in my life that has taken first place in my affections and actions?
- (3) When I face trials and difficulties, where or to whom do I turn for strength and help?
- (4) Is my service to the Lord Jesus Christ and His church top priority in my schedule?
(Do I allow other events and activities to push my service to Jesus aside?)

The answer to the questions above are strong indicators about the place Jesus holds in our hearts. Is there a need for repentance in our lives? Now is the time to take care of this. Then we are on the road to revival.

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One of the greatest temptations that you and I face is the temptation to compromise with the world. The Lord Jesus confronted the believers in Pergamum about the compromise in their lives and in their corporate life as a church.

In [Revelation 2:12–17](#), Jesus said:

¹²“ Write this letter to the angel of the church in Pergamum. This is the message from the one with the sharp two-edged sword:

¹³“ I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan’s city.

¹⁴“ But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin.

¹⁵ In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching.

¹⁶ Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

¹⁷“ Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.

The had moved from faithfulness in the middle of trials to extreme compromise in a short amount of time.

What about you? Do you remember a time when you were so in love with the Lord that you stood-up against people who ridiculed Christianity and you were willing to go through mistreatment for the cause of Christ? You readily shared your faith with others - witnessing about Jesus to anyone who would listen? What about now? Do you find yourself shrinking back from those who make fun of your faith? Do you find yourself adopting the ideas and ways of the lost world because you want to fit-in? Have you allowed spiritual compromise to infiltrate your life?

It is time to follow the counsel of [2 Chronicles 7:14](#) and [Revelation 2:18](#) - repent of this sin and ask for the cleansing power of God do do its work in your life.

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One of the most devastating problems to the individual believer and one of the greatest hinderances to revival is harboring an unforgiving spirit. The Apostle Paul underscores the need to forgive others in (*Ephesians 4:30-32*) *“...do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.*

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

Harboring an unforgiving spirit toward others, especially a brother or sister in Christ, hinders the movement of God’s Holy Spirit - which is necessary for real revival to occur. Most (if not all) of us would say that we want to experience the rekindling of our love for Christ and His mission. We want to experience the renewal of our spiritual joy and power. Is it worth it to miss out on having the fullness of God’s joy and power to nurse an old grudge? Is it right to hold onto an unforgiving spirit and cause the whole church to miss God’s best and lost souls to miss heaven?

The apostle says that we are to “forgive one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.” Why not take the step of forgiving others today. It takes a making definite choice to forgive. Why not make that choice today and talk to the Lord about it?

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Today, let’s continue to think about forgiveness. Since harboring an unforgiving spirit is one of the greatest hindrances to revival, it is vital that you and I understand and respond in obedience to the biblical teaching on the subject. In **Colossians 3:12-15**, the word of God says,

¹² Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

¹³ Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony.

Notice that the basis for exercising forgiveness is remembering that the Lord has forgiven us. Remember the depths of your own sin and rebellion against God. Remember the pain and suffering that your sin caused to the Lord Jesus and to the Heavenly Father. It was our rebellion that caused the physical pain and emotional distress that Jesus experienced upon the cross that echo in his words, “my God, my God why have you forsaken me?” Every sin that you and I have ever committed - and the corresponding separation from the Father caused by that sin - weighed in on the body, soul, and spirit of the Lord as He died. He literally ***“became the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God.”*** (**2 Corinthians 5:21**)

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Yesterday we looked at the basis of forgiving others. The basis for our forgiveness of others is the forgiveness we have received from Christ. ***“forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.”(Colossians 3:13)*** We forgive others because we have been forgiven and in the same way God has forgiven us.

When we make the choice to forgive other people of the wrongs they have committed against us, we free ourselves, those we forgive, and open the door for the free movement of the Lord in our lives and the life of the church. When we fail to forgive, we stifle the movement of the Holy Spirit by becoming clog in the channel hindering God’s work in the church. Remember what Paul wrote in ***Ephesians 4:30-32)*** ***“...do not bring sorrow to God’s Holy Spirit by the way you live...Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”*** We are not to grieve (bring sorrow to) the Holy Spirit living in bitterness and anger by holding onto an unforgiving spirit. Repenting of unforgiveness and choosing to forgive can free the Holy Spirit to move in an unhindered fashion in the church.

There is a church that I know of that experienced real revival after two men in the church chose to forgive each other and reconcile after many years of being at odds with each other. Until those men obeyed God and made things right with each other, revival was hindered. The church had “revival meetings” without a mighty move of God taking place. Only after forgiveness was exercised did revival take place. Then many souls came to know Christ as Lord and savior and the church was reignited with love for Jesus and a passion for His mission.

Will you take that “first step” to exercise forgiveness today?

Day 15

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One of the most important things that we can pray for during revival preparation is for the conversion of the unsaved. Today, we will begin looking at some specific requests that we can make with confidence.

Only God can save a soul and each person must decide individually if he or she will believe in Jesus and accept the free gift of salvation. Prayer is an important part of the process. Here are a few suggested ways to pray.

- Claim the person you are praying for as God’s purchased possession in the name of Jesus and on the basis of His shed blood. ***“he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.” (Eph. 1:7)***
- Ask God to tear down the works of Satan, like false doctrine, unbelief, or other teaching that the enemy may have built up in a person’s life. Pray for his thoughts to be taken ***“We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ.” (2 Cor. 10:5)***
- Pray that the Holy Spirit will convict him of his sin and his need for a Savior. ***“his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?” (Rom. 2:4)***
- Pray that the person will hear, receive, or read God’s Word and that God’s will and purposes may be accomplished through Scripture. ***It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.” (Isa. 55:11)***
- Pray that the person’s eyes will be opened and ears unstopped so that the truth is heard. ***3 If the Good News we preach is hidden behind a veil, it is hidden only from people who are perishing. 4 Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don’t understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God. (2 Cor. 4:3-4)***
- Pray with consistency and perseverance, not to persuade God but because of the resistance of the enemy. Read ***Daniel 10:12-13.***
So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless. (1 Cor. 15:58)

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As we continue to pray for our lost friends and loved-ones to come to Christ, The HEART acrostic can prove to be useful. The HEART acrostic is taken from the pamphlet, *Praying Your Friends to Christ*.

The key is for the lost person’s heart to be changed by the saving power of Christ.

The acrostic **HEART** will help one remember what to pray.

- A. Pray for receptive **H**EARTS
(see **Luke 8:5,12**).
- B. Pray for their spiritual **E**YES to be open
(see **Matt. 13:15; 2 Cor. 4:3-4**).
- C. Pray for God’s **A**TTITUDE toward sin
(see **John 16:8**).
- D. Pray the person to be **R**ELEASED to believe
(see **2 Cor.10:3-4; 2 Tim. 2:25-26**).
- E. Pray for a **T**RANSFORMING life
(see **Rom. 12:1-2**).

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Real revival involves a willingness to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit and obedient to the Word of God, whatever the cost.

As an example of an incidence of localized, spontaneous revival, consider this story: One night in China, Southern Baptist missionary C. L. Culpepper stayed up late for devotions, but as he tried to pray he felt like stone. Finally he asked, “Lord, what is the matter?”

*I had opened my Bible to **Romans 2:17**. It seemed the Apostle Paul was speaking directly to me when he said, **“But if you call yourself a Christian and rely upon the Gospel, and boast of your relation to God, and know His will, and approve what is excellent; and if you are sure you are a guide to the blind, a light to those in darkness, a correction to the foolish, a teacher of children—you then who teach others, will you not teach yourself?”***

The Holy Spirit used these verse like a sword to cut deeply into my heart. He said, “You are a hypocrite! You claim to be a Christian! What have you really done for Christ? The Lord said those who believed on Him would have rivers of living waters flowing from their inmost being! Do you have that kind of power?”

Culpepper awakened his wife, and they prayed into the night. The next morning at a prayer meeting with fellow workers, he confessed to pride and spiritual impotence, saying his heart was broken. The Holy Spirit began to so convict the others of sin that they could hardly bear it.

I watched their faces grow pale, then they began to cry and drop on their knees or fall prostrate on the floor. Missionaries went to missionaries confessing wrong feelings toward one another. Chinese preachers, guilty of envy, jealousy and hatred, confessed their sins to one another.

The revival spread through the seminary, the schools, the hospital, and the area churches. *The impression that the Shantung Revival wrote upon my soul lingers with me even today. Throughout the breadth and depth of Shantung Province, I discovered signs of revival. The churches were crowded as never before. Attendance multiplied. Countless people gave up their idols.*

*Still today, my heart often returns to Shantung.*¹*

* C. L. Culpepper, “The Shantung Revival,” *Spirit of Revival*, October 1991, 10–15.

¹ Morgan, Robert J. 2000. [*Nelson’s Complete Book of Stories, Illustrations, and Quotes*](#). Electronic ed. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Day 18

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In his book, *The Secret of Christian Joy*, Vance Havner writes: “The greatest need of America is an old-fashioned, heaven-born, God-sent revival. Throughout the history of the church, when clouds have hung lowest, when sin has seemed blackest and faith has been weakest, there have always been a faithful few who have not sold out to the devil nor bowed the knee to Baal, who have feared the Lord and thought upon his Name and have not forsaken the assembling of themselves together. These have besought the Lord to revive his work in the midst of the years, and in the midst of the fears and tears, and in wrath to remember mercy. God has always answered such supplication, filling each heart with his love, rekindling each soul with fire from above.”*²

In recent years, the moral decline within our country has become more pronounced. The spiritual climate of our country and our local community has seen a steep decline. The good news in the midst of all of the gloom is that God can send revival and spiritual awakening. If you and I are willing to follow God’s prescription for revival, redemption is possible.

In the book of Ezekiel, God promised to the morally bankrupt Israelite nation. Ezekiel 37:1-14 gives a promise for the restoration of God’s people to their land. This is a good picture of what God can do spiritually for his church.

The question we must answer is the same one God asked Ezekiel, **“Son of man, can these bones become living people again?” (Ezekiel 37:3)**. In faith, we must seek God for the restoration of spiritual life and fervor in His church. When He does, he says, **“When this happens, O my people, you will know that I am the Lord.”(Ezekiel 37:13)**.

* Vance Havner, *The Secret of Christian Joy* (Old Tappan, NJ: Fleming H. Revell Co., 1938), 24.

² Morgan, Robert J. 2000. [*Nelson’s Complete Book of Stories, Illustrations, and Quotes*](#). Electronic ed. Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Day 19

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Confession of sin sometimes provides a challenge to you and I as believers. The problem is not that we think that we are sinless - we know that we are definitely not. We understand the biblical admonitions about our sin problem- like 1 John 1:8, “*If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth.*” And 1 John 1:10, “*If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.*” The issue is generally our inability to think of specific sins that we have committed. If we are going to agree with God about our sins (like 1 John 1:9 teaches) and truly turn away from them (repent), we must be specific when we deal with sin.

In the next several of days I will be sharing some specific questions that might be of help in identifying some specific sins. When we seek to deal with our sins in the biblical way, we need to deal with specific sins in our lives. Here are some questions and scriptures that might be helpful.

1. Matthew 6:12-15

“12 and forgive us our sins,

as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

13 And don't let us yield to temptation

but rescue us from the evil one.

14 “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you.

15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”

- * Is there anyone against whom you hold a grudge?
- * Anyone you haven't forgiven? Anyone you hate? Anyone you do not love?
- * Are there misunderstandings that you are unwilling to forget?
- * Is there any person against whom you are harboring bitterness, resentment, or jealousy?
- * Is there anyone you dislike to hear praised or spoken well of?
- * Do you allow anything to justify a wrong attitude toward another?

2. Matthew 6:33

“33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

- * Is there anything in which you have failed to put God first?
- * Have your decisions been made after your own wisdom and desires, rather than seeking and following God's will?
- * Do any of the following, in any way, interfere with your surrender and service to God: ambition, pleasures, loved ones, friendships, desire for recognition, money, or your plans?

How do we deal with the specific sins we uncover as we search our lives? The scriptures teach us, “*But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness*” (1 John 1:9).

Day 20

Today is day twenty of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

Today’s prayer thoughts are a continuation of yesterday’s. When we seek to deal with our sins in the biblical way, we need to deal with specific sins in our lives. Here are some questions and scriptures that might be helpful.

1. Mark 16:15

“And then he told them, “Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.”

- * Have you failed to reach out to the lost for Christ?
- * Have you failed to witness consistently with your mouth for the Lord Jesus Christ?
- * Has your life not been a witness to the lost?

2. John 13:35

Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

- * Are you secretly pleased over the misfortunes of another?
- * Are you secretly annoyed over the accomplishments or advancements of another?
- * Are you guilty of any contention or strife?
- * Do you quarrel, argue, or engage in heated discussions?
- * Are you a partaker in any division that creates animosity between people?
- * Are there people whom you deliberately treat as unimportant?

Remember 1 John 1:9, *“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness”*

Day 21

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Today’s prayer thoughts are a continuation of yesterday’s emphasis. When we seek to deal with our sins in the biblical way, we need to deal with specific sins in our lives. Here are some questions and scriptures that might be helpful.

“ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

1. Acts 20:35

And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

- * Have you robbed God by withholding His due of your time, talents, and treasure?
- * Have you failed to support Kingdom work either by service, prayer, or giving?

2. 1 Corinthians 4:2

“Now, a person who is put in charge as a manager must be faithful.”

- * Are you undependable so that you cannot be trusted with responsibilities in the Lord's work?
- * Are you allowing your emotions to be stirred for things of the Lord, but doing nothing about it?

Day 22

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Today’s prayer thoughts are a continuation of yesterday’s emphasis. When we seek to deal with our sins in the biblical way, we need to deal with specific sins in our lives. Here are some questions and scriptures that might be helpful.

1. **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

19 Don’t realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself,

20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

- * Are you careless in any way with your body?
- * Do you fail to care for it as the temple of the Holy Spirit?
- * Are you guilty of excess in eating or drinking?
- * Do you have any habits which defile your body?

2. **1 Corinthians 10:31**

“So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

- * Do you take credit for anything good about yourself, rather than give all the glory to God?
- * Do you talk of what you have done rather than of what Christ has done?
- * Do your statements begin mostly with ‘I’?
- * Are your feelings easily hurt?
- * Have you made a pretense of being something that you are not?

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

Day 23

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Today’s prayer thoughts are a continuation of yesterday’s emphasis. When we seek to deal with our sins in the biblical way, we need to deal with specific sins in our lives. Here are some questions and scriptures that might be helpful.

1. *Ephesians 3:20*

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.”

- * Are you self-conscious rather than Christ-conscious?
- * Do you allow feelings of inferiority to keep you from serving God in new ways?

2. *Ephesians 4:28*

“If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.”

- * Do you underpay?
- * Do you do very little in your work?
- * Have you been careless in the payment of your debts?
- * Have you sought to evade payment of debts?
- * Do you waste time? Do you waste others' time?

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

Day 24

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Today’s prayer thoughts are a continuation of yesterday’s emphasis. When we seek to deal with our sins in the biblical way, we need to deal with specific sins in our lives. Here are some questions and scriptures that might be helpful.

1. **Ephesians 4:31**

“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.”

- * Do you complain?
- * Do you find fault?
- * Do you have a critical attitude towards any person or thing?
- * Are you irritable or cranky?
- * Do you ever carry hidden anger?
- * Do you become impatient with others?
- * Are you ever harsh or unkind?

2. **Ephesians 5:16**

“Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.”

- * Do you listen to unedifying radio or TV programs?
- * Do you read degrading magazines or websites?
- * Do you find it necessary to seek satisfaction from any questionable source?

“ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

Day 25

Today is day twenty-five of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024, we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

Today’s prayer thoughts are a continuation of yesterday’s emphasis. When we seek to deal with our sins in the biblical way, we need to deal with specific sins in our lives. Here are some questions and scriptures that might be helpful.

1. ***Ephesians 5:20***

“And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

- * Have you neglected to thank Him for all things: the seemingly bad as well as the good?
- * Have you virtually called God a liar by doubting His Word?
- * Do you worry?
- * Is your spiritual temperature based on your feelings instead of on the facts of God's Word?

2. ***Philippians 1:21***

“For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better.”

- * Are you consumed with the cares of this life?
- * Is your joy found more in things than in the Lord and His Word?
- * Does anything mean more to you than living for and pleasing Christ?

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

Day 26

Today is day twenty-six of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024, we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

Today’s prayer thoughts are a continuation of yesterday’s emphasis. When we seek to deal with our sins in the biblical way, we need to deal with specific sins in our lives. Here are some questions and scriptures that might be helpful.

1. ***Philippians 2:14***

“Do everything without complaining and arguing,”

- * Do you ever, by word or deed, seek to hurt someone?
- * Do you gossip?
- * Do you speak unkindly concerning people when they are not present?
- * Do you carry prejudice against Christians because they are of some different group than yours or because they do not see everything exactly as you do?

2. ***Philippians 4:4***

“Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!”

- * Have you neglected to seek to please God in all things?
- * Do you carry any bitterness toward God?
- * Have you been dissatisfied with His provision for you?
- * Is there any unwillingness in your heart to obey God fully?
- * Do you have any reservations as to what you would or would not do concerning anything that might be His will?
- * Have you disobeyed some direct leading from Him?

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

Day 27

Today is day twenty-seven of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024, we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

Today’s prayer thoughts are a continuation of yesterday’s. When we seek to deal with our sins in the biblical way, we need to deal with specific sins in our lives. Here are some questions and scriptures that might be helpful.

1. ***Colossians 3:9***

“Don’t lie to each other, for you have stripped off your old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds.”

- * Do you ever lie?
- * Do you ever exaggerate? Cheat? Steal?
- * Do you overcharge?

2. ***2 Timothy 2:22***

“Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.”

- * Do you have any personal habits that are not pure?
- * Do you allow impure thoughts about the opposite sex to stay in your mind?
- * Do you read that which is impure or suggests unholy things?
- * Do you indulge in any entertainment that is unclean?
- * Are you guilty of looking lustfully at others?

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness” (1 John 1:9).

Day 28

Today is day twenty-eight of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

In **2 Chronicles 7:14**, God’s prescription for revival tells us that His people must seek His face. In the New Testament, we find that God drew His people to seek Him before He used them to carry out major evangelistic thrusts to reach the lost. This pattern can be seen in the book of Acts. In **Acts 1:4-5**, and **12-15**, we read:

Acts 1:4-5 (NLT)

4 Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.

5 John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:12-15 (NLT)

12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile.

13 When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James).

14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

15 During this time, when about 120 believers were together in one place, Peter stood up and addressed them.

Notice that the Lord told His disciples to go back to Jerusalem and spend time seeking God for the power to do His work. They obeyed Jesus by gathering in the upper room, spending time together in prayer and seeking of the Father. There were only 120 of them present for this prayer vigil. This was a small number of people considering the task that they were given - to reach the world with the Good News of Christ.

Great movements of God have many times begun with small groups of God’s people. I urge each of you to gather with some prayer partners and at church to seek the Lord for revival to take place. If we do what He asks, God will act!

Day 29

Today is day twenty-nine of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

As mentioned yesterday, God’s prescription for revival tells us that His people must seek His face. In the book of Acts, we see that God drew His people to seek Him before He used them in major evangelistic thrusts to reach the lost. God even instructed His people to pray for leaders before they engaged in evangelistic activities. In *Acts 13:1-3* we read:

“Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called “the black man”), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul.

2 One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.”

3 So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.”

As we seek God’s face for the reigniting of our passion for Christ and His mission, I urge you to seek God on behalf of the leaders of Reignite. Pray for Bro. Duane and Bro. John. Pray for our Evangelism Committee as they lead out in organizing the outreach, prayer meetings, meals and other logistical details to support the Reignite team. Pray for fellow WBC members who are reaching out to unchurched and lost friends, neighbors, and loved-ones to invite them to the Reignite services. Pray that God will make His presence known in the prayer meetings and services.

Day 30

Today is day thirty of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

Today we continue to look at some specific areas of preparation for revival we need to make as individual believers. The second area we must address in our personal preparation for revival is our communication with God. This communication with God is more commonly known as prayer.

In ***Nehemiah 1:1-11*** we see a good example of prayer for revival. The Jews were in exile because of their rebellion against God. Their situation provides an excellent parallel with the spiritual condition that we can find ourselves in as believers. Because of our own rebellion against the Lord, we find ourselves feeling like we are in a distant land spiritually from where we need to be. In order to have our lives spiritually restored to fellowship with the Lord, we need to get serious about prayer.

Nehemiah gives us three principles to follow in our sincere seeking of God in prayer for personal revival.

1. Be completely honest with the Lord about ourselves. (***Nehemiah 1:1-3***)
 - Ask yourself some probing questions:
 - * Have I become complacent about the things of God?
 - * Is there sin in my life that is affecting my testimony for Jesus?
 - * Have I been a part of corporate sin (sins perpetrated by a church or group in the church) that has weakened the church or its testimony in the community?
2. Allow our awareness of the sin in our lives to break our hearts. (***Nehemiah 1:4***)
 - Over who has been affected:
 - * Family members
 - * Friends
 - * Neighbors
 - * Other believers
 - over the results in their lives:
 - * Causing some to reject Christ as Lord and Savior
 - * Causing some to follow in rebellion against God
3. Ask God for forgiveness and cleansing and for restoration to our fellowship with Himself. (***Nehemiah 1:5-11***)

Day 31

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Prayer is key in experiencing revival that will reignite our hearts for the Lord Jesus Christ. In **Acts 4:23-31**, the people of God gathered for prayer following the persecution of the apostles for preaching the Good News of Christ. The specific prayer of the church was for the demonstration of God’s power and the boldness to continue preaching the message of salvation through Christ. After the disciples finished praying, God answered positively. Verse 31 states, ***“After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.”***

As we continue our 40 days of prayer let’s specifically seek God for the clear demonstration of His power and presence in our midst during the Reignite services. Let’s also ask God for the boldness of the Holy Spirit to rest upon Bro. Dr. Duane Floro and Bro. John Newman to proclaim the Word of God and for the boldness for each of us as we seek to share the message of salvation to the lost in our community.

Day 32

Today is day thirty-two of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

In *1 Kings 18:36–39*, we read about Elijah – the servant of the Lord – praying for God’s people to return to God.

36 At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command.

37 O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.”

38 Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench!

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!”

The Old Testament idea expressed in *verse 37* “*you have brought them back to yourself*” expresses the same idea that the English term “revive” does. To experience revival is to have a renewed sense of our union with our Lord. Revival happens when the Lord blesses his people with his manifested presence.

In the incident above, the obvious demonstration of God’s power was his manifested presence. As a result of experiencing God’s manifested presence, the people present were “brought back” to God. They repented of their refusal to reject the idols of the false prophets and follow the true God of Israel. It is important to note that the “revival” of the people was a direct answer to the specific prayer of Elijah.

I urge you to begin praying specifically for the Lord’s manifested presence (his power) to be made known among those in attendance at our Reignite services. Pray that the Lord will bring His people back to himself in commitment and love. Pray for him to reignite our passion for Christ and His mission.

Day 33

Today is day thirty-three of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

In praying for revival, we must be careful to approach the task in the right attitude. We can find a pattern that demonstrates this in the way that Elijah began his prayer in ***1 Kings 18:36***.

“36 At the usual time for offering the evening sacrifice, Elijah the prophet walked up to the altar and prayed, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant. Prove that I have done all this at your command.”

Notice three things that reflect the attitude of the prophet:

1. A Recognition of whom he was talking to. “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, prove today that you are God in Israel.”
2. A Realization of his position before God. “I am your servant.”
3. A Readiness to obey God. “I have done all this at your command.”

These are the keys to approaching God in the right attitude to seek the reigniting of our passion for Christ and his mission.

Day 34

Today is day thirty-four of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

Spending time in preparation for our “Reignite” effort is the most vital thing we can do. Most of us would affirm the adage, “prayer changes things!” One key to prayer that “changes things” is being clear about the actions we are requesting from the Lord. In **1 Kings 18:37**, the prophet Elijah gives us a clear example of this principle. Elijah prayed,

“37 O LORD, answer me! Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.”

In this short verse, we see two principles:

- (1) Be specific about your request.
- (2) Be specific about the aim of our request.

Elijah was specific about his request. He prayed, ***“O LORD, answer me!”*** His request was clear. According to the terms of the contest with the priests of Baal, “The god who answers by setting fire to the wood is the true God!” When Elijah prayed, his request was clear. He was asking God to send fire to consume the sacrifice on the altar. The aim of Elijah’s request was that the people would recognize that the Lord is the true god and would return to following and worshipping Him. Elijah prayed, ***“Answer me so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God and that you have brought them back to yourself.”***

You and I need to pray specifically for God’s presence and power to be made known among His people during Reignite. We need to pray with the goal that the result would be the return of people to following and worshipping the Lord Jesus Christ with their whole hearts.

Day 35

Today is day thirty-five of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

When you and I get down to business with the Lord in specific, earnest prayer, God moves into action. We serve a Lord who is the God of all power and authority. This principle is clearly seen in (1 Kings 18:38 – 41) . After Elijah approached God in the right attitude, making a specific request with the goal of seeing the Lord turn people back to God, the fire fell!

Notice the scriptural account of the story:

1 Kings 18:38–41 (NLT)

38 Immediately the fire of the LORD flashed down from heaven and burned up the young bull, the wood, the stones, and the dust. It even licked up all the water in the trench!

39 And when all the people saw it, they fell face down on the ground and cried out, “The LORD—he is God! Yes, the LORD is God!”

40 Then Elijah commanded, “Seize all the prophets of Baal. Don’t let a single one escape!” So the people seized them all, and Elijah took them down to the Kishon Valley and killed them there.

41 Then Elijah said to Ahab, “Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!”

Some things stand out about God’s answer to Elijah’s prayer that can encourage us today.

- God’s power goes beyond all that anyone is expecting.
- We need to remember that the Lord can do far more than we can ask. The Apostle Paul gives us the following testimony about God’s power: ***“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20)***
- Sometimes we do not receive from God because we do not ask. According to ***James 4:2, “...you don’t have what you want because you don’t ask God for it.”***

Let’s not be guilty of failing to ask God for real revival because we are short on faith. If Elijah could ask the Lord to send fire from heaven to consume the sacrifice, we need not fear asking God for a mighty movement of His Holy Spirit to Reignite His people and save the lost!

Day 36

“if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.” [2 Chronicles 7:14](#)

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This means we are seeking real revival as a church. To experience corporate revival as a church family, we must also seek personal revival. We need God to work on a personal level. If we take 2 Chronicles 7:14 seriously, we need to take some personal steps.

Dr. A. W. Tozer, 20th century prophet of righteousness and revival, recommended the following formula for personal revival.

1. Get thoroughly dissatisfied with yourself. Complacency is the deadly enemy of spiritual progress. The contented soul is a stagnant soul.
2. Set your face like a flint toward a sweeping transformation of your life. Timid experiments are tagged for failure before they start. We must throw our whole soul into our desire for God.
3. Put yourself in the way of blessing. It's a mistake to expect God's help to come as a windfall apart from conditions known and met. To desire revival, and at the same time to neglect prayer and devotion, is to wish one way and walk another.
4. Do a thorough job of repenting. Hasty repentance means a shallow spiritual experience. Let godly sorrow do her healing work. It is our wretched habit of tolerating sin that keeps us in our half-dead condition.
5. Make restitution whenever possible. If you owe a debt, pay it. If you have quarrelled with anyone, go as far as you can to achieve reconciliation. As fully as possible, make the crooked straight.
6. Bring your life into accord with the Sermon on the Mount and such other New Testament Scriptures as are designed to instruct in the way of righteousness. An honest man with an open Bible and a pad and pencil is sure to find out what's wrong with him quickly. (cf: Matthew 5–7)
7. Be serious-minded. The people of the world used to go to the movies to escape serious thinking about God and religion. There must be radical change in your habits, or there will not be any permanent improvement in your interior life.
8. Deliberately narrow your interests. Too many projects use up time and energy without bringing us nearer to God. The mansions of the heart will become larger when the doors are thrown open to Christ and closed against the world and sin.
9. Begin to witness. Find something to do for God, and your fellow man. Make yourself available. Do anything you are asked to do. Learn to obey.
10. Have faith in God. Begin to expect. Look up toward the throne. All heaven is on your side. God will not disappoint you.

These suggestions constitute a recipe for personal spiritual revival. When personal revival is experienced, there is no knowing how far it may spread. The Church is in desperate need of a spiritual resurrection and it can only come through the revived individual.

Day 37

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One of the most common problems hindering revival in many churches is the false notion that unless a large prayer movement takes place that no revival will occur. While having the majority of church members on board with revival preparation would be a great accomplishment, real revival often begins with a small group of Christians and spreads from there.

R.A. Torrey gave the following prescription for revival:

“I can give a prescription that will bring a revival to any church or community or any city on earth.

“First, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential. If this is not done, the rest that I am to say will come to nothing.

“Second, let them bind themselves together in a prayer group to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down.

“Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all.

“This is sure to bring a revival to any church or community. I have given this prescription around the world. It has been taken by many churches and many communities, and in no instance has it ever failed; and it cannot fail!”

Remember that the Lord hears the heart-cry of His children who seek Him, just like the prophet of old prayed:

***“LORD, I have heard the report about You;
LORD, I stand in awe of Your deeds.
Revive Your work in these years;
make it known in these years.
In Your wrath remember mercy!”
(Habakkuk 3:2)***

Day 38

Today is day thirty-eight of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

The importance of forgiveness to revival cannot be overstated. Matthew recorded the words of the Lord Jesus Christ about forgiveness in *Matthew 6:14-15*. ***“If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.”***

When we choose to forgive and seek reconciliation, God moves in powerful ways. Evangelist D.L. Moody related the following incident in his powerful ministry:

“I remember one town that Mr. Sankey and myself visited. For a week it seemed as if we were beating the air; there was no power in the meetings. At last, one day, I said that perhaps there was someone cultivating the unforgiving spirit.

The chairman of our committee, who was sitting next to me, got up and left the meeting right in view of the audience. The arrow had hit the mark, and gone home to the heart of the chairman of the committee. He had had trouble with someone for about six months. He at once hunted up this man and asked him to forgive him. He came to me with tears in his eyes, and said: “I thank God you ever came here.”

That night the inquiry-room was thronged. The chairman became one of the best workers I have ever known, and he has been active in Christian service ever since.”

Is there someone with whom you are at odds? Why not exercise forgiveness and seek restoration with that person now? Why not ask forgiveness if you have wronged someone? The results could be powerful!

Day 39

Today is day thirty-nine of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

One of the most wonderful results of revival is the souls who are brought into the Kingdom of God. When real revival takes place, the presence of God is manifested in the conversion of hearts and transformation of lives. As believers, we need to pray for the salvation of the lost people in our community and world.

The Apostle Paul provided the example for us in Romans 10:1-4. In these verses Paul states, *“I Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.*

2 I know what enthusiasm they have for God, but it is misdirected zeal.

3 For they don't understand God's way of making people right with himself. Refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way of getting right with God by trying to keep the law.

4 For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the law was given. As a result, all who believe in him are made right with God.”

As we seek the Lord for his reigniting revival to come to us as a church, let's also ask the Lord to demonstrate His power by saving souls and transforming lives. Remember that is the purpose for which Christ came and died on the cross. *“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”* (Luke 19:10)

Day 40

Today is day forty of our 40-days of prayer preparation for our “Reignite” revival effort. On April 21-24, 2024 we will be hosting Evangelist Dr. Duane Floro and Music Evangelist John Newman in an effort to “rekindle our passion for Christ and His mission.”

Revival is a time for the rekindling of our love for the Lord Jesus Christ and his mission. One of the effects of real revival is that we become more active witnesses to those who do not know our Lord.

The Lord gives us his plan for reaching our community for Him. He said,

“So his master said, ‘Go out into the country lanes and behind the hedges and urge anyone you find to come, so that the house will be full.’” (Luke 14:23)

The message of Christ must be taken to every person living on every street and lane, in town and out of town. There is not one individual that God does not love and Jesus did not die to save.

“He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” (2 Peter 3:9)

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)*

As the Lord reignites our hearts, let’s go and seek out people with whom we can share the Good News. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to someone to tell about Jesus and his salvation!