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JAN 10-16

PRAYER & FASTING WEEK

we will

fast and pray

for revival today!

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WHY WE FAST AND PRAY

IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY KNOW OF THE POWER AND IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER AND FASTING. HERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT FACTS:

- Fasting was an expected discipline in both the Old and New Testament eras. For example, Moses fasted at least two recorded forty-day periods. Jesus fasted 40 days and reminded His followers to fast, "when you fast," not if you fast.
- Fasting and prayer can restore the loss of the "first love" for your Lord and result in a more intimate relationship with Christ.
- Fasting is a biblical way to truly humble yourself in the sight of God (Psalm 35:13; Ezra 8:21). King David said, "I humble myself through fasting."
- Fasting enables the Holy Spirit to reveal your true spiritual condition, resulting in brokenness, repentance, and a transformed life.
- The Holy Spirit will quicken the Word of God in your heart and His truth will become more meaningful to you!
- Fasting can transform your prayer life into a richer and more personal experience.
- Fasting can result in a dynamic personal revival in your own life—and make you a channel of revival to others.
- Fasting and prayer are the only disciplines that fulfill the requirements of II Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, who are called by my name, will 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."

If you fast, you will find yourself being humbled. You will discover more time to pray and seek God's face. And as He leads you to recognize and repent of unconfessed sin, you will experience special blessings from God



PRAYER AND FASTING GUIDE

BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pray, not just for yourself, but for others as well.

BE IN FOCUS

Have a time of daily fellowship alone with the Lord.

MORNING:

Praise and Worship

Pray and ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance

Read your Bible

Read the Devotions

Pray for the Prayer Points

NOONTIME:

Take a Break and Set Yourself Apart

Seek for Revelation Knowledge

Take Prayer Breaks and/or Prayer Walks

EVENING:

Gather with your Life Group for a Time of Prayer

Soak in Praise and Worship

Read Psalms before you rest for the night

BE IN FAITH

Prayer and Fasting is all about seeking and hearing from God.

BE COMMITTED TO FINISH

Commit to finishing the fasting goals you have set.

BE PHYSICALLY PREPARED



BEGINNING AND BREAKING THE FAST

PHYSICAL PREPARATIONS

- 1. Do not stuff yourself with food the day before you begin fasting.
- 2. Begin to cut down your food intake.
- 3. Avoid coffee and soda a few days before your fast as these tend to give you headaches from caffeine withdrawal.

SPIRITUAL PREPARATIONS

- 1. Set a time of reflection and allow the Holy Spirit to expose any sin that would hinder you to seek God during the fasting week.
- 2. Do not talk about the kind of fast you will take. This is between you and the Lord.
- 3. Read the Bible with expectation: before & during the fast.
- 4. Journal God's personal revelations during the fast. God wants to us during this season of prayer & fasting.

BREAKING THE FAST

- 1. GRADUALLY START TAKING SOLID FOOD
 - Your body needs some time to adjust before it goes back to its normal routine. Start with soup and crackers.
- 2. STAY IN THE ATTITUDE OF PRAYER
 - Prayer does not end when the prayer & fasting session ends. Continue seeking the Lord every day.
- 3. STAY IN THE SPIRIT OF EXPECTATION

 Expect God to answer your prayers. Review your prayer list or journals and record your answered prayers.
- 4. STAY IN GOD'S PRESENCE
 - Continue the kind of intimacy you have started with the Lord during the fasting week and throughout the year.



HELPFUL TIPS

STOP all strenuous activities like sports or other exercises

SLEEP EARLY. Our bodies would most likely fail when we fast and lack enough sleep or rest.

STAY ALERT for physical symptoms such as headaches, bad breath, body odours, etc., as our bodies release toxins. A good bath everyday will keep you fresh.

STAY FOCUSED and be committed to complete your fast. The first two days of fasting are the most difficult so be aware of hunger pangs and grumbling stomach. But don't be alarmed, that's normal.

DRINK PLENTY OF WATER throughout the fasting week to avoid dehydration.

LIFE GROUP PRAYER MEET-UPS

Day 1, Monday, January 10
Prayer Mtg Host:
Platform: Zoom FB Msgr Rm Video Call
Time:
Day 2, Tuesday, January 11
Prayer Mtg Host:
Platform: Zoom FB Msgr Rm Video Call
Time:
Day 3, Wednesday, January 12
Prayer Mtg Host:
Platform: Zoom FB Msgr Rm Video Call
Time:
Day 4, Thursday, January 13
Prayer Mtg Host:
Platform: Zoom FB Msgr Rm Video Call
Time:
Day 5, Friday, January 14
Prayer Mtg Host:
Platform: Zoom FB Msgr Rm Video Call
Time:
Day 6, Saturday, January 15
Prayer Mtg Host:
Platform: Zoom FB Msgr Rm Video Call
Time:
Day 7, Sunday, January 16
Prayer Mtg Host:
Platform: Zoom FB Msgr Rm Video Call
Time:



DAY 1, JANUARY 10, 2022

LET REVIVAL COME

Let's read from the Bible, Psalm 85: 6-9 "Won't you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. I listen carefully to what God the Lord is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways. Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, so our land will be filled with his glory."

Back in the late 80s, there was a popular song called Revive Us, Oh Lord. It was about a repentant heart coming back to God. The song talks about the people ceasing to do the will of God and lacking power in their prayers.

Now what does the word "revival" mean? Revival literally means renewal or awakening. For countries with languages coming from the Latin origin, revival means renewal. But for Germanic/Slavic languages, they don't say the word revival, they say "erweckung" or awakening. We'll talk about what revival means from those two words.

Renewal means to replace something that is old or expired. It also means extending the period of the validity of a license, contract, or subscription. For us believers, before we got to know Jesus as our Saviour, our way of thinking is of this world. As we get to know Him more, we are transformed by the renewal of the mind (Romans 12:2) and we are renewed in knowledge after the image of God (Colossians 3:10). So for this instance, revival to us pertains to a person who was created by God but we never really "subscribed" to Him before because we were in the dark. But when we accepted His call to follow Jesus all of our lives, we now have this covenant with Him and we are renewed in our minds and thinking.

Awakening means to wake up from sleeping. It's also an act or moment of becoming suddenly aware of something. Has there ever been a time when we feel like we don't have the passion for the Lord anymore, not like when we were first Christians? Or we feel like our walk with God is stagnant or just a routine? That's what it means to be spiritually sleeping. We need spiritual awakening (Romans 13:11) or in this devotion, spiritual revival.

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In the medical world, to revive someone, the person is so close to death that if the revival is a second too late, this person will definitely die. In this same way, some of us are so close to spiritual death that we need to be revived. Psalm 85, verse 6-7 implies that this prayer verse is for believers since they said the word "again." It implies that they were once spiritually sleeping, but God has revived them before. It also means that they know that revival is not man-made, but given by God, and they can't do it themselves. It's interesting to see that they have the godly expectation that He will do it again. That for me implies a kind of relationship that is very close but may have drifted apart for a time.

Verse 8-9 is an expression of surrender and submission to God. The psalmist is confident in the goodness of God because He has witnessed it before. Most probably, more than once for him to be so convinced of it. The psalmist also knows that if God's people humble and surrender themselves to Him, the nearness of His salvation, as well as blessings over their land will be granted unto them. Again, this kind of confidence stems from knowing who God is and what He can do.

I love these passages, because not only do we get to know that revival is possible and that it has happened before already. These verses also show us how this revival is possible, what we can do and what we should believe in. In conclusion, whether we need renewal or awakening in our walk with the Lord, it's possible to be revived if we only humble ourselves, turn from our wicked ways, and surrender our whole being to Him. Let's do it before it is too late. God is coming back very soon. If there is a need for revival to happen, that time is NOW! It's also very assuring to me that He CAN do it and that He WILL do it because that is the kind of God we have --- a very forgiving, merciful, powerful, and loving God. We can have confidence like this psalmist because God is not a respecter of person.

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PRAYER:

Father in heaven, You are gracious in all of Your ways. We have sinned against You, again and again, yet Your love remains the same. We ask that You give us a new breath of life, as we are sleeping in our comfortable lives here in Canada. We ask that You revive our passion in You again, so that we may do what You have asked us to do. We need a deeper sense of Your holiness and joy. We need to be renewed and awakened, as we have been distracted by the world. We want to be on fire again. Do it again in our lives. We are willing and we welcome You, to use us for Your glory. In Jesus Name, we pray. Amen!



DAY 2, JANUARY 11, 2022

SEARCH OUR HEARTS

Have you ever watched those flipping houses series where people are renovating old houses and then they are transformed into turnkey houses? My favorite among them is the show called Hometown, where the hosts will show buyers several old houses and paint them a picture of what the houses would look like after some renovations. The buyers decide on which house they will buy and the hosts will show the viewers how they restore the old house and turn it into a dream house for the buyers.

One of the highlights of the show is how they managed to restore the house even though they have struggles like the unforeseen problem with the foundation, load bearing walls that need to be replaced, previous flooding in the basement and so on. Nearing the end of the show, the hosts will show the buyers their new house and the buyers, of course, are ecstatic when they see the "transformed" house.

When God made Adam, he was the epitome of the creativity of our Creator. He was full of life and purpose. But sin took over and men, including us, were separated from their Creator. Then we got born again and new life emerged, hope was restored and we found our purpose in life.

But along the way, we drift, and we allow sin in our lives. We are broken, we get wrecked, rundown, broken, flooded. Our hope drifts, lights dim, the glisten of our paint gone. Sometimes, from the outside, we look alright, but on the inside, we are flooded with untreated addictions, rotting walls, and weak foundations. We are like those old historic houses, beautiful on the outside but not maintained.

Going back to the show Hometown, in order for renovation to take place in a house, the renovators need to inspect every nook and corner of the house to see areas that need repair, demolitions and replacements. A bright light is needed to fully scrutinize the house.



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IIn the bible in the book of Ephesians 5:13-14, Paul says "But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason it says, "Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you."

In the bible, we read that David was actually asking God to examine his heart, if there is any sin in it that he may not be aware of or he may have ignored. The gazing eyes of God is like a bright light that exposes what is in our hearts. There may be bitterness, anger, resentment, lust and all kinds of wickedness hiding in there. Let me read to you what David said in Psalm 139: 23-24,

" Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

David knew that when our weaknesses and sins are exposed, and we repent and humble ourselves before God, change can then take place and sins forgiven. David was already a king when the prophet Nathan boldly rebuked him for his adultery and murder. He could have resented and punished the prophet for his audacity, but instead, David humbled himself before God and wholeheartedly accepted the consequences of his wrongdoings.

With God's grace and mercy, He can fix our broken foundation, replace our rotting walls, and rejuvenate our flooded lives. He can make us whole again.

Someone said that there is a satanic lullaby playing, even in churches across the West. It is obvious that many have been lulled into spiritual indifference and slumber. We have lost our sense of purpose from God. We have been focused on ourselves. We have lost our passion for the lost. We refuse to bear the burden of praying for the souls of the unbelievers. Our priorities have changed.

It is for this reason that we are called to wake up from any compromise in our faith or coldness of heart. For this reason, we are to, "Awake, from our sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ - the Light, will shine on you."



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PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we ask of You to search our hearts and point out any wickedness, any sin that is dwelling in there. Give us the grace to humbly acknowledge our wrongdoings and wholeheartedly repent of our sins.

Give us a heart that follows hard after You. We repent that we have allowed ourselves to be lulled into spiritual slumber. Awaken us. Ignite in us such passion for the lost. Give us the grace to go back and be focused on our God-given calling and purpose.

I pray that we would press on for the high calling that we have in Christ Jesus. Help us to honour Your holy name by the life we live and the attitude of our hearts.

Amen.



DAY 3, JANUARY 12, 2022

LIFE TO DRY BONES

Let me read from the bible Ezekiel 37: 1-14:

"The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet-a vast army. Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it. declares the Lord."

Can my bones yet live? Can my heart find life?

Throughout the ages, there have been seasons of drought spiritually in the world. The past two years have been a valley of dry bones, scattered with the carcasses of jobs, sickness, and hope itself. Many feel unable to face another year of pandemic-inflicted losses and limitations. During such seasons, there rises a true aching and longing for a spiritual revival that comes only through and by the living Holy Spirit of God poured out lovingly by grace.

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The situation in Ezekiel 37 was bleak. Israel was a defeated nation. It had been crushed militarily. Its people had been separated from one another in exile, and it had suffered the inevitable result of its abandonment of the Lord. Alone, exhausted, discouraged, and impoverished, Israel was good as dead.

How do we move on after times of discouragement or loss? It's easy to see success in relationships or opportunities in the past, and long for what was. However, God doesn't want us to dwell in the past, but consider what can be. Revival is God taking what seems hopeless and showing what He can do. He is the God of the impossible.

In order to accomplish revival, God wants us to "Preach the Word" (Ezekiel 37:1-4.) God brought Ezekiel out in the spirit to a valley that was filled with dry, withering bones. If God is not the center of our existence, then there is nothing but withering and decay. Then God asked Ezekiel to prophesy over these bones. God wanted to show him that revival doesn't come from his desire, ability, or skill, but in the power of the Word. It has the power to transform those who are dead in trespasses and sins and make them new, living creations in Christ. No one can change the situations we are facing right now. The glorious job of preaching is the gift of proclaiming this message so the Holy Spirit can use the words to bring life.

Verse 5 explains how revival will occur: "This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you". The word translated breath is translated in other places as wind or Spirit. The breath sent by God into the lifeless bodies symbolizes the Holy Spirit, who brings renewal, regeneration, and rebirth. The real agent, therefore, in the revival of bones was not the prophet or the word, but Spirit of God working through the word. The Spirit is the breath of life. Only God, from whom all life derives can revive us.

Next, God uses the "Prayer of His Servant" (Ezekiel 37:7-9). The words uttered by Ezekiel in verse 7 was the application of the prayer of verses 4-6. Even though God may have promised something, He links the promise with the prayers of his people.

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Lastly, God uses the "Power of the Holy Spirit" (Ezekiel 37:5-14.) Verse 10 describes the revived bones as a "vast army." They were raised for a purpose. In a similar way, we as Christians have been regenerated and Spirit-filled in order that we too may serve, equipped by the gifts of the Spirit and dressed in the armour of God so that we may do His will in the world.

As a church, we do well when we can physically gather and interact. Nine months of separation have led to depressions, discouragements, people leaving and a loss of hope for some, but God is not done with us. God can restore a sense of purpose and life. We can have a united whole with fresh life of new people joining us, if we do not lose hope.

No matter how parched your heart feels, God can breathe new life into it. No matter how hopeless your life is, God has promised that one day He will restore all that has been lost. Today, bring your life's dry bones to God's heart. Let Him breathe life everlasting into your deadened soul. As Christians, it is vital to pray for this outpouring of the Spirit through revival, inviting God to revive the nations as He has done before.

PRAYER:

We come before You today Lord, praying for the power of Your Holy Spirit to fill us afresh. We ask for Your forgiveness in all the ways we've wandered so far from Your presence. You know the pain we've been carrying. You know where we still need to be set free. We pray for Your healing and power to cover every broken place, and to renew our hearts in You again. Wake us up, Lord! We ask for an awakening of Your presence in our lives. We pray that by Your Spirit living and breathing through us, we would be light and love in a world that so desperately needs Your hope. We pray that You would unify Your church for Your great glory. There is nothing impossible with You. Your same power that broke prison chains, raised the dead, healed the sick, and parted the seas — Your same amazing power is still at work today. Thank you for Your reminders that You are always with us, helping us, and that You are in control, even when things are uncertain around us. All Your plans and purposes will prevail, for You alone are mighty! We believe and trust You to do extraordinary miracles in our lives and in our world. In Jesus Name, we pray, Amen!



DAY 4, JANUARY 13, 2022

HOLY DESPERATION

Mental illness is on the rise. Countless people are experiencing anxiety, confusion and depression including Christians. People have lost hope. Sadly, many have either lost their faith in God or are finding it difficult to trust in Him. The church feels powerless against temptations, trials and adversities they face in life. We are living in a desperate moment in time.

In the Bible in the book of 1 Samuel, we read of a woman named Hannah, who also reached a point of desperation. She could not bear a child, and to not have a child during her time was considered a tragedy, a shame or even a curse. It was also an accepted practice for a man to take another wife if the first was unable to give him a child. The second wife's attitude towards Hannah made her more miserable.

Despite her situation, Hannah continued to worship and pray. She endured years of unanswered prayer. It was also a desperate moment for her nation, Israel. The Bible says it was a season when there was no clear word or vision from God for Israel. The priesthood that was supposed to represent God was corrupt and immoral. The people knew what these religious leaders were doing and obviously, most of them did not want to have anything to do with religion or with God.

To make matters worse, the Israelites were oppressed by their enemies—thirty thousand of them fell before the Philistines. Moreover, the Ark of God, which represented the presence, comfort, power and provision of God, had been captured.

I believe that initially, Hannah had no idea that it would be through her that God would provide the very answer to her nation's problem. And I believe that through Hannah's constant coming to God's presence that God revealed to her the desperate situation of her own nation and the need to establish godly leadership through a different family.

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And it is the Holy Spirit that led her to pray this prayer. Let me read the prayer found in I Samuel 1:11, "And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

Hannah came to a point where she purposed in her heart to take God's answer to her prayer and give it back to the Lord for His glory. Her son, Samuel would be the answer not only to her own problem but to the problem of her nati,on as well. It was her son Samuel who would be the prophet that would unite and lead the nation of Israel back to God. God was not just thinking of providing a family for Hannah. All along, He had in mind a nation, His very own nation.

You see, God sometimes withdraws the answers to our prayers. He lets us wait until we come to a point of holy desperation, just as Hannah did. Maybe our prayers are all about ourselves, but today, I believe God is challenging us. There is a bigger battle out there, a whole host of people who have no power to defend themselves against evil. Many Christians have drifted into indifference and compromise, and some have turned their backs on God. Why don't we start praying for God to revive us, the church and our nation? Let our prayers open the door to God's plan, provision, and power.

PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, we ask for Your forgiveness, that at times our prayers are mostly about ourselves. Do something in and through us. Birth something divine inside of us. Pour out Your life-giving Spirit on us, Your people. Stir our hearts to live for You, to love You, to worship You. Oftentimes, we don't know what to do. We don't have the answers. You are our only hope. Teach us Your ways. Show us Your glory. Amen!



DAY 5, JANUARY 14, 2022

RISE UNAFRAID

The pandemic brought us a sense of separation and loneliness. So many uncertainties. So many unanswered questions. Turmoil and chaos surround us. Not to mention our own personal struggles and challenges. Discouragement and fear have entered into the hearts of people including the Christians.

This brings me to the story in the bible about a Jewish community in the Persian empire whose lives were at stake. It's found in the book of Esther. A high official of the Persian King named Haman was so upset with Mordecai because Mordecai would not bow down to him. He also found out that Mordecai was a Jew and Haman happened to hate the Jews. He then used his influence to convince the king that the Jews are a dangerous people and that they should be killed. And lo and behold, an order was sent to destroy all the Jews.

Mordecai sought the help of his cousin Esther to plead to the king on behalf of the Jews. You see, Esther was the chosen queen by the King of Persia. From an unknown Jewish orphan girl, Esther became a queen, although at that time she had not yet revealed her race to anyone in the palace.

I am sure Esther felt bad for her fellow Jews but she also felt she could not help them. Her marriage with the king was not the typical marriage relationship, wherein she as the wife could readily approach and talk to the King, her husband. There was a law that you could not approach the king without being summoned, and if anyone dared to approach the king without his permission would be put to death unless the king extended his golden scepter to that person. Even Queen Esther was not exempted from the law. She then sent a message to her cousin that she would not be able to help them as she had not even been called into the king's presence for 30 days.

Perhaps she felt unlovely or feared that she had somehow failed the king, and now he was displeased with her. When God called her to go in and make intercession for her people, she felt that it was at the worst possible time in her life.

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As we look at ourselves, who among us can say that we are all we should be? Maybe for some of us, our relationship with God is not in a good place and we're not even sure how to approach God.

I am sure some of us are experiencing a crisis of faith. Discouragement and fear have already found their place in our hearts. Let's be honest, for the most part we feel helpless. So how does God expect us to minister to or bless others? More so, to intercede and pray for our church and nation?

Mordecai did not accept Esther's excuse. He challenged her and said "Do not think in your heart that you will escape in the king's palace any more than all the other Jews. For if you remain completely silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:13–14.) This time, Esther rose to the challenge and through her intervention, the Jewish people were saved from annihilation.

God needs people who will fulfill His plan at "such a time as this." Let's look at our current situation. Many Christians have turned their backs on God. Quite a number are experiencing a faith crisis. Many have settled to live way below what God has called them to be. Christians drifting into a life of compromise and sin. We need a fresh outpouring of God's life-giving Spirit on His people. But the question is, will we be willing and courageous to fervently pray for revival, for God's outpouring of His Spirit upon our church, upon our nation, and upon the world?

PRAYER:

Father, we thank You for this day and for Your faithfulness. We praise for you the blessings you have poured on us. Even though the pandemic brought us fear and discouragement, we see Your faithfulness and Your full, complete, and continuous deliverance. Grant us hearts of revival, hearts that are unafraid to rise, to win this victorious fight in Your name. We ask for deliverance for ourselves, our families, our church, this city and the world. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



DAY 6, JANUARY 15, 2022

DO IT AGAIN, LORD

Shortly after the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a hundred and twenty disciples of Jesus were gathered in a room. Then suddenly, Jesus poured out the Spirit on the disciples. The disciples began speaking in other tongues, and there was a sudden witness of God. The people who witnessed the event realized that they were all Jews who could not have learned all these languages (see Acts 2:6–8) and that this was something that only God could have done. The disciples became bold and zealous and testified of the greatness of God. As a result, 3,000 people were harvested for God and given eternal life on the day of Pentecost, the feast of harvest.

It was such a glorious beginning for the Church of Jesus Christ. However, when we go to the book of 2 Timothy, Paul refers to a type of religion that would exist in the last days-one "having a form of godliness but denying its power" (2 Timothy 3:5.) In other words, many people would have an outward appearance of having a reverence for God, but in reality, abandoning God's intended purpose for their lives. They're not connected to a living relationship with Jesus.

Sadly, this is what we're seeing right now in many churches all over the world. Some people have settled for just attending church weekly or being called a Christian but in reality, God is not or is no longer in their hearts.

2 Timothy 3:1-4 says "But mark this: there will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."

It seems that Paul was describing the people in the present age, the state of moral depravity we see in our midst. But no matter how bleak the situation is, we are not without hope. Let us believe in a spiritual awakening among God's people. Let us live with the conviction that with God, all things are possible. That is what He did during Pentecost, He can do it again and even more.

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We have talked about the goodness of God, His mercy, His faithfulness, His greatness, etc. We are learning things about Him, and these are all good. But the question is, have we met with God? Have we completely surrendered everything to Him. When we meet with God, we are transformed by His power. When we fully yield to Him, He manifests His greatness and power to and through us.

Pentecost began with a hundred and twenty people who simply knew that without God, nothing would happen. They gathered in an upper room and prayed, yielding themselves to God, and He filled them with His Spirit. They then impacted thousands of lives, as people saw the transformation in them.

John Piper, founder and teacher of www.DesiringGod.org and chancellor of Bethlehem College & Seminary said: "Pentecost was the first of these great outpourings on the Christian church, and until the task of world evangelization is completed, I believe it is our duty to pray for fresh seasons of the extraordinary outpouring of God's Spirit — to awaken and empower the church and to penetrate the final frontiers of world evangelization."

PRAYER:

Dear God, we ask for Your forgiveness as sometimes we just go with the flow; neglecting our relationship with You. Remind us, Lord, that You made us for so much more than being comfortable in life and being lovers of ourselves, that we sometimes disobey our parents, leaders and authorities. Instead, You made us to be living testimonies of Your transforming power so that others may witness Your greatness. God, You called us to live our lives for Your glory alone. Revive our spirit God, especially during these hard times. If Your disciples could impact thousands of people 2000 years ago, God we know we can do it, too. Awaken and empower our pastors, leaders and members, O God, to fully submit to You so that You can do what only You can do. Show us in Your own ways what You want us to do in whatever situation we're in. We've seen in our own lives what You can do. Do it again, Lord. We are hopeful, God, and we claim revival in all aspects of our lives, but most importantly our spiritual life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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