

## **KEYS TO REVIVAL**

So what does revival look like when it arrives? Most people would not have a clue. God is in the business of changing souls. It's God and man living together. When God shows up people get set free, their bodies get healed, the lost get saved. Hell is plundered to populate heaven.

We've been operating out of a lack of bread in the church, the bread of His presence. God is raising up houses of prayer all over the nation. These houses of prayer are bringing in the presence of God. The houses of prayer are turning into God's Ecclesia (His ruling governmental authority) inviting the presence of God to come into our cities.

### ***Three Keys to the River, Hunger, Holiness, and Humility***

George Otis Jr. has traveled the world over in search for revival. God is moving all across the world. He noted that as the churches in the city would unite, drop down the walls, and come together to pray that God would heal their land. George noted 3 more characteristics in every move of God; **Hunger, Holiness, and Humility**.

### ***God's Time Table***

In 1983, Mike Bickle and Bob Jones both received the same word from the angel Gabriel; to call a solemn assembly with a 21 day fast. That God was going to bring in 500 people to do it. This would start a world-wide movement of prophetic and intercession would begin in the Midwest and eventually touch the entire world. God was raising up 24 hour prayer to launch this move. It would not only be physical breadbasket it would be a spiritual breadbasket as well.

In April of 1984, Mike and Bob were asking the Lord "How Long before the revival hits" Bob Jones received a vision from the Lord. He found himself in Joseph's dungeon. Gen 40. There were 2 ministries under accusation; the cupbearer and the baker. God said that in 10 years he would pour out his wine, this would be followed by fire, and wind, Acts 2:2-3, 13. It speaks of three different dimensions of the spirit that are coming. Just as God started with a bang, God has saved his best wine for last and in the last days he will pour out his spirit on all flesh.

In 1994, the Toronto Blessing hits. Laughter, rolling on the floor, barking, unexplainable things happened.

- Serving the wine reveals the heart. Unexplainable things offend knowledge
- God offends the mind to reveal the heart.
- Many ministries are operating out of knowledge
- Created a line of demarcation
- Hungry, stay with it.
- God told Paul Cain, I have always made it difficult, I introduced my son through a man wearing camel skin in the desert.
- We are not saved through understanding, were saved by faith.

### ***Are you Hungry?***

Read Mat. 13:44-45 The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure, "sold all he had"

- True, God has many treasures; Truths, revelations, spiritual experiences. The key is we have to seek them out. Search for them as you would a treasure. We need to be sold out. It needs to be the desire of our life. God is asking, "Who wants me?" Who's hungry for me?

*Mat. 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Righteousness (Him), for they will be filled.*

- There was only one Righteous One, that was Jesus,
- We have no righteousness of our own.
- Jesus was saying anyone who is hungry for me will be filled.
- Filled with what, the Holy Spirit. There is a river off life flowing from the throne.

When Jesus chose his disciples, he chose those who were searching and hungry. Many times he offended the mind to revile the heart. Read John 6:53-69

- Hungry people get back up after they have been knocked down.
- Jesus knew when he chose his disciples that they would have to war through spiritual battles of rejection, insults, intimidation, ridicule, gossip, pride, and jealousy.
- Hungry people are always looking, always searching, always moving. The spirit of God is always moving. We need to follow Him if we want to keep in the flow.

## **LARGER THE GIFT, THE BIGGER THE WAR**

Here's the issue, **Jesus can do more with someone who is hungry**, because He knows they will not easily fall away. The larger the gift, the bigger the war. The bigger the war, the greater the risk someone may not make it. God wants everyone to make it. He will not bring us up to higher ground if we can not make it through the war. He loves us, and doesn't want to loose anyone.

## **WARRING FOR THE RIVER**

Picture the River of Life flowing through a beautiful valley.

- Very few people have made it to the river because the enemy has it surrounded
- The only way to get to the river is to go through the ranks of the enemy. There are spirits of rejection, insults, lust, intimidation, ridicule, gossip, pride, and jealousy.
- Pattern, As soon as you get close to God, the enemy comes to steal it away.
- There's a battle to fight if we want to drink from the river.
- Spears of rejection – New armor terminator 2
- When you get knocked down, Get back up, I'm thirsty

Everyday presents a new opportunity to learn how to walk in the spirit. Each struggle, each trial, every relationship is an opportunity to grow.

God's waiting for a corporate expression of hunger to hit the church. To the degree we search for him we shall be filled.

## ***Holiness, Living a life set apart to God***

### **SPOTLESS BRIDE IN THE LAST DAYS**

We are in the last days, God says in the last days I am raising up a bride without spot or wrinkle.

- Christ speaking of Jerusalem (the church), I will not remain silent till her righteousness shines out like the dawn....Nations will see your righteousness and all the Kings your glory. Isa. 62:1-5
- Christ loved the church to make her holy....a radiant church without stain or wrinkle.. Eph. 5:25-26
- The Bride has made herself ready, Fine linen, bright and clean. Rev. 19:7-8

### **POWER THROUGH LOVING HIM**

Living a holy life is not something you can accomplish by setting your will towards it.

- Living a holy life is not something you can accomplish by human effort, decision or submitting our will to it. I tried it, I failed. (Testimony Spiritual Rambo)
- The will is very shallow. It will not be able to empower you for a long time.
- You end up asking, what's in it for me.
- I tried, I failed, I ended up starting over with God is Love. God I need to know you love me. That make's it all worth while.

Christianity is an issue of the heart. The desires of your heart will lead you.

- Let's face it, sin is desirable.
- Our desire for Jesus has to be greater than our desire for sin.
- We need to ask the Lord to circumcise our hearts. It's a supernatural change. (Morning Prayer time)
- Our desire for Jesus has to be greater than our desire for ministry. (Vision of Rock)

### **REMOVE THE VEIL**

Alice Smith, an intercessor wrote a book called Beyond the Veil. She talked about intimacy with Jesus. That's what it's all about.

If God's spirit is in us, why can't we sense it? There's a spiritual veil inside of us. Our life can be compared to the temple built by the Israelites. Each item in the temple represented a way of life.

- Temple; Brazen Alter, Lavern, Table of Showbread, Lamp stand, Alter of Incense, Holy of holies.
- Only the pure are allowed past the veil.
- You are that temple, this is a picture of our life.

## **YOUR SIN HAS SEPARATED YOU FROM GOD**

The work of God says your sins have separated you from the Lord. Whether you are a new believer or a seasoned Christian, this is still true. The veil goes up. We can not longer sense the Lord's presence.

- Your iniquities have separated you from God; your sins have hidden his face from you. Isa. 59:2
- If I would cherish sin in my heart, the Lord would not listen. PS 66:18
- Sin opens a door to the enemy. A door is a point of access. (Goal of shutting all doors to enemy)
- The spiritual world is like an onion. It's in layers. Whole cities are in different levels of darkness. (Cloud over LA)
- It's hard to hear when you're in sin.
- As we close all the doors to the enemy the water starts to rise. Exponentially

## **SEASONS OF GRACE**

When we first get saved the Lord allows us to experience some pretty awesome things. The communications lines are opened. Our spiritual eyes are opened. We get a revelation of His love for us. We are under God's grace and it doesn't matter how we lived our lives. After about 6 months it starts to fade. Why, there is a cost for flowing in the river. The Lord wants us to live godly lives.

We also have seasons of grace when God wants to reveal a truth or bring us up to higher ground. This grace shows us what life will be like when we start walking in the spirit and obeying His call. This too eventually will fade if we loose heart or do not respond properly. That's why it important to be hungry for Him and not give up.

## **WEAR YOUR ARMOR**

We need to change the way we think. God wants us to grow up. We live on the edge of hell everyday. It's so important to capture every thought. On an average you get hit 6 to 10 times a day. If you have the TV on, you get hit 6 to 10 times an hour. If you're in Las Vegas you get hit 6 to 10 times before you walk out of the hotel. The things you see and hear do have an effect on you. The enemy wants to take you out. He'll do it any way he can.

- Capture every thought making it obedient to Christ. 2 Cor. 10:4-5 (**This is Critical**)
- Jesus ruled in the midst of his enemies. Ps. 110:2
- He wants us to walk the same way Ps: 110:3
- Guard your heart.
- We are in a war, remember the river.
- Spend time with Him.
- Story of Holiness

## **OBEDIENCE TO HIM, JOY OF OPEN COMMUNICATIONS**

In this world we are walking on a narrow path. We have issues pulling on us. It's so easy to get off the path. That's why it's absolutely necessary for us to spend time reading the word, time in worship and time in prayer. This needs to be a daily activity.

If you want a life filled with Joy and wonderment, **practice His presence** (always talking to Him) and follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit loves to reveal the Father and the Son.

- There were two trees in the Garden; Knowledge of Good and Evil, Tree of Life.
- When we operate out of the tree of knowledge we put ourselves under the law.
- When we follow the spirit we get life.
- If you obey the spirit, He will keep you out of sin.
- Jesus surrendered to the Father. John 5:19-20, he did nothing by himself. Jesus knew the father's love and spent time with him.

## **ENTERING THE PROMISE LAND**

When the Christ came, it is written that he would restore all things. Just think of the relationship Adam had with God. He walked with God in the garden. We too can walk in intimacy with the Father. The garden is our heart.

- Christianity is a process, it takes time, it's like climbing a mountain. Not from human effort but a desire, a desire for more of God. We are love sick for more of God's presence so we continue on. There are different levels on this mountain. The foundation levels are levels of salvation and sanctification. As we climb we start experiencing some of the fruits of the spirit. When we get closer to the Lord we can see further and it's harder for the enemies arrows to hit us.
- Each level is anchored by the Word of God.
- There is a place where the presence of God gets stronger. Jesus found it. Gal. 2:20
- The man who makes me his refuge will inherit the land and possess my holy mountain. Isa. 57:13b

## **Operating in Humility**

*1 Pet 5:5 God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.*

*Isa. 66:2b This is the one I esteem, he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.*

### **ALL OF US HAVE TO DEAL WITH PRIDE**

- We all want to be important. Some of us have been dealt high levels of this attribute.
- The Key word is **I**. But I want to ..... achievement
- Do you want to know the Truth? We can't achieve anything without Him. John the Baptist. John 3:26-27, 29 Friend of the bridegroom.
- Church has lifted man up, Praises of Man, Titles, Everyone has same title... Servant Isa. 42:1 God called Jesus a servant.
- If your level of pride isn't high enough the Devil will remind you of how important you are. How people can't operate without you. You deserve better. You should just leave.
- God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.
- Vision of the wells plugged with huge boulders (Morning Prayer)

### **GET OVER IT**

- People are not recognizing my gift. It's really, People are not recognizing me.
- God's gifts are not for promoting ourselves.
- Church is too quick to give man the credit., Titles
- Man is too quick to take the credit
- It's not us, It's Jesus
- Not how we prayed, Not right formula
- If there is any anointing at all, it's not us, it's Jesus. We need to see Jesus in the vessel.
- (Three G's) Paul Cain 50's.

### **BEING FRUITFUL, WALKING IN THE SPIRIT IS NOT BY SELF -AMBITION, HUMAN EFFORT.**

- Self Ambition and Human Effort is Pride.
- It needs to be a desire to be with Jesus
- It is not a desire for ministry. (Church on the two Rocks)
- Power of Love, You can not flow in the spirit without a genuine love for God's people.
- We receive life and joy when we operate out of Love.

## **OUR UNDERSTANDING OF GOD IS NOT BIG ENOUGH**

- We do not understand how awesome God is. (Earth and Moon) We are compared to dusk.
- King Hezekiah is about to die. He cries out to God and the Lord gives him a prophetic word that is confirmed with a sign. The shadow moves back 10 steps. Isa. 38:7-8
- God shows up at the 700 Club and all the light burst.
- Smith has a word for the man without any feet, Buy some shoes.
- God knows every thought on the face of the planet.
- Our minds can not imagine what heaven will be like or what he plans for us are.
- When Moses asked to see God, God told him you can not see me and live.
- Every time I think of the Father, the Awesome creator of the universe, it fills me with reverence and the fear of the Lord. Remember the Mountain of Fire.
- Now think that he put His spirit in us and we can call him daddy.

## **GOD, PLEASE SHOW UP**

I looked around and so many people have no hunger or desire for God. I asked God, why don't you just show up? He said, " If He did, everyone would worship Him". He's not interested in robots or people just having to obey because he's God. (It's like dating a movie star). We have a freedom of choice, that's why he hide's himself. There is a tremendous inheritance awaiting us. We are part of God's family. The church door is so plain.

- Jesus was Humble.
- People were not attracted by his physical beauty. Isa. 53:2-3

## **HUMILITY THROUGH BROKENNESS, REJECTION**

- God wants to Kill you.
- He will use brokenness in our lives so we will not promote ourselves.
- Smith Wigglesworth, when asked what to single most important thing God did in his life responded, I am a broken man.
- He will allow us to be crushed so we come to the end of ourselves.
- If you're upset by what someone said, You're not dead yet.
- God will use rejection, SS 5:1-8
- I Die, He Lives, Living a life of Surrender Gal 2:20
- Jesus surrendered to the Father. John 5:19-20 Does nothing by himself.

## **WEARING MANTLE OF HUMILITY**

- When you're doing well, you can develop pride.
- The mantle of Humility is part of our armor, Final Quest
- God is raising up his Bride with combat boots on.
- Humility and confidence in Him.

## **WEAK IS GOOD**

- He uses our weakness and failure to show his Glory.
- If we claim we are experts he can not help us.
- If we humble ourselves in our weakness, we need to lean on Him. We are desperate for him.
- God is a defender of the weak. Just like mom and dad come running when their child screams for help.

## **GOD IS A DEFENDER OF THE POOR AND NEEDY**

- God enjoys strengthening the weak.
- Wanting to know what's on His heart
- Lord, Help me pick up my cross and follow you.
- The times I was closest to the Lord was when I was at the end of myself.
- If you are poor, Needy, and desperate for Him, You're in a good place.
- Poor in spirit. *Isa. 57:15 I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit.*
- Needy because we walk on the edge of hell everyday.
- Even when we feel empty, it's God's calling card. Spent time with him.
- There is life in his word, Highlight it read it over and over again.

## **IT'S A DAILY WALK**

- Put on the mantle of Humility everyday
- Put your helmet on and take every thought captive
- Be hungry and thirsty for Him.
- Watch the river rise.