

# COMMENTARY

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## Revival in this place?

Greetings from Spring in February!

It is my absolute pleasure to write you this letter, sharing with you my heart and all that God is doing here at Harvest, in Bennington, and in the body of Christ.

Earlier this week I was having a conversation with someone about the weather and I remarked how this has been such a wonderful, warm winter, only to be rebutted that without the cold and below freezing temperatures, many of the insects will have a “higher metabolic rate”.

After having to search the web to understand what “metabolic rate” means, this is what I found; it means how fast living organisms expend energy, or convert energy into food. This will translate into higher production, and ultimately, more of them. Yuck!

In a moment I went from elated that my heating oil usage is half of what it was last year, to not looking forward to the locusts descending upon my beautiful spring afternoon!

Isn't that how it is at times? Everything has cause and effect; we always have an opportunity to look at the glass half full, or the glass half empty.

A guy that I worked with would say, “nothing happens in a bubble”! Meaning everything has an effect on something.

This leads me to a scripture, “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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”

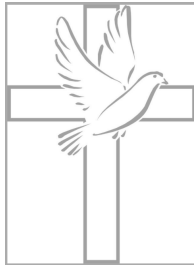
2 Chronicles 7:14-15 (NIV)

What this scripture is saying is that revival is up to us! Many times we point fingers at the world, saying how wicked things are, how God is angry at America

and how we aren't the Nation we used to be.

However, after reading this scripture there is no denying that revival depends on God's people, not how bad the world is. Over and over in the Old Testament we see where God blesses Israel. They do good for a time, and then they end up worshipping the things God blessed them with, rather than the Provider of those things. Our God will not have that, and we see that time and time again.

George Santayana said, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it. Studying history is necessary to avoid repeating past mistakes.” This thought is more widely known as, “Those that forget the past are doomed to repeat it.”



This is very true and especially for those that follow Christ Jesus. We have to know and have an active relationship with our First Love, God. So many are enjoying “their kingdom” with absolutely no risk, thought, or chance of giving that up. God has called you to live for Him, and not for your kingdom and comfort. It is not about padding our bank accounts, eating very well, and having an abundance everywhere we look. This is not what Jesus called His disciples to when He was walking by them and said, “Follow Me!” He wants us to tell Him that nothing is off limits and that nothing will be off limits to Him.

In 1970, at Asbury College in Kentucky a revival broke out. The Spirit hovered over the congregation. The chapel was filled with rejoicing people. Classes were canceled and there were 185 hours of unbroken revival, but even after classes resumed on February 10 that year, Hughes Auditorium was left open for prayer and testimony.

If you have seen the news lately you will see that Asbury once again is having the same thing happen! During a scheduled chapel service at Asbury (now named)

You never have to advertise a fire.

Everyone comes running  
when there's a fire.

Likewise, if your church is on fire,  
you will not have to advertise it.

The community  
will already know it.

Leonard Ravenhill

Will you not revive us again,  
that Your people  
may rejoice in You?”

Psalm 85:6

A revival is nothing else  
than a new beginning  
of obedience to God.

Charles Finney

As long as we are content  
to live without revival,  
we will.

Leonard Ravenhill

A necessary pre-cursor of any  
great spiritual awakening  
is a spirit of deep humiliation  
growing out of  
a consciousness of sin,  
and fresh revelation  
of the holiness and power  
and glory of God.

John R. Mott

If you want revival,  
let me remind you that God  
only plants the seed of His life  
in soil which has been broken up  
by repentance.

Alan Redpath

## Pray for revival to break out!

University in Wilmore, Kentucky, Feb. 8, a revival broke out. It went on for about 400 hours, with folks traveling from as far as Singapore to join. Videos of students participating in the nonstop prayer and worship service have made their way to social media, sparking international attention.

The service experienced its largest crowd yet Tuesday, Feb. 14, with over 3,000 attendees, two-thirds of which were from out of state, NBC reports. The crowd was so large the revival had to expand to four additional facilities in the college town.

Other schools have even started their own revivals, inspired by the events happening in Wilmore; Lee University in Tennessee, Anderson University in Indiana, and Ohio Christian University are among the schools to have joined the movement.

What started all of this? Worship! Worshiping God renews your heart. It opens you up to experience true joy through your trials, and peace that passes all understanding, no matter what circumstances you are going through. Worship takes our eyes off of everything else and puts them where they should be, on God.

So many have thought that the next generation is lost already, given over to self pleasure and laziness.

But GOD!

Isn't that just like Him, to use the generation many have written off to lead the next great turning (revival) to God? It isn't some famous preacher or evangelist or singer that has sold ten million albums, it is the ones nobody prepared for.

How do we join in this?

That's the question I have asked myself. It's in my heart, it's what my heart is searching for each day.

Is it Him or is it something He can do for me and my life, my kingdom? Do I desire to have God as an accessory to my life, or IS He my life?! Is it living for Him at every moment, not just on Sundays with an occasional, "I'll pray for you," on social media?

Being Pastor is my calling and my job, which may seem like an advantage, but it is still about putting Him first. My heart has to be wholly after Him, your heart has to be wholly after Him. We have to stop being comfortable, and live like tomorrow isn't coming and we have to tell, show, and live for Jesus.

It starts with worship. We must say, "God, nothing is off limits to You! I set everything else aside and humble myself, I will no longer choose to be disobedient and entertain filth in my life." This is a true act of worship.

Father, we see the value in a life spent living for you! Like the young people now at Asbury University, put everything else aside and seek His Kingdom first.

Would you pray? Please pray that Holy Spirit would convict us of the things that we do and think which are not holy!

Pray for revival to break out where you live and that God's will be done. Pray that revival would break out all across the campuses and the rest of the country and the world.

God has shown me that for Harvest, this is the plan. He said through Isaiah, "Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert."

(Isaiah 43:18,19)

It is time for the valley of dry bones to be awakened, sayeth the Lord!

Wow! I am so excited to see His will play out before us! It is a great time in history to be alive and be a follower of Christ!

I love you, this ministry loves you, and I'll speak to you again soon,

*Aaron*

Revival comes from heaven when heroic souls enter the conflict determined to win or die, or, if need be, to win and die!

"The kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

Charles Finney

Come to Me,  
all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Jesus, in Matt. 11:28

When sinners are careless and stupid,  
and sinking into hell unconcerned,  
it is time the church  
should bestir themselves.

It is as much the duty of the church  
to awake,  
as it is for the firemen  
to awake  
when a fire breaks out in the night  
in a great city.

Charles Finney

Revival cannot be organized,  
but we can set our sails  
to catch the wind from heaven  
when God chooses  
to blow upon His people once again.

G. Campbell Morgan

The days are coming,  
declares the Lord,  
when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah. ...  
This is the covenant I will establish with  
the people of Israel after that time,  
declares the Lord.

I will put My laws in their minds  
and write them on their hearts.

I will be their God,  
and they will be My people.

Heb 8:8 & 10