



A VISION FOR

REVIVAL

PSALM 85:6

WILL YOU NOT REVIVE US AGAIN, THAT YOUR PEOPLE MAY REJOICE IN YOU?

WHY DON'T WE SEE REVIVAL?

Leonard Ravenhill in "*Why Revival Tarries*" likens the birth of revival to the birth of a child. It is predicated by months of burden and travail...before the miracle takes place, true revival and soul-birth still demand travail. The mother-to-be wearies more as the time of the birth draws near (often spending sleepless but not tearless less nights); so the lamps of the sanctuary burn the midnight oil as distressed, sin-carrying intercessors pour out their souls for a nation's iniquities. The expectant mother often loses desire for food and, in the interests of the one she will bear, denies herself certain things; so denial of food and a consuming love to lie quiet before the Lord seizes believers shamed by the barrenness of the Church...those in travail of soul shun publicity and seek the face of a holy God.

WHY REVIVAL TARRIES...LEONARD RAVENHILL

1. **The Cheapening of the Gospel:** Church too commercial & salvation too easy, forgetting that the altar is a place to die upon.
2. **Carelessness:** Not enough time allowing for kingdom business to take place; too busy
3. **Fear:** Fear of man's reaction to a message of sin
4. **No Urgency to Pray:** Church lacks burden to pray for revival
5. **Too Much Flesh Stealing God's Glory:** "my ministry", "my books", "my church"

DO WE WANT REVIVAL?

- Revival is no more a miracle than a crop of wheat. 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 G. FINNEY
- From the day of Pentecost, there has been not one great spiritual awakening in any land which has not begun in a union of prayer, though only among two or three; no such outward, upward movement has continued after such prayer meetings declined. -DR. A. T. PIERSON
- If the Church today had as many agonizers as she has advisers, we would have a revival in a year! -LEONARD RAVENHILL

WHAT IS REQUIRED FOR TRANSFORMATION TO OCCUR

#1: RENEWED LOVE FOR GOD : OBEDIENCE TO HIS WORD

- **Deuteronomy 6:2–6** (NLT) — 2 If you obey all his decrees and commands, you will enjoy a long life. 3 Listen closely, Israel, and be careful to obey. *Then all will go well with you*, and you will have many children in the *land flowing with milk and honey*, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. 4 “Listen, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone. 5 And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today.
- **John 14:15** (NLT) — “If you love me, obey my commandments.
- **John 14:21** (NLT) Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me.

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#2. RENEWED LOVE FOR OTHERS: SERVANTHOOD

- **Mark 12:29–31 (NLT)** — **29** Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ‘Listen, O Israel! The LORD our God is the one and only LORD. **30** And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ **31** The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”
- **Matthew 23:11 (NLT)** — The greatest among you must be a servant.
- **Matthew 20:26–27 (NLT)** — **26** But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, **27** and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave.

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#3. RENEWED PURITY: A HOLY PEOPLE

- **1 Peter 1:15–16** (NLT) — 15 But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. 16 For the Scriptures say, “You must be holy because I am holy.”
- **Ephesians 2:2** (NLT) — You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.
- **2 Corinthians 6:16–18** (NLT) — 16 For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: “I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. 17 Therefore, come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the LORD. Don’t touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. 18 And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the LORD Almighty.”

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#4. RENEWED PASSION FOR HIS PRESENCE: SEEKING HIS FACE

- Colossians 4:2 (NLT) — Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.
- 1 Chronicles 16:11 (AMP) — Seek the Lord and His strength; yearn for and seek His face and to be in His presence continually!
- Psalms 105:4 (AMP) — Seek, inquire of and for the Lord, and crave Him and His strength (His might and inflexibility to temptation); seek and require His face and His presence [continually] evermore.

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#5. RENEWED SPIRITUAL WARFARE STRATEGY

- **Ephesians 3:10 (NLT)** — God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
- **Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)** — For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.
- **2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)** — 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.
- **1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)** — Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

MIGHTY BREATH OF GOD...JESUS CULTURE

Blow, Mighty breath of God, Move upon this place.

Blow, Mighty breath of God, Won't You move, in power and grace

Streams of mercy falling down,

Light of Heaven all around and it's falling to the ground

Spirit Fire fan the flame,

Passion for Your Holy name...

Burning everything

Let Your wind blow...

Let Your fire fall

