



The Land is in Need of
REVIVAL
- FAST FOCUS -

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“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.”

I feel like some of my clients when they come to see me. One of their first statements following introductions and preliminary remarks is, “Where do I begin?” There is so much that pulls at my heart: mass shootings, corruption, poverty, greed, homelessness, hunger, unemployment, community and neighborhood crime, abuse of children and the elderly, domestic violence, injustice, racism, sexism, ageism, etc. I realize that the farther we get from God, His statutes and precepts, the more such things will continue.

We did not get here overnight. We have eaten/are eating the elephant bit by bit, slowly inching farther and farther away from God. But, we know that God is watching. He only gave us guiding principles because He loves us and has plans for us, hope and a future. He promises that if we do our part, He will do His part.

So, where do we start? When God says He will heal the land, look at the land as the hearts of people. The ills we experience in our society and world are because God is not in the heart. God must be in our heart in order to pray to Him. God must be in our heart if we are to humble ourselves and turn to Him. We must first repent for our sinfulness; then, we must seek Him, seek His wisdom, and seek His instructions in efforts toward revival. Then, we must listen for His instructions and be obedient in following them. We are his instruments in bringing about revival: exercising civic responsibilities, witnessing, speaking truth to power, consistent godly living, and most of all, loving all people at all times. In order to bring about revival, with the help of God, we must be committed and consistent - not once a week, not once a month, but daily praying, daily practicing principles of the kingdom of God. We can't get lazy or let our guard down. We must live the revival we want to see.

It is going to take sacrifice, doing what may be inconvenient, unpopular, and maybe even uncomfortable. It is going to take holding ourselves and each other accountable.

So, where do WE start? God has given us instructions:

Action Plan:

1. Let's humble ourselves and pray to God. WE can't do this on our own. WE must partner with God, make ourselves available and be willing to be obedient in following His instructions.
2. Let's repent and turn from our own ways that do not please God, embrace and practice godly principles as examples (God helping us!)
3. Let's seek God's face, wisdom and instructions for revival.

Reference Scriptures

II Chronicles 7:14; James 1:5; Jeremiah 9:11; Psalm 19:8; II Kings 23:3

Prayer:

Dear God, we need revival in the land. We know that it cannot and will not happen unless you help us. God, please break up the fallow ground of hearts filled with hate. Replace hate with love and a hunger for you and what is good and right. God, help us to do the hard things to bring about revival in the land. Strengthen our hearts and hands; use us as your instruments. Help us to repent and turn from our wicked ways. O God, teach us your precepts and statutes, help us to seek and follow godly wisdom and instruction. God, send revival that we may live out the hope and future that you have designed for us. God we need you. O God of Jeshurun, help us! We need revival; let it begin in us!

Submitted by: Pastor Nadolyn Dunigan and Pastor Deborah Carter

**FAST FOCUS | We will fast on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 6am-5pm.
We will abstain from all foods except water, juice, fruit and vegetables.**