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**REVIVAL IS HERE!**

Dear Friends,

For several years our church has been believing God for revival to impact the Greater Dayton area. We have spent many hours praying, confessing God's word, worshiping and, yes, even fasting for this breakthrough that will see a great number of souls harvested into the Kingdom of God. We are not alone in this pursuit, as numerous other churches throughout the nation and the world are doing the same.

However, the Holy Spirit has shown me that even though what we are doing is not wrong, our perception of revival has been incomplete. What we and most other Christians seem to consider as revival would simply be defined as this: the lost saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, backsliders restored to God, the sick healed, the maimed made whole, strongholds and addictions destroyed and devils cast out. But the Holy Spirit pointed out to me that all of this is the *fruit* of revival, not the sum total of revival. In other words, there is more to revival than what we may have considered.

Years ago I worked with a construction company that specialized in building luxury homes. When people wanted us to build them a house they first decided on the style and design. We would then secure the blueprints, without which the house could not be built. Once we received the blueprints, our construction manager and his crew would study them over and over. In fact, we had several copies of the blueprints and they would be reviewed daily during the building process to assure the job was proceeding correctly.

The first thing that had to be done was to lay a foundation. Whether the buyers wanted a home with a basement or on a slab, the concrete foundation had to be poured. Once the concrete was poured we had to let it properly cure (harden) so that the house's frame could be erected. Because these homes were large, custom designed and built specifically for each owner, it would sometimes take many months before the house was finished and ready for occupancy.

The Holy Spirit helped me understand that the process for having a genuine revival is essentially the same. First and foremost, there must be a blueprint. The blueprint for revival is the Bible. If we will take the time to study scripture in a contextual fashion, we will learn how God moves and what we can expect in revival.

Once we have the blueprint (the Bible), we must study it over and over. There are no shortcuts. Without the blueprint, we can never have the kind of revival God desires. The more we meditate in the Blueprint, it becomes engrafted into the very depths of our heart and mind. Our thoughts are completely transformed into the Blueprint's image as it is painted in our mind. We begin to see the reality of what God both expects and will do in revival. Through prayer, the Holy Spirit is then able to reveal to us the specific plan

God has for revival in our city. This process takes time, but the results will be the revival we are believing to see.

During the last week of April 2014, the Lord had me minister along these lines at a dear friend's church in Florida. Many of the principles of revival the Holy Spirit revealed to me are things I had never taught anywhere. Then, just days before I finished this letter, He had me minister in my church on a prophecy He had given me about Christians maturing spiritually toward revival. Here is that prophecy and its accompanying verses (it is critical that you read these scriptures as you read the prophecy):

***Luke 17:20-21 Many are looking for a sovereign move of My power to see revival take place. But I tell you, revival is birthed out of My Kingdom. Since My Kingdom is within you, then revival is birthed out of My Kingdom through you. You have seen glimpses of revival throughout history. But the revival I desire does not come with great fanfare; it comes as a still, small voice that becomes a shout of My love, grace, glory and power. The revival I desire starts within you as you mature in the things of My Kingdom.***

***The Gifts of the Spirit as revealed in 1 Corinthians chapter 12 are not revival's goal. Rather, the life of My Son Jesus is the goal. Remember, I told you to look unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of your faith. He is the revelation of the revival I desire. The more you mature in Him is the more you will see revival. There are some things about this maturing process you need to know.***

***Matthew 4:4; John 17:17 Truth is the one, sustaining factor to an on-going move of God. When a move reaches the end of the truth in which it is operating, it will begin to fall apart if the people do not press deeper into God's word and fellowship with Him for increasing levels of truth. This is what has doomed revival after revival throughout history. The truth you walk in needs to go far beyond the move of God you are experiencing. Truth will be the paved road of an ongoing move of God.***

***1 Corinthians 10:1-12 Those who truly walk in truth will know that God is the God of all hope, and there is nothing He cannot help you overcome. The more you complain (verbally or internally) about what other people are doing or not doing is the more you are identifying your personal failure to trust God. You have taken the bait of Satan and stepped into his trap with your eyes wide open.***

***Psalms 119:165 Christians who get offended at the words and/or actions of others do not love God's Word the way He has described. When His word dominates, His peace will rise to authority and offense cannot penetrate. There is no such thing as a Word-loving, thin-skinned Christian.***

***Philippians 4:6-7 It is impossible to be a complainer and murmurer and live in these verses. The turmoil you feel inside is a result of you choosing to open your soul to feelings about people or situations that do not originate in the heart of God. You are also violating Philippians 4:8***

*Romans 12:1-2; Isaiah 55:8-9; John 14:1 & 27 Your emotions are so tied to your flesh and the things of this world that they demand respect they do not deserve. They will dominate you if allowed. They will bring confusion into your life and severely cloud your judgment. This can lead to life-altering decisions that will lead you away from the perfection of My will.*

*Emotions are not established on rational, Kingdom logic. Very often, they will completely oppose the sound thinking that comes from the mind of Christ. Until you were born again you could not think from the basis of spiritual life. Thus, after you are born again, if someone does not teach you how to think from the foundation of My life and the mind of Christ, you will continue to be led by emotions.*

*Here Me clearly: if you do not develop a pattern of thinking and rationalizing from a Kingdom perspective, you will never be able to live in the fullness of your salvation. Remember, I said you need to be transformed by the renewing of your mind. My thoughts will not become your way of thinking until what is in your spirit - My life - begins impacting your mind on a regular basis.*

*John 14:26; John 16:13; 2 Timothy 3:16-17 The only revelation the Holy Spirit can give you is that which is already contained in My Word. My Word is the key to unlocking everything about who you are in Me and your position in My Kingdom. Remember, My Son said He would give you the keys to the Kingdom, and that those keys are the revelation of how you can live in victory on the Earth. The Holy Spirit will lead you to every key you need in order to live victoriously in the world.*

*The Old Testament is not simply a record of Israel's history and a foretelling of the Messiah. It is a goldmine of Kingdom truth whose treasure must be dug out. Did I not say in 1 Corinthians 2 that there are mysteries I will reveal by My Spirit to your spirit? Those mysteries I spoke of cannot be exclusively the New Testament, for the New Testament was just being written. Yes, there are great mysteries contained in the New Testament, but they are easier (for My children) to discern.*

*The mysteries in the Old Testament must be uncovered by the working of My spirit in you. My Church does not know the half of what is contained in the Old Testament. But for those who will seek and dig by the spirit, immeasurable spiritual wealth awaits. Did I not say that all scripture has been given by My inspiration and is profitable for your spiritual development? But how can words written during the time of spiritual death be profitable for those with spiritual life unless those words contain truth that is directly applicable to those with spiritual life?*

*I tell you, the Old Testament is an undiscovered country flowing with the milk and honey of My life. Those who choose to seek for this truth by the leading of the Holy Spirit will be like treasure hunters seeking for troves of wealth that have been buried for centuries. The Holy Spirit will be your guide. He knows where every wealth-laden chest is buried. He has the keys*

*to unlock those chests. He will help you carry the discovered wealth into the storehouse of your spirit. You will then be able to use it to your advantage.*

*Do not kings have access to great wealth? You are my kings in the Earth. It is My desire that your storehouse be overflowing with the wealth of My Kingdom. Remember, I gave the Old Testament knowing full well the day was coming when My Church and My children would live on the Earth with My life. Do you think I would have wasted one revelation, yes, even one word in scripture, by restricting its value to only those who were lost? No, nothing in My Word is wasted or irrelevant to those born of My spirit. Every word, yes, every letter, carries My life and is part of My revelation to you about who you are in Me. Begin your journey – this great adventure into My Word – and discover the greatest treasure you have ever known.*

We all want revival, but we must capture the heart and plan of God to have the kind of revival He desires. If we are in the "Blueprint Studying Phase," **THEN WE ARE IN REVIVAL NOW!**

*Through wisdom is a house builded; and by knowledge it is established." (Proverbs 24:3)*

*Therefore, whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock. (Matthew 24:24-25)*

A spiritual foundation of truth that is deep enough to support and sustain revival must first be laid. This foundation is laid in us as God works in us to prepare for His mighty move in our communities. We must not allow ourselves to become weary or discouraged in the well-doing of prayer (particularly praying in the Spirit), fasting, worship (private and corporate) and God's Word (reading, meditating, confessing, etc) because the time of reaping is coming (Galatians 6:9). I encourage you, keep pressing toward the mark of revival, for the fields are white unto harvest!

In His Grace,

*Jim*



**2014 SPRING PRAYER AND POWER CONFERENCE**

The Spring Prayer and Power Conference will be Sunday, April 27 through Friday, May 2. Pastor Dave Roberson and Gary Carpenter will be with us again. Service times will be Sunday, 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM; Mon - Fri 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. There will be pre-service worship 45 minutes prior to the start of all services. Our primary host hotel is:

Country Inn and Suites - Fairborn South  
3971 Colonel Glenn Highway, Beavercreek, Ohio 45324  
(937) 429-2222 [www.countryinns.com/fairborn](http://www.countryinns.com/fairborn)

Also, special rates of \$89 per night (+ tax) are being offered by:

The Hope Hotel (located on Wright Patterson Air Force Base)  
10823 Chidlaw Rd, Building 823, Area A  
WPAFB, Ohio 45433  
1-937-879-2696 www.hopehotel.com

A limited number of rooms are blocked off for the conference. When you call either hotel, tell them you are booking a room for the Grace Christian Center conference. Visit our web site for a list of additional hotels. Those coming from other nations need to be aware of the following:

- Our ministry does not have lodging facilities. You are responsible for making and paying for your own lodging arrangements.
- We will not be preparing meals before or after any of the services.
- You must fly into and out of Dayton International Airport (airport code DAY). If your arrival and departure is at any other airport, we will not be able to provide transportation to and from the airport. Once you have purchased your plane ticket, be sure to forward your itinerary to my email address, [PastorJimGCC@gmail.com](mailto:PastorJimGCC@gmail.com). Do not wait until you have arrived in Dayton to call the church and ask for a ride; we must know your arrival time in advance.

The temperatures at the end of April typically range from a low of 50° F (10° C) to a high of 72° F (22° C). Most people dress casually for all the services; suits and ties are not expected. We want everyone to be comfortable.



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