

YOU ARE REVIVAL



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Intro- Brief letter to our readers

After less than a year away from our home town, God sent my wife and I back to proclaim that revival is here. After nearly 40 nights of revival meetings (not in succession), we had not seen a large response from people in our city and not yet seen the great harvest of souls we believed God wanted, however, God was moving powerfully among us. Then a speaker with much wisdom and revelation taught in detail the subject of the Kingdom within. Then it hit me. It was my "Aha!" moment. After seven years of praying for and searching for Revival, I realized I was right in the middle of revival all along!

May this book empower you to walk in the freedom and power of Revival while seeing an expansion of God's Kingdom influence throughout the world. It is designed to break us free from hindering religious mindsets and capture timeless Biblical principles that if we act on can leave a spiritual inheritance for our children and their children.

Consumed with a passion for God's ways, unmoving in our quest for a movement. To those who desire to live with a reckless abandon for a life of doing the will of God, you are my brothers, sisters and mother. You are revival!

-Matthew Skamser

There's only one thing not ready before God's massive nation-wide revival can come... a people who will completely rely on The Holy Spirit without offending Him.

*R*EVELATIONS OF REVIVAL

Chapter 1 - Can you hear the sound?

Psalms 85:6-

*6 Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you? (NIV)*

Lord, have mercy on my soul and send revival to America!
-M.S.

We are the song of the Lord, to bring glory to God; we are
played by the Holy Spirit through the musical notes of our
souls.
-M.S.

It is the sound that sounds like a rushing mighty wind. The
sound that represents heaven invading earth with a fury. The
sound of God's glory meeting the Church's cry. The sound; His
sound meeting ours.

Before I get into the sound I'm hearing today maybe I should
take a step back to observe when it all begin... 2000 years ago
that is. That's when it happened. The famous Day of Pentecost.

Acts 2

*1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all
with one accord[a] in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a
sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled
the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there
appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon
each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and
began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them
utterance.*

Imagine how that time must of been? Anxious fear and excitement of the possibilities of persecution on the one hand yet the glorious revelation of the Christ, the Messiah, on the other. To think just days and weeks earlier it had all changed. Their lives were forever turned upside down by the sacrifice on Calvary's hill. Just days and weeks earlier they had denied the man, abandoned Him in His time of greatest need. Yet the pain was healed by His forgiveness and grace. He came back just for us to give us a few more words of instruction and encouragement. He is alive! We think. He just ascended into the heavens like a Cirque De Soleil act with only the word of His soon return and promise of power from on high.

What next, they surely thought? Who's with us and who's against us? What more could happen? Anythings possible in their minds after the craziness they've experienced over the last few weeks.

Fellowship and prayer. A desperate heart's cry of a prayer that I'm sure wailed out from that upper room day after day night after night with no end in sight. They ate, they slept, they took shifts... anything to not break unity. Anything to not break obedience lest they miss His latest promise. After-all He is a man of His word. He did rise again like He said. He is the Messiah. Wait, is He even a man anymore? It's hard to tell.

Then it came. Ten days later. That's when it all changed for them. One hundred and twenty of them. That's when they found the key. That's when HE arrived. Not Jesus. Better. Jesus, Himself, said better (1). Better only because He could be at all places at all time. Omnipresent yet on earth! All God yet all Spirit, one with the triune Godhead. The person named, Holy Spirit. He single-handedly, overnight, instantaneously turned Christ denying simpletons into fire-filled, tongue talking world-changers with seemingly no fear!

The world has never been the same. A first fruits harvest of 3,000 that day were added to their numbers once the melee calmed down. Who could resist this new mighty force anyhow? He is the power to prick hearts, change minds, and draw all men unto Christ. He is our ultimate weapon, our atom bomb, our top mentor and giver of wisdom and strategy. What a gift! All because they tarried in prayer, obedience and unity. That and divine timing of course.

Is divine timing once again upon us like a thief in the night? Are we waiting on God for something or is His waiting on us? Maybe there's something we still need to get, still need to understand. Are our lives fully in alignment with His Biblical instruction?

What would they do if they were here today and they heard that familiar sound rumbling in the distance? What would they tell us? How would we prepare? There's no Holy Spirit #2 coming, yet many have yet to be introduced to Him in the first place. Revival begins with that introduction. The sound represents the awareness of God's Kingdom reality breaking into our present natural world. It is a spiritual Kingdom and that is a Spiritual event. Thus we need The Spirit to reveal spiritual things.

The sound was a reward for their obedience. The sound that represented the tarry was over yet the real journey had just begun. It was a sound of heavenly partnership, of power, of glory. It was God and man in unity. One plan because of One Man. His name is Jesus.

The sound represents that God has come. But it also represents the beginning of stewarding the results of His coming.

These days are still the last days.. last days for all of us... life is but a vapor, anyhow (2). Is God doing a new thing or are we simply on the verge of experiencing a sound like that of that glorious day?

Does God really change or do people just misplace the memories of their heritage? Did He really go anywhere or did we?

When God wants to do something spectacular He does so in His power so no man can get the credit. So why are we so often in His way? Is this a season of supernatural surprises and mysteries of His Kingdom unveiled and revealed for such a time as this?

The sound is like a train approaching through the Subway, like a jet at takeoff. I can hear it. It's growing stronger. Will you dare tune in your spiritual ear to hear that same sound? Maybe you've heard it already.

Now it's time to prepare. The time is short. The cry of a remnant generation are being rewarded. The Spirit and the Bride say come! Revival is here! Did it really go anywhere? Or did we lose sight at one point, walk away from our first love?

Prepare to be revived as you read this book. God's call to arms is one of preparation and stewardship. Preparing us to understand His will and His Anointing that we might shine as His glorious Church.

It's time that we start digesting the meat of our faith and understand the timeless principles of the Kingdom of God. It's time we set aside our religious differences and denominations and embrace the fact that the only theological absolute truth is that the person of Jesus is perfect theology. Most other differences are simply because we all see dimly.

It's about Christ. it always has been. Yet we live in a world that's lost and dying in need of a Savior. Our hour glass of Evangelism is running out of sand. God's equipped us with bazookas in the Spirit yet we're fighting the enemy with squirt guns. It's time we understand the things of the Spirit, partner with the person of the Holy Spirit and start living a life of radical faith!

The term "revival" isn't in the Bible. It didn't need to be. Yet simple observation will show that the purity and power of the Gospel ("Good News") as intended in the Word and lived out by our forefathers in the faith is far from what our modern Christian agendas contain, especially in the Western culture.

If Jesus came in a vision today to a prophet like John when he was on the island of Patmos and wrote the book of "Revelation," would He give our churches similar rebukes or maybe even worse? It's time we get back to our first love. That's where all ministry and true spiritual power and authority is derived anyway. He is our source. Our limitless well of refreshing.

Revival is about a location. It's wherever you are... because that's where He is. This we will learn more about in the coming chapters.

He has compelled me to empower a generation with the tools to succeed in this season of outpouring and Awakening. His

Spirit blows me where He will and is blowing His breath intensely on these pages.

Will you take this journey with me? Will you lay down your preconceived ideas of who you think Jesus is and who you think you are for just long enough to reject manmade, man led religion and embrace revival? Will you let yourself be turned inside out so we together can turn the world upside down? It was said of the early Christians that they did this very same thing (3). Will the world say of us the same thing they said of the fiery New Testament Christ followers?

Acts 15-6

“These who have turned the world upside down have come here too... (NKJV)

Why not us? Why not now?

Join me on this journey as the Spirit through me attempts to explain some fundamentals of Spirit-filled, Spirit-led faith that will first renew our minds in hopes of renewing our behaviors so we can truly be ready to embrace this season of God's grace.

He's looking for a few good men and women who are up for the challenge. Are you?

Of all the years throughout history God decided to release you to earth through your parents in this generation for such a time as this. You will be held accountable to all that you read. Life may never be more exciting, dangerous, or rewarding. Now can you hear the sound?

This book is intended to be like flint that you strike your stone upon to create fire. Revival is about us being burning ones for Christ. I pray that this book becomes a tool that helps light or stir your fire within and helps you come alive in Christ at an even greater level!

It is to be used as a reference also that you may be able to refer back to for years to come. It's a starter guide to living the lifestyle of a Revivalist. Revival 101 of sorts. An exciting picture of what is possible for believer's today birthed from years of true-life revival experience.

Above all remember to love Jesus before anything else. Next remember that your knowledge and wisdom of revival gained

from this book help nobody. It's the application of that knowledge and the power of the message of Jesus that will be the true testimony of revival. This message must not be in words but in power, of which we are Ambassadors until the day our natural life expires and we enter in to our eternal abode.

QUESTIONS:

Q. Have you never before fully committed your life to live for God as a follower of Jesus? If not now's as good a time as any.

If you are not 100% sure with absolute certainty that if you died tonight that you would spend eternity in heaven you need to say and believe the following words:

Prayer (you to God)-

God, I want to give You my all. Please cleanse me and forgive me of all my sins and anything in my life that separates me from You. I receive the blood sacrifice of Jesus that He made on the cross so that I can be saved. I believe He is now the boss of my life. Fill me with Your Spirit and Your love. I'm ready for this journey.

Q. If you are already a believer, from a scale of 1 to 10 where would you rate your walk with the Lord where 1 is the coldest and 10 is the hottest?

If you are anything less than a ten, please read this prayer and receive the words of it over your life.

Prayer (me to God for you)-

God, bless this new friend in Jesus to know You more and to learn what it is to live an exciting life of revival. Set them free, heal them, and fill them with Your Spirit to a level they have never experienced before, in Jesus' precious name.

Endnotes:

- 1-John 16:7
- 2-James 4:14
- 3-Acts 15:6

