

# DANGEROUS PRAYERS 7: 'Lord, Send Revival'

## DEFINITION OF REVIVAL

- \* Vivre: TO LIVE; Re: BRING IT BACK.
  - \* Jamie's Def<sup>n</sup>: Revival is a supernatural, sovereign OUTPOURING of the Holy Spirit that BREATHEs radical NEW LIFE into His people.
  - \* Other commonly used words: RENEWAL, AWAKENING, OUTPOURING.
  - \* Prayer for revival is an acknowledgment that there must be MORE ... That we need what HE CAN DO, having seen the INADEQUACY of what WE CAN DO.
- *Have you ever experienced revival? What do you know of any of the historical revivals? What in your imagination would revival look like?*
- *What do the words renewal, awakening & outpouring mean to you?*

## 2 ELEMENTS that lie just beneath the surface of this prayer

### 1. We are asking God to create an ENVIRONMENT amongst us where He can MOVE FREELY & UNHINDERED.

- \* Our question becomes, are we WILLING to CULTIVATE such an environment?
- *To what extent does revival depend on God and to what extent does it depend on us? What is our part in it? What's His?*
- *How do we 'cultivate' an 'environment?' What are the 'greenhouse conditions' that are ripe and ready for God to move freely & unhindered?*

## THREE CHARACTERISTICS God is looking for

- a) SURRENDER (Psalm 72:6, Prov 19:23, Rom 12:1, Heb 12:28-29, all TPT)
- \* Till the Lord is truly on the THRONE, we're not READY for revival.
- b) HOLINESS (Josh 3:5, Matt 5:8, Heb 12:14-18)
- \* Right order = CONSECRATION, then the MOVE of GOD.
  - \* Historically, most revivals started with the Lord sweeping through a congregation with a SPIRIT of REPENTANCE.
- c) UNITY (Psalm 133)
- \* There's a very strong connection between UNITY, ANOINTING & BLESSING.
  - \* How FIERCELY are we prepared to GUARD UNITY or how CASUALLY will we FRITTER it away?
- *What does 'surrender' mean to you? Are you surrendered? How do we become more surrendered? What happens if we are? What won't happen if we aren't?*

- *What is holiness? How do we become more holy? How has the church sometimes got it wrong historically (think about the Pharisees, for example)?*
- *What does it really mean to be in unity? What are the threats to unity in the church? What responsibility do we have to guard that and how do we do so?*
- *How is the 21<sup>st</sup> Century church doing with those three things? What could we do to increase our surrender or holiness or unity?*

We cannot make it RAIN; we cannot make the HARVEST GROW, but we can PREPARE the SOIL.

Revival will not come through our HARD WORK or GOOD INTENTIONS, but because God finds an IRRESISTIBLE ENVIRONMENT.

→ *Is this true? If so, why?*

### 2. We are telling God we've COUNTED the COST and are prepared to PAY the PRICE

When we pray, 'Send revival,' we are ...

- a) Inviting God to turn things UPSIDE-DOWN.
- *What might be turned upside-down? What, in your opinion, needs to be turned upside-down? How does God do it?*
- b) Asking God for a DEEP CONVICTION that will be uncomfortable.
- *What is that 'deep conviction' and why is it important?*
- c) Saying you're prepared to EMBRACE the MESS.
- *What 'mess' might need to be embraced and how do we 'embrace' it?*
- d) Asking God to dramatically increase the SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE.
- *What is the spiritual temperature right now? How might it increase? What's stopping it from doing so? What would happen if it did?*
- e) Acknowledging it's going to have to be on HIS TERMS, not YOURS.
- *Why is this so important? Does this principle explain why revival isn't as common as we'd like? What would be 'His terms?'*
- f) Noting that with the ATTENTION will almost inevitably come CRITICISM
- *Why does revival attract attention? From whom? Why does it attract criticism? From whom?*
- g) Willing to be brought to our KNEES.
- *Why is humility so important to revival and pride such a severe threat?*

## RESPONSE

*How do you feel about praying this prayer right now? Excited? Nervous? Anxious? Curious?*

*How different do you feel about it having listened to this message and discussed it?*