

FIRESTARTERS 5

PRAYER TOOL

Igniting Prayer for Revival in our City • 5 Minutes to Read • 5 Minutes in Prayer

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THEME VERSE:

*O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly;
My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You,
In a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

Psalms 63:1

THE GOD OF REVIVAL:

Exploring the Types of Revivals (Pt 3)

We have been talking about several kinds of revival: Personal, corporate, and historic. Each one reflects a change in scope. Personal revival affects an individual and sets in motion a revitalized heart. God does this by encountering a person powerfully as they seek after Him and position themselves to trust God fully.

Corporate revival centers on a local church or a distinct community of believers. It tends to impart strong lasting effects upon a majority of the group, so that sin is confessed, relationships are restored, and supernatural occurrences like physical healing and deliverance occur within a localized context. The believers in this church are greatly blessed by the presence of God in their midst. However, this kind of revival rarely gets past the church walls, and it usually fails to move outward to significantly impact the city or other churches.

Historic revival deals with the largest scope of revival. It also has the clearest phases that lead up to it. Usually, there are times of great persecution or societal darkness that envelop the Church and the city or nation. This often sparks a deep longing within many Christ-followers for God to step in and bring about change. This almost always develops into a movement of intense and costly prayer in the region. And, in God's divine timing, at one moment on a particular day, God pours out a flood of the Holy Spirit in a very potent and tangible way upon a group of people. It is usually very clear that God is present. The time that leads up to historic revival may span years or even decades, but, once revival is ignited, it quickly spreads outward to new churches and neighborhoods and cities. It can change the character and destiny of cities and nations for years, if not generations. Its impact far exceeds what observers might expect from its seemingly small beginnings.

It's interesting that when historic revival arrives, it inevitably brings a surge of personal revivals and corporate revivals as the Holy Spirit touches and convicts more and more people. However, the opposite is not true. Personal revival alone, in one individual, does not immediately lead to historic revival. Similarly, corporate revival in one church is not sufficient to trigger the next level of revival. They ARE good things. They are blessings from God. But, historic revival is a sovereign act of God. Yes, there is a partnership with His people. Yes, the Lord is looking at our hearts and listening for our prayers. But, in the end, God initiates the supernatural outpouring in His timing.

If you want to see historic revival, take note of what has happened in history. The Church must persist, pressing forward in deep longing for more of God and His power. It requires patience on a whole new level. The pages of history attest to exactly this kind of humble and earnest disposition before revival comes. It takes costly prayer. It calls for a fierce and relentless kind of faith and hope. It stirs us to serve others today and to love deeply with the resources we already have. But we can't forget that historic revival is far far bigger than our best efforts, even if we already work with supernatural giftings! There is more! Historic revival is huge, because God's presence becomes unmistakable and He gets all the glory in the end.

THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYERS:

Praise God for a significant increase in the prayer temperature in our city! Just in the past month, many churches were fasting and praying for God's leading and for revival. In addition, the city's intercessors are making plans for large prayer gatherings this year, and even international intercessors from outside the USA have initiatives in the works to pray for our city and our nation.

PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:

FOR THE CITY:

- **CHARLOTTE'S CALL TO PRAYER.** From February 24th - 26th (Thursday - Saturday), 2022, the ministry For Charlotte is facilitating a multi-church time of prayer for the city. It will be held at First Baptist of Charlotte, and it is inviting prayer warriors from all churches and around our city to join together for encouragement and intense prayer. The guest leader will be Carole Ward, whom God has used to spark the Church in various countries around the world. Pray that it will be a mighty time of activation and re-dedication for all in attendance and a key step towards revival.
- **KOREAN PRATER TEAMS.** God has moved upon the hearts of the Church in South Korea to sacrificially send 200 prayer leaders and pastors to the United States in June 2022. They will send 20 teams of 10 intercessors across the USA, one team each in 20 key cities. One team will be in Charlotte, and they will be hosted by Resurrection Church. They are here to pray for our city and nation that God would reverse the flow of intense darkness and bring revival once again. Pray for them and with them as this season of prayer heats up.
- **WAR IN UKRAINE.** With the rising speculation that Russia will Ukraine, let's pray for peace. Pray that tensions and hostilities can be eased and that war will be averted. It is a war that could pull in the USA and Europe if Russia were to invade. Pray also for the people of Ukraine, for their freedoms and for divine protection from harm.
- **CANADIAN TRUCKERS.** The Canadian Freedom Truckers have been in the news, as they peacefully protest the vaccine mandates, considering them indicative of governmental overreach and bullying. It is a tough issue for everyone, as the protest does negatively impact some supply chains to the USA. But the larger question is: Are they correct? Are citizen's freedoms ruthlessly being taken away by the government? Let's pray for God to step in and protect our nations from wicked leaders and to watch over His people during these trying times.

FOR JOBS, BUSINESSES, AND THE ECONOMY:

- **QUEEN CITY LEADERS MINI-SUMMIT.** Pray for the upcoming Queen City Leaders Mini-Summit on March 4 featuring David Hoffman. Pray that followers of Jesus will take advantage of this opportunity to invite friends who are unconvinced of the truth of the Gospel, and that hearts will be opened at this event. Pray also for the for the QCL Summit in September: the Lord has provided a speaker, Mr Kelly King of Truist Bank; a venue, Truist Field; and a date: September 15th. Pray for His continuing favor with sponsors, support teams, and volunteers.
- **BELIEVERS IN THE MARKETPLACE.** Pray for men and women in the marketplace who are discouraged, disillusioned and fearful given threats of job loss under vaccine mandates, continuing supply chain issues, and inflation. Pray that those who are skeptical of trusting institutions will find comfort in the hope of the Lord, who always trustworthy and faithful.

FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES AND REVIVAL:

- **FOR LOVE LIFE MINISTRIES.** Pray for God's favor for this ministry that strives to unite churches in prayer and worship to end abortion in our city. Pray for the new season of prayer walks.
- **FOR REVIVAL.** Father God, bring personal revival and corporate revivals all across our city. But more than that, hear our prayers. Hear our hearts. Pour out a mighty wave of Your Holy Spirit once again and bring about another historic Great Awakening to heal and restore us. Amen!

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