



LET'S GO DEEPER

Seeking Revival - Intimacy - June 23 - Pastor Rob

Isaiah 55:1-13

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. 2 Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. 3 Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. 4 See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. 5 Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendour. 6 Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. 9 As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. 12 You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hill will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briers, the myrtle will grow. This will be for the Lord's renown, for an everlasting sign that will endure forever.

1. Because the greatest call in your life is to intimate relationship with God

Here is the absolute most simple way you can paraphrase Isaiah 55:

Come!! You! Come! Listen to me. Come to me. I am the way you are looking for. Seek me. Turn to me. Trust in me. Choose me. You will not regret it.

Matthew 7:7-9

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks

QUESTIONS:

1. What does Revival mean to you?

2. How is seeking an intimate relationship with God help you experience the revival of God?

3. What is the power and presence of God?



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receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Seeking revival is not seeking an event. It is transformation. It does not exist somewhere between our excellence and convincing him to move. It is full out drop you to your knees, confess your sin, declaring the truth, and trust him with everything because you are in the presence of the living God. Revival is fear... revival is awe... revival is reverence.

If you are already a believer, revival is not a powerful movement to convince you of God's greatness. You should know his greatness, because you know him. If you are a follower of Christ, I hope you already know how great he is.

Revival is about taking what was dead and bringing it back to life.

Revival is about recognizing the futility of the world and trusting fully in Jesus.

Revival is worry to hope. It is fear to courage. Shame to Value. Darkness to Light. It is death to life.

Revival is not an event. Let me tell you. The talent that exists in this place. We can put on an event. We want to...we can put on event. No Problem!! That is not what we are asking for. The power and the presence of God, is not an event to be consumed. It is transformation from reliance on ourselves as gods of our own lives, to reliance on him.

Revival is the most intimate you will be with God. It tears away the veil again. No pretence. You and him. Do... you... trust... him? You are not God!!

2. You won't miss what He's doing

God is NOT pouring out his spirit to validate your thoughts, opinions, fears, hopes or dreams! This is what the Pharisees sought after. They were seeking position. It's what the Pharisees wanted, it's what Israel wanted...if we are honest...it's what we want!

What if a powerful move of God...a revival...was meant to change our hearts to him? What if he came... not to vindicate us in our self-

QUESTIONS:

1. What where the Pharisees seeking?

2. What are you seeking?

3. What doesn't God expect to validate in us when pouring his spirit?



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righteousness... but to change our wrong thinking? Would we be okay with that?

A move of God...His presence... ushers in the Kingdom. It does NOT raise us up to a position of greatness. Titles mean nothing in revival.

Matthew 20:13-16

"He answered one of them, 'Friend, I haven't been unfair! Didn't you agree to work all day for the usual wage? 14 Take your money and go. I wanted to pay this last worker the same as you. 15 Is it against the law for me to do what I want with my money? Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?' 16 "So those who are last now will be first then, and those who are first will be last."

3. We experience Him to the fullest

Revival is needed... again not because we are seeking emotional ecstasy.

We ask for revival because revival means we experience heaven on earth. It means God's will be done. It means, we fully give ourselves to him in reverence, and in awe, fully trusting that what he wants to do is what we need.

His fullest does not equal us, on our knees 24/7. He has work for us. Purpose for us. He desires worship, deserves worship and is the only thing we should worship. BUT... he is at work.

You know the phrase don't you? So heavenly minded, they are no earthly good? Yeah. Revival will not equal Christians laying around in some spiritual trans tripping out on God. He is not a fix. He is everything. He is not a dopamine hit. A lot of sinful things will give you that. The purpose of revival is that he draws you so closely to him.

4. He gives you more than you can ask or imagine

Ephesians 3:20 Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. 21 Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

QUESTIONS

1. Why is revival needed?

2. What is revival not?

3. What is the purpose of revival?



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John 14:10

I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

Are we experiencing this? Are we in the Father like Jesus? Is the Father in us? Or do we put our faith in systems, in politics, in kings?

will expand, it will peak, it will retract, it will recover.

What is it you are searching for in this life? Is it revival? Is it that God would move in and amongst his people in order to show exactly how graceful... merciful... powerful... and miraculous he is?

The key here is not my ability to dream. It is his will and his ability to show me how amazing this life is in him. None our abilities transform a life, restore a family, heal an illness, or break through the darkness.

Far more than we can hope or imagine... THATS LIFE! Life to its fullest! Eternal Life.

The most important reason for intimacy in revival is this:

You will recognize HE deserves the glory. He is the only way to eternal life.

If I am close with God. Each and every day. The answer is actually quite simple.

He deserves the glory.

The proper response to an outpouring of God is "Here I am God. I cannot believe you would even consider using me. BUT HERE I AM."

5. You are safe in his glory

Because he has your best interest at heart

So, come... are you tired? Come.

Are you thirsty? Craving something besides what you are being sold? Come.

QUESTIONS

1. What is the most important reason for intimacy in revival?

2. What truth comes to me easy when I close to God every day?

3. Why does revival come to our lives?
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HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

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4. Intimacy with God will allow us to experience God fully. Even as Christians we may be pushed away from God. The daily routines, life worries, preoccupations, etc. “There is no time!” There is always time, if we want to make time. We make time to spend in social media, to watch that hockey or sport game. We stop everything to watch that game we have been waiting. In the same way we can make time for God. Actually, we should because spending time with him will makes us become intimate with him and then we will experience him fully. Do you want that?