

Introduction:

- May 19-21 special service at FCC with Mike Fehlauer. Revival Wells, Open Up!
- I believe that there exists ancient wells of revival in some cities and places all over the world. They seem to be places that God routinely visits and pours out His blessings upon that people.
 - Jamie Buckingham - baptism in Holy Spirit in this region.
 - Paul Keith Davis - "Seeds of Jack Coe here in this region."
 - Melbourne Renewal 1995
- There has been a unity among the pastors in this region since the late 80's/early 90's. When pastors get together to pray, that is huge.

I. What Is Revival

- A. Defined: Revival means 'life'. Revival is all about life or restoration of life.
1. Theological Wordbook of OT (TWOT): *haya* - basic meaning "to live or have life' can also mean "giving or restoring life." Smick, E. B. (1999). [חַיָּה](#). In R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 279). Moody Press.
 2. The NT equivalent is Zoe. Vitality of life. Jn 10:10 *I have come that you may have life.*
 3. Revival is needed because humanity is dead or dying. Revival is needed because that which has been made alive has a tendency to drift away from God into lifelessness and backsliding. Ie Ezk 37 Can these bones (dead) live? (Live is from *haya*.)
- B. Revival, as defined by the church, has to do with a move of God that results in a geographical region or city that experiences God in a supernatural way. The result is a region coming alive with salvations affecting societal changes.
1. IE. It was said of John Wesley that he saved England from revolution.
- C. For us the goal is to live in Eph 3:16-19 *"that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."* (Ephesians 3:16-19, ESV)
1. Strengthened with power of Holy Spirit
 2. Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith
 3. Rooted and grounded in love
 4. To know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge and be filled with God.

II. When Is Revival Needed?

- A. The simple answer is when you are spiritually dead or spiritually dying—revival is needed.

1. Revival is needed because that which has been made alive has a tendency to drift away from God into lifelessness and backsliding.
 2. Ie Ezk 37 Can these bones (dead) live? (Live is from *haya*.)
 3. America needs revival now.
- B. Scriptures speak of it.
1. *"Will you not **revive us again**, that your people may rejoice in you?"* (Psalm 85:6, ESV)
 2. *"O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years **revive it**; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy."* (Habakkuk 3:2, ESV)
 3. *"Then we shall not turn back from you; **give us life**, and we will call upon your name!"* (Psalm 80:18, ESV)
 4. *"For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to **revive** the spirit of the lowly, and to **revive** the heart of the contrite."* (Isaiah 57:15, ESV)
 5. *"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,"* (Hebrews 5:12, ESV)
 6. *"Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees,"* (Hebrews 12:12, ESV)
- C. Scriptures show our need of revival.
1. Israel's entire history is one of 'All is well!' And 'All is not so well.'" When she served God she lived alive! When she backslid bad things happened to her.
 2. NT reveals how the church was born in the fire of God yet in the book of Revelation about 40 years later we see the condition of the church (Rev 2 and 3)

III. What Does Revival Look Like?

- A. It looks like life! People are alive! Smiles are common. Joy abounds and peace prevails.
- B. People honor one another, prefer one another, consider others before themselves.
- C. Revival looks like:
 1. Blind people seeing.
 2. Lepers being healed
 3. Bleeding woman healed
 4. Storm silenced
 5. Mother-in-law healed / fever broken
 6. Young girl raised to life.
 7. Five thousand men and families fed.

8. Taxes paid with gold coin
9. Water turned to wine.
 - a) What do all of these have in common? Jesus was there and Life met death.
- D. Revival looks like:
 1. Lame man walking
 2. Three thousand saved
 3. Ananias going to Saul and Saul being born again
 4. Viper falls off into a fire.
 5. Dorcas restored to life
 6. Demons leave a slave girl.
 7. Peter's shadow heals
 - a) What do all of these have in common? Church was there and life met death.
- E. Revival looks like entire regions being changed
 1. Samaria - is saved
 2. Ephesus - is saved Acts 19. Changed the city.
 3. George Otis - Transformation videos. Manchester Kentucky, Almolonga, Guatemala

Conclusion:

- *"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.' "* (John 7:38, ESV) Living water - faith.