

RHYTHMS OF REVIVAL WEEK 1

Revival is often misunderstood as a “thing” that happens in a church, community or nation, but in actuality, it’s an environment of Christians open to and desiring of God’s living presence. When God moves and reveals Himself in new and unexpected ways, things change. We awaken to the sinful, broken practices of our communities and ourselves and are convicted to repent and bring change. We surrender our lives, behaviors and thinking to the Holy Spirit to saturate and compel us deeper into relationship with God and further in God’s call to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to a lost world. This week, the devotional is going to be a little different to help us all follow a consistent rhythm as we earnestly seek His living presence. Each day, dedicate time to worship, pray, repent and prepare.

**WORSHIP: PSALM 96, 1 CHRONICLES 16:23-31,
DANIEL 2, JOHN 4:23-24, REVELATION 4-5,
PSALM 100, ACTS 16:16-34**

Begin each devotional time with worship this week. Celebrate who He is to you and the ways you’ve experienced His love for you and others. Imagine what it would look like for the tangible presence of God to invade the earth. How would nature respond? How would we respond? What is all of heaven saying right now? Singing? Shouting? Thank Him for Jesus. Thank Him for the Holy Spirit. Thank Him for not forgetting us or holding our sins against us forever. Declare God’s goodness to others. Share your heart’s desire to welcome Him here and participate in the great things He has done, is doing and will continue in and around us.

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**REPENT: HEBREWS 12, ISAIAH 64, 1 JOHN 1,
1 JOHN 2, LUKE 18:9-14, DEUTERONOMY 10:12-22**

If we are to welcome the living presence of our God to come and freely move in new and unexpected ways, we must prepare our hearts. Look at Isaiah's prayer in Isaiah 64. He is directly asking the Lord to come down to His people. There is beautiful, worshipful imagery here depicting the power of God's presence and, in contrast, the consistent ignorance of the people. In verses 5-12 Isaiah recognizes his sins and the sins of the Israelites and pleadingly asks the Lord to not remember their iniquities forever. Take some time each day to repent from the things in your heart, in your family, community or nation that are in contrast to His intention for us to experience Life.

**PRAY: 2 CHRONICLES 7:11-15, 1 JOHN 5:14-15,
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7, EPHESIANS 6:18-20, JOHN 10:10**

Communicate with God. Because of Jesus, boldly ask Him to move powerfully in new, undeniable ways in your life, in your household, in this community, in this country and on this planet. Because of Jesus, pray against the forces of wickedness that seek to destroy, discourage and distract us from sharing the life-changing love of Jesus Christ with the world. Pray for others, that the Holy Spirit might convict, challenge, comfort, heal and call others into deeper relationship with Him. Pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ, that they might remain strong in the faith and continue as testimonies to God's love and will. Pray for your enemies and those in conflict with you, that the Holy Spirit might bring conviction and reconciliation in both of your hearts so you can demonstrate Christ to others.

**PREPARE: LUKE 12:35-48, EPHESIANS 6:10-17,
ROMANS 10:8-15, MATTHEW 24:36-51, ISAIAH 54:13-17**

A revival is never something we've penciled in on the calendar or pre-ordered. Rather, if we earnestly desire to see the Spirit of God move in new and unexpected ways, we must eagerly anticipate and prepare for His action. Who can you share the Gospel with today? Do it! Where can you go or what can you do to love someone like Jesus? Do it! What can you do to help advance the spread of the Gospel in your reach and beyond it? Do it! Keep these questions at the forefront of your mind as you walk out the door and encounter an entire world in need of Jesus' saving blood.