

A People of the Book
A Topical Study

A Study of

Revive Me Again

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“Revive Me Again!” - Lighting the Fire of Revival & “The Dry Bones”

“if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now My eyes will be open and My ears attentive to prayer made in this place. For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, that My name may be there forever; and My eyes and My heart will be there perpetually...”

2 Chronicles 7:14-16

Introduction

In traumatic times, the Lord’s church needs revival. Sometimes we as individuals need a revival of our passion for the Lord, a revival of our zeal for the truth of word of God, a revival of our desire to seek and save the lost, and a revival of courage to persevere in our struggle against sin. We argue and divide but compliment ourselves about our righteousness in the truth while ignoring the pain and sin of the hurting and dying world.

We all need to be challenged to be revived, to live again! We all need to have someone fan the smoldering embers of our spiritual lives into a healthy open flame so that in difficult times we can stand firm and not be shaken.

I. GATHERING THE FUEL FOR FIRE

A. The Dry Bones of God’s People

1. churches may be full of people but empty of God
2. we often have a self-sufficient spirit and an apathetic heart
3. we sometimes live a disobedient lifestyle
4. we lack spiritual commitment and bow before “tolerance”
5. we attend “church” but do not feel a part of it

B. How Do We Know We Are Getting Dry Spiritually?

1. when we don’t confess our sins
2. when there is no desire for personal Bible study and prayer
3. when spiritual conversation embarrasses us
4. when we rationalize sin
5. when we quote scripture, but it makes no difference in our lives
6. when money, hobbies and interests dominates our lives
7. when relatives and friends are lost but we do nothing
8. when worship & service to God does not excite us

II. THE REVIVAL OF EZEKIEL – Ezekiel 37:1-14

A. God’s People Are Discouraged & Spiritually Dead

1. “Can these bones live again?”
2. bones were not alive, but dead and *very* dry
3. God told Ezekiel to preach to the bones
4. through Ezekiel’s preaching, God breathed His spirit on the dead
5. what looks to be impossible for man, God can do through His word

B. How Can **WE** revive?

1. confession of sin – we cannot be right with God with sin in our lives
2. ruthless confession is admission “I have sinned”
3. 2 Samuel 12:12, Isaiah 6:5, Nehemiah 1:6
4. once we confess sin, we can rejoice in our salvation
5. once we confess sin, we can be passionate in worship again
6. Psalm 32, Isaiah 6, Nehemiah 9
7. ruthless hunger & thirst for God’s word & prayer

III. LIGHTING THE FIRE

A. Results of Revival

1. rekindling of passion & burden for lost souls – Psalm 51:12-13
2. recommitting our lives to what is real – John 21
3. repairing of broken marriages & families – Hosea 3, Luke 15:11-32
4. restoring of spiritual zeal – 1 Cor. 5, 2 Cor. 2, Rev. 2 & 3, Psalm 85:6

CONCLUSION

The power of God’s word and confession of sin always ignite a revival of spiritual passion for the lost souls. “Dry bones” can be made whole again when we humbly and boldly submit ourselves to the spirit of God.

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Our Service Schedule

Sunday:	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study (classes for all ages)
	11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.	Worship
Wednesday:	7:00 p.m.	Bible Study (classes for all ages)

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