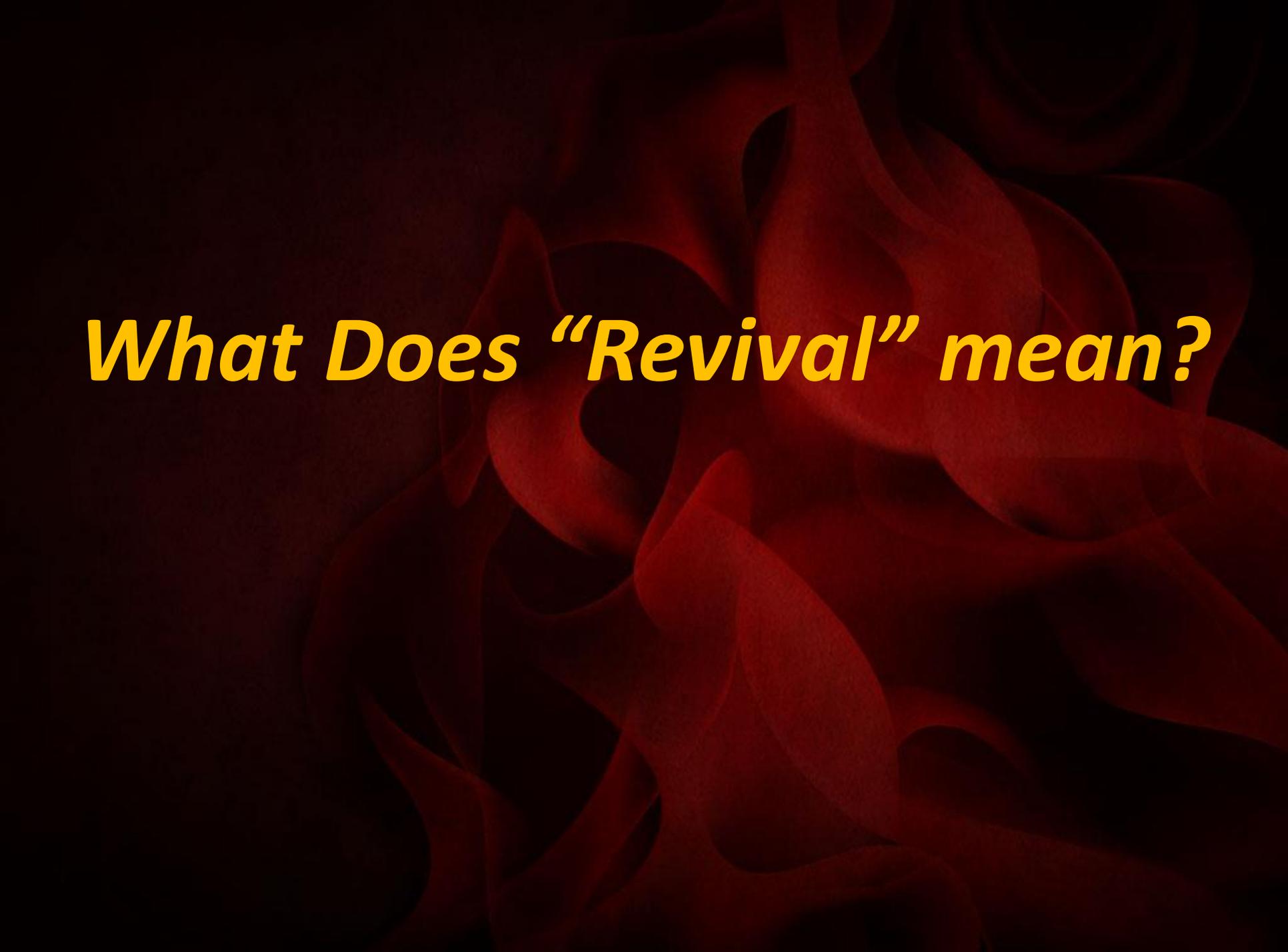


Today's Message:

***“Revival begins
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What Does “Revival” mean?

- Greek meaning: “to live anew”; “to recover”; “to make alive”; “to enliven”; “to refresh”; “to rebuild”; “to restore life”.
- An awakening, revitalizing, restoring of God's people, a strengthening of those things that remain.
- A return to consciousness or life. That which is revived becomes active and flourishing again.
- The inrush of the Spirit into the body that has threatened to become a corpse.
- Times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.
(Acts 3:19)

“Revival is the People of God living in the Power of an Ungrieved, Unquenched Spirit.”

James A. Stewart

“Revival is the king of heaven visiting His people in all His regal splendor and glory.”

T.S. Rendall. (Christian author)

“Revival may be defined as that situation that brings the glory of God back in the churches. Revival is a time of renewed spiritual health brought about by the touch of God.” – Philip A. Jones

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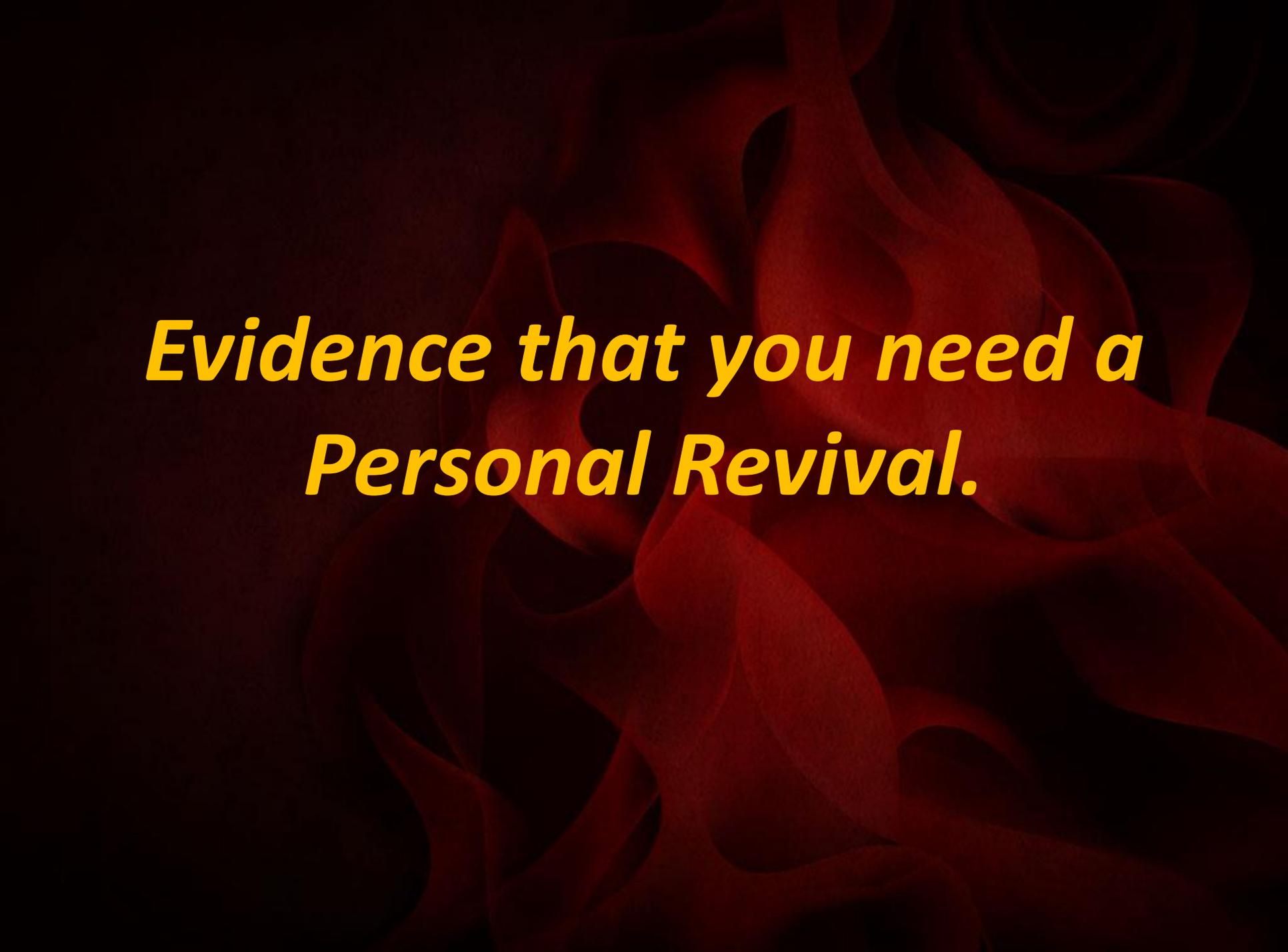
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***Evidence that you need a
Personal Revival.***

- When prayer ceases to be a vital part of your life. It has been said, "revival delays because prayer decays." **II Chronicles 7:14.**
- When you lose your love for hearing the preaching and teaching of God's Word and the reading of it. You become content with the knowledge you have already acquired. **Nehemiah 8:1-12; Jeremiah 15:16.**
- When things like recreation, sports, and entertainment become first in your life. **Proverbs 14:14.**

- When you can indulge in sin without your conscience bothering you. **I Timothy 4:1-2**
- When you no longer care about pursuing Christ-like holiness. **Hebrews 12:14.**
- When the acquisition of money and goods becomes dominant in your thinking. **Deuteronomy 8:1-18; Haggai 1:1-15.**

- When worship becomes a weariness. Church services lose their excitement, you can mouth religious songs and words without heart, there is no song in your heart, no praise with the ring of joy. **Isaiah 29:13; Matthew 15:8.**
- When disunity in the fellowship is of no concern to you. **Proverbs 6:19; I Corinthians 3:1-3; Romans 16:17.**
- When the slightest excuse seems sufficient to keep you from serving the Lord.

- **When your lack of spiritual power no longer concerns you; there is no restless yearning for more of God and His power in your life.**
- **When your heart is hard: Your tears do not flow easily, you are uncaring, abrupt, etc. You do not weep over the things that Jesus wept like a lost city, the spiritual condition of man, the sorrows of others. **Hebrews 3:1-14.****

***How to Begin the Revival
Process.***

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- **Humble ourselves.**
- **Pray.**
- **Seek God's face**
- **Repent.**

- If all the sleeping folks would wake up,
- If all the lukewarm would fire up,
- And all the disgruntled would sweeten up,
- And all the discouraged would cheer up,
- And all the depressed would look up,
- And all the estranged would make up,
- And all the gossipers would shut up,
 - **Then there might come a revival.**

“And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.”

Romans 13:11-12



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My Dream for Church

I can see an assembly of God's people, worshiping with hands raised and the glory of God shining on their faces. I can see a joyous people of God who are enthusiastic about being in God's presence and thirsty for a "drink" of God's Spirit. I dream of a church where at every gathering, there are people rushing to the front to repent and surrender their lives to Jesus Christ. I can envision a building so full that there is standing room only and others lined up outside waiting for their opportunity to gather and worship the living God. I can see a place where people are lovers of God and His Word and where there is a felt sense of reverence for God's Word as we open it up together.

I can see a place where the children and the youth are filled with the Holy Spirit and ignited with a passion to tell others about Jesus. I can see an army of people, who know who they are in Christ, and who are filled with the Word of God and the Spirit of God going out from the assembly, ready to face a lost and dying world with love and expectancy that the same God they experienced within the walls of the church building is going to work through them as they reach out to their friends, families and co-workers.

I can see people standing before the congregation who were formerly bound by sins, addictions, sickness and false religions, giving their testimonies of how they have been delivered from Satan's power and how Jesus Christ has set them free. They are living, walking testimonies of the power of a changed heart! I see a transformed city due to transformed hearts where places of disrepute have to close, crime rates decline drastically and where hope is restored to families.

All of this would be considered to be unrealistic to many, if not most, but my reply is "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Rom 8.31).

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