

REVIVE US AGAIN

Life Connecting Teams ~ January 2026
New Covenant Church of Philadelphia

Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You? Psalm 85:6 NIV

Objective: To gain a better understanding of true revival in our hearts, the church and in the nations.

Introduction: Here we are at the beginning of a new year by God's grace. The key word is "new". A time of reflection on what has been and anticipation for the new things to come. When we exchanged our old life, for life in Jesus Christ, we became recipients of these promises from God's word: **2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV** says: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new", And He who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." **Revelation 21:5 ESV**

Revival is the heartbeat of spiritual renewal. We must see revival as personal first. It is a *divine awakening* that reorients our hearts, minds, and souls toward God which transforms lives, families, churches, and communities. In a world where distractions, challenges, and spiritual complacency often hinder our walk with God, revival becomes essential. It revives the spirit, strengthens faith, restores hope, and rekindles the fire of the Holy Spirit in every believer. Revival is not just a fleeting emotional experience; it is a continuous process of aligning ourselves with God's will, walking in righteousness, and reflecting His glory through our actions.

Lesson: What Is Revival?

Revival is when the people of God turn their hearts to God completely. They turn away from sin and the things of this world, and their desire is to serve God fully, aligning their hearts, minds, and lives with what He desires. The scripture which is so familiar to us is from 2 Chronicles 7:14 (*select any translation*) - (read it together and use it as a basis for discussing the following points):

Discuss the following points:

Revival does not begin with a change in the culture. It begins with a change in individuals, then the church, which then influences the culture.

When we stop allowing the truth and power of the Word of God to become mundane and rote, when we stop just seeking and act on what has been revealed, when the word becomes flesh in us, we make room for revival to come. When we make Jesus the center of our desires and contentment, we make room for the Kingdom of God in our hearts and in the earth. We set the stage for healing and true revival.

Is the church ready for revival? Let's make this even more personal. Are you ready for revival? Most Christians would agree we need revival in America. How do we change things in this age of declining church memberships, fewer people identifying as followers of Christ, and where the same divisions that divide our nation also divide our churches?

We need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to ignite revival in the church today, strengthen every member, awaken those who have strayed, and increase our hunger for the Word. We need to be united in love, service, and prayer, so we may as the Body of Christ reflect the Glory of God.

Psalm 63:1 NIV "You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you." Amen.

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What Would Revival Look Like?

When you consider what happened in the book of Acts after the Holy Spirit descended, it gives you a wonderful picture of revival. Consider these words from Acts.

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **All the believers were together and had everything in common.** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. **And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved” Acts 2:42-47 NIV.**

Notice the things these believers were devoted to: The word of God; Fellowship; Prayer; The move of the Holy Spirit; Unity; Caring about the needs of others more than their own earthly possessions; Building community. More importantly, notice the result. **God was adding daily to the number who were being saved.** That sounds like a revival and awakening.

Here are several questions that can help determine if you are truly ready for revival:

- Is the word of God, sharing the Gospel, seeking the Presence of God, and obeying Jesus the most important priority in your life?
- Are you committed to prayer and surrendering to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- Are you willing to unite around your belief in Jesus over any other affiliation?
- Are you open to deal with the hard issues that affect the body of Christ? Things such as race, economic status, nationality, denominational identity, politics, or anything else that causes division in the body of Christ.
- Will you commit to seeing people the way Jesus sees them?

Here is the point of these questions. When revival happens in your heart, then you begin to live like Jesus, act like Jesus, talk like Jesus, and concern yourself with the things Jesus concerned himself with.

Will you take up the mantle of the Kingdom of God, and will you seek God in prayer and repentance for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Will you take your eyes off the temporary and place them on the things that are eternal? I believe if you will do these things and align your heart, will, and desires with Jesus’ heart, then we will see a true revival in the nations.

Remember in Prayer:

- Bishop Grannum, Pastor Oliver & Lady Denise, Pastor Omar & his wife Jeneen, Pastor Wangui, Pastor Andrew & his wife Chevas and their families.
- NCC staff and volunteers
- All sick, shut-in and those who are grieving the passing of a loved one
- Restoration Capital Campaign
- Children, youth and young adults
- Restoration of family relationships

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