

ROAD TO REVIVAL

What is “Revival” For The Gathering?

- For us, at The Gathering, we believe revival is:

A powerful move of God’s presence that restores us back to the Biblical standard of living like Jesus on the earth.

What is The End Result of Revival?

- The lasting fruit of revival is:

**Permanent and sustainable life-change by the power of God’s Word and God’s Spirit to live like Jesus on the earth today.
Sons and daughters of God, communing closely with God, being obedient to God on the earth.**

How Long Will Revival Last?

- The beauty of revival as we’ve just described it, is that Jesus intends for it to last until He returns to earth for His spotless and beloved bride - us!
- God absolutely wants to bring a powerful move of His presence that restores us back to Biblical Christ-likeness.
- If we are obedient to Him in this time of revival, then the impact and momentum of revival can be sustained until will we see Him face to face.

Biblical Faith - Romans 4:16-20

Why is Faith Essential to Revival?

- Salvation begins with faith. “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith - and this is not of yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9
- True faith ushers in revival. Romans 4:16-17
- “And without faith it is impossible to please God.” Hebrews 11:6
- We’re commanded to live and walk by faith. (2 Corinthians 5:7)
- “...everything that does not come from faith is sin.” Romans 14:23
- Lack of faith hinders the movement and power of God. “And He [Jesus] did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.” Matthew 13:58

Biblical Truths about Biblical Faith

1. It's Based on God's Ability, Not Our Own

- “He [Abraham] is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed - the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.” Romans 4:17
- It is our God who revives the dead and speaks the impossible into possibility, not us! We can't do these things in our own power, but we can see them come into reality as we genuinely believe in the One who can.
- Jesus said that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. Our mustard seed can't do anything; but a mustard seed of belief in God's ability will move mountains because He created them with His breath and He can easily move them on our behalf.
- The pressure is off! We don't have to strive for impossible miracles. We only have to truly believe in our Miraculous God and trust Him for the results.
- “I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing [miracles, see verse 11]. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.” John 14:12
- If we believe revival means to be restored to the Biblical standard of living like Jesus; then He wants to produce in us a life of miraculous power sustained by faith.
- And don't worry! The faith that you need to believe is given to everyone as a gift from God. And what He has given you is enough! (Romans 12:3)
- Do we need to repent for making ourselves the focus of faith? Do we need to renew our minds to the matchless power and love of God? Do we need to simply come to a Good Father with childlike faith?

2. Biblical Faith is not Limited by What We See

- “Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, ‘So shall your offspring be.’ Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead - since he was about a hundred years old - and that Sarah's womb was also dead.” Romans 4:18-19
- Abraham looked at the natural situation - he was as good as dead and Sarah's womb was dead. Yet he looked past the natural situation and heard the supernatural promise of God to be a father - and believed!

- “Let us walk by faith and not by sight.” 2 Corinthians 5:7
- Could it be that we are hindering the revival God wants to bring because we are focussed on what we can see with our eyes instead of believing the Word of God? Will we repent today, and believe for the impossible?

3. Biblical Faith Does Not Waiver in The Waiting

- “Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God.” Romans 4:20
- There were 25 years between the promise of God and the birth of Isaac. That’s a lot of waiting. Yet Abraham refused to waver.
- It is a choice to be strengthened in our faith during the waiting. We choose to recount the promises of God, confess and repent from doubt, and focus our eyes on what is unseen rather than seen. (2 Corinthians 4:18)
- We live in a culture of instant gratification, but God rules in a kingdom of delayed gratification that builds our character and allows us to truly appreciate His great blessings.
- Do we need to repent for being spiritual sissies? Have we whined and wavered instead of being strengthened and believing?

4. Biblical Faith is Convinced of God’s Faithfulness

- “...he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what He had promised.” Romans 4:19-20
- “Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.” Hebrews 11:1
- Biblical faith is not a wish, a hope, or a half-hearted prayer. Biblical faith is a full assurance and being fully convinced that God will do what He says.
- Where are the Christ followers that are fully convinced that God is faithful? That He is just and right in all He does? That will fight for His promises?!?!?
- We all have portions of doubt and unbelief in our hearts, minds, and human logic. So what do we do with them?
- Be honest with God about our unbelief, confess it as sin, repent from it, know the promises of God, and continually fix our eyes on His faithfulness.

Final Thoughts

- “With God all things are possible.” Matthew 19:26
- “For nothing is impossible with God.” Luke 1:37

- “This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world - our faith.” 1 John 5:3-4
- God is bringing revival to our hearts, our marriages, our church, and our greater community. Will we believe?!
- Will we miss the revival of God in our own lives because we remained focussed on what we can see with our eyes?
- Will we waver or be strengthened? Will we doubt or be fully convinced? When Jesus returns, will He find faith in us?