Walking in Revival : Practical Guide to Christlikeness Col. 3:1-17

What is "Revival" for The Gathering?

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

What is the End Result of Revival?

Permanent and sustainable life-change by the power of God's Word and God's Spirit to live like Jesus on the earth today.

How Long will Revival Last?

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.

What Does it Look Like to Be Walking in Personal Revival And Ushering That Revival For Others? Col. 3:1-17

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the Name of the Lord Jesus Col. 3:17

Whether in Word or Deed

- Words and deeds are extremely important to God. In fact, the Bible teaches that our relationship with God, and effectiveness for God, is defined by them.
- <u>Words</u> "But I tell you that men will have to give an account on the day of judgment for every careless work they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned." Matt 12:36-37
- "But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man unclean." Matthew 15:18
- <u>Deeds</u> "What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such a faith save him?...In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action is dead." James 2:14,17
- "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Ephesians 2:10

In the Name of the Lord Jesus

• "In the Name of Jesus" is so much more than mere words or a tag line at the end of our prayers.

- In the Name of the Lord Jesus means in the character and purpose of Jesus.
- When we truly do or say things in the Name of Jesus, we act and speak in a Christ-like manner and the things we do and say further His kingdom purposes on the earth.
- The Name of Jesus is above every other name. His Name represents genuine love, matchless power, perfect holiness and the very nature of God. His Name is to be respected with a sense of awe in reverent fear.
- We should not and cannot claim the "Name of Jesus" on words or deeds that do not exemplify the character, words and purposes of Jesus Christ.

At Work

- Whether our "job" is a homemaker, business executive, teacher, public servant, contract labor or paid minister; in our current culture, we usually spend the majority of our waking hours at work.
- What does God expect from us at work? To seek His kingdom and His righteousness first. (Matthew 6:33) We can act and speak in the Name of Jesus without ever actually saying His Name or being overly "religious."
- God doesn't want everybody to be preachers or missionaries. Unless He has specifically called you to vocational ministry, He wants you to work right where He has you, acting and speaking in His Name.

- Are we working in Jesus' Name? Are we stewarding the job He has given us for His glory and His kingdom? Or is it just a means of worldly provision?
- In what ways are we dishonoring the Name of Jesus with our actions and words at work? Are we willing to repent today and commit to change by His power?

At Home

- God has entrusted us with the task of stewarding His kingdom on this earth. One of the most important investments God has given us is our family.
- The home is intended to be a place where the presence of God and the ways of God are sought after, experienced and taught to the next generation.
- It should be a place of safety, peace, spiritual growth and the Spirit's leading.
- Are our words and deeds inside the walls of our home expressed in the Name of the Lord Jesus? Are His character, heart and purpose the driving forces of our families when we're behind closed doors?
- Is the Name of Jesus honored by the way we treat and speak to our spouse? Is Jesus pleased with the way we lead, interact with and speak to our kids?
- No one has a perfect home. In my mind, it is one of the most difficult places to be like Christ. But we have an invitation to more through the power of God.

 If needed, would you simply repent today and ask God to help you change?

At Play

- When we aren't working or intentionally leading our family, we often make time for entertainment. This relaxation can take many forms: vacations, movies, television, social media, outdoor activities, sports, reading, games...etc.
- God commands us to rest and gives us blessings for our enjoyment. (Genesis 2:3, 1 Timothy 6:17) We should not feel guilty about rest and relaxation.
- However, we never take a break from the Lordship of Christ. Our love and obedience to God is just as important during play as any other time.
- Do we entertain ourselves in the Name of the Lord Jesus? Are the things we enjoy pleasing to our God or have they become our god?
- Is the name of Jesus honored and respected by the way we relax?
- If not, let's repent and commit to change. How much more fulfilling and rejuvenating could our relaxation be if we did it in His Name and for His glory?