

AWAKENING

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AWAKENING OUR SPIRITUAL PASSION:

"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 I will forgive their sin and will heal their land." **2 Chronicles 7:14**

"Passion for your house has consumed me." **Psalms 69:9**

"The best definition of revival is 'times of refreshing... from the presence of the Lord.'"
-J. Edwin Orr

Revivals are times in which God pours out his Spirit on spiritually dry people, and they live again.

THREE QUESTIONS TO REVIVE OUR PASSION

1. WHAT IS DRAINING YOUR PASSION?

CRITICISM

"The strength of the burden bearers is failing, and there is much rubble; we ourselves are unable to rebuild the wall." **Nehemiah 4:10**

CONFLICT

But about the feuds and struggles that exist among you—where do you suppose they come from? Can't you see that they arise from conflicting passions within yourselves? **James 4:1**

CRISIS

My bones are brittle as dry sticks because of my sin. I'm swamped by my bad behavior, collapsed under an avalanche of guilt. **Psalms 38:4**

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The poor and needy search for water, but there is none; their tongues are parched with thirst. But I the LORD will answer them; I, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.” Isaiah 41:17

2. WHAT MAKES YOU COME ALIVE?

“Don’t ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that. Because what the world needs is people who have come alive.” –Howard Thurman

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.” Ephesians 2:4-5

3. WHAT IS GOD TELLING YOU TO DO?

Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:11-12

Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Then times of refreshment will come from the presence of the Lord. Acts 3:19-20