

AWAKENING

IF MY PEOPLE

Awakening Our Passion For People

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.

2 Chronicles: 7:14 NLT

"You have one business on earth-to save souls." - John Wesley

"The world has yet to see what God can do with a man, fully consecrated... to Him."

- D.L. Moody

"The greatest form of evangelism is to live the Gospel." - Billy Graham

Revival is when people who have-been in the presence of God start going after people who haven't!

...for the light makes everything visible. This is why it is said, "Awake, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Ephesians 5:14 NLT

How To Have A Passion For People

Jesus said loving people is the second-greatest commandment.

'One of them, an expert in religious law, tried to trap him with this question: "Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses?" Jesus replied, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:35-40

Jesus modeled a genuine passion for people.

*"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." **Matthew 9:36 NIV***

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"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

Matthew 9:37

Passion for people begins when we learn to SEE people the way Jesus sees them.

Jesus commanded us to love beyond the people who love us.

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Matthew 5:44 NIV

Jesus made loving people *practical*.

"Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" The man answered, "'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.' And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. 'By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side.' Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' 'Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?' Jesus asked. The man replied, 'The one who showed him mercy.'" Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same." ' **Luke 10:25-37**

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Biblical Passion for People

Passion **SEES**

Passion **STOPS**

Passion **MOVES TOWARD**

Passion **SERVES**

Passion **SACRIFICES**

We are actually commanded to carry one another's burdens

"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2 NIV

From the beginning God created us for **COMMUNITY & CONNECTION**.

God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."

Genesis 2:18 NLT

ISOLATION is a TRAP of the ENEMY

'Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 NLT

Spiritual growth isn't a solitary pursuit. It's a SHARED Journey! A community pursuit shaped by the people we do life with.