

ST. JOHN CHURCH UNLEASHED

21 DAYS

Prayer & Fasting

MARCH 26 - APRIL 18

DAILY PRAYER AT 6:00 AM

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2025 THEME

**“Reviving Lives in 2025”
(Ezekiel 37:1-14 NKJV)**

SJC 2025 PRAYER FOCUS

Igniting Revival

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The St. John Church 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting begins Wednesday, March 26 and ends Friday, April 18 (Good Friday). As we ignite revival during our 21 days of prayer and fasting together as a church family, let us pray to revive lives in 2025. In addition, we want to not only revive lives, but transform lives with the message of Jesus Christ.

Our theme this year is “Reviving Lives in 2025” (Ezekiel 37:1-14). This is a year of revival. God has given us a grace year of opportunity to get revived. During our 21 days of prayer and fasting, we desire revelation, spiritual revival and supernatural resurrection.

Our devotions this year are based on the book, “Igniting Revival” by Scott Hamby. Although it is not necessary to purchase the book to join in our daily devotions, it is recommended for supplemental information and greater understanding. This book can be purchased in the SJC Growing in the Spirit Book Store.

As we enter the season of prayer and fasting as a church, let us purify and consecrate ourselves. As we go forward, we must pray for one another, the church, our community and the world. We trust God to lead, guide and sustain us during our 21 days of prayer and fasting. It’s revival time!

Important Dates:

- ☐ March 26 – April 18 (Good Friday) – **SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting (21 DPF)**
- ☐ March 26 – April 20 (Resurrection Sunday) – **6:00 AM Daily Prayer Call**
- ☐ Sat. April 12 – **Eggstravaganza**, 10:00AM – 1:00PM Southlake Campus
- ☐ Sun. April 13 – **Palm Sunday**
- ☐ April 15-16 – **Holy Week Revival**, 7:00 PM Grand Prairie Campus
- ☐ Fri. April 18 - 21 **Days of Prayer and Fasting End**
- ☐ Fri. April 18 – **Good Friday Service**, 12:00 Noon Grand Prairie Campus
- ☐ Sun. April 20 – **Resurrection Services**, 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM Grand Prairie Campus and 10:30 AM Southlake Campus

There are five components of SJC 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting:

- Personal Quiet Time
- Church-wide Prayer Call
- Personal Fast
- 21-Day Devotional (based on the book, “Igniting Revival” by Scott Hamby)
- Personal Journal

(1) Personal Quiet Time:

Daily personal devotion or quiet time is simply time set apart to spend with God. Plan to spend more time with God daily and be consistent during this season. Quiet time is an integral part of a Christian’s everyday life. This time should allow one to draw closer to God without distractions. Quiet time should incorporate the practice of the spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship, listening, journaling, reading scripture and meditating on God’s Word. We must desire to know God better and be willing to obey the Lord God that we seek to know. Every believer must intensify their commitment to living in accordance and obedience to the Word of God to experience the glory of the Lord like never before!

(2) Church-wide 6:00 AM Prayer Call:

Join the SJC Family for a 6:00 AM prayer call that begins Wednesday, March 6 (including and Sunday) and ends March 31 (Resurrection Day). Each day there is a prayer focus and scripture. Pastor Davis or SJC

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(3) Personal Fast:

Your fast should be so impactful that in your sacrifice you are constantly reminded of the power and presence of God in your life.

Choose your fast:

- Food - Abstain from certain foods (for example, Daniel Fast, eliminating meats, dairy, sugars, junk foods, fried foods, etc.)
- Technology - Minimize the use of technology/television/social media
- Financial - Eliminate non-essential spending (example: Financial Liberation Fast (see the attached addendum- Covenant of Financial Liberation)

Divine cleansing and renewal of our bodies are some of the benefits of a personal fast. Pray for God's wisdom to make appropriate choices during this time of fasting.

You should consult with your physician before beginning a food fast. Remember to drink plenty of water and get sufficient rest.

(4) 21-Day Devotional (based on the book, "Igniting Revival" by Scott Hamby)

We will start each day with The Word, prayer, and focus on our theme. Our 21 daily devotions are included in this guide. Each morning Pastor Davis or SJC representative will lead devotion and prayer each morning.

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(5) 21-Day Journal – journal your 21 days of fasting and prayer journey

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DEVOTIONALS AT-A-GLANCE

DAY	FOCUS	SCRIPTURE	TAKE ACTION
Day 1, WED Mar. 26	Why Do I Want Revival? - A Need for Personal Revival	Isaiah 64:8	Take the time right now to make a calendar entry for regular quiet time with God for the next 20 days to do just that—meet with HIM. Pause and pray for your growth, openness and personal revival in the next 20 days and beyond.
Day 2, THU Mar. 27	So What, “God Loves Me”? - Desensitized to God	John 3:16-18	Meditate on John 3:16-18 and what this means for you. Thank God for his gift of salvation. Let His mind and desires shake your world, change your lifestyle and influence your choices.
Day 3, FRI Mar. 28	Encountering.... - Need for a Personal Encounter with God’s Holiness	Isaiah 6:1-4	Pray that God will open your eyes and heart to His holiness. Read Isaiah 6:1-4 and pray for an encounter of holiness.
Day 4, SAT Mar. 29	He’s Just God - We Must Revere God	Genesis 1:1-2:2	Read Genesis 1. Contemplate on these names of God using your Bible’s concordance or internet, search them out in the Scriptures. Give homage to God.
Sunday, Mar. 30	Revival and the Word of God 2 Peter 3:18		
Day 5, MON Mar. 31	It’s My Decision - Surrendering to God	Matthew 26:36-46	Today read Matthew 26:36-46 and reflect on the choices made by Jesus and the disciples. What choice will you make? Pray and reflect, asking the Father to help you.
Day 6, TUE Apr. 1	He Is Accountable to Who? - God’s Sovereignty	Psalms 145:13 Proverbs 3:5-6	Reflect on the sovereignty of God. Pray that God will give you peace so that you may accept His sovereignty.
Day 7, WED Apr. 2	Ah, There Is a Theme - Justice Is Required	Isaiah 6:5	Read Isaiah 6:5 Think, evaluate your relationship with your Lord and Savior. Cry out to the Lord over you sin. Let a new song of revival begin.
Day 8, THU Apr. 3	What is Repentance - Time for U-turn and Abandonment	Romans 6:1-14	Pray that the Holy Spirit will show you your sins. Repent of your sins. Seek the Holy Spirit to help you no longer be enslaved to them
Day 9, FRI Apr. 4	Struggling with Sin - Being on Auto-Pilot	Romans 7:12-25	Pray fervently for God to help you in your continuous struggle with sin.
Day 10, SAT Apr. 5	Sin Makes a Better Testimony! - Sinning Must Stop	Romans 12-13	Pray today asking Jesus to convict you of the sin in your daily life
Sunday, Apr. 6	Revival As Antidote to the Evils of this Present Darkness Ephesians 6:12		

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Day 11, MON Apr. 7	Is There a Difference - A Need for Weeping, Sacrifice, and Repentance	Luke 18:18-29	Pray today that God would show you and lead you to shift your thoughts and actions to want the desires of God.
Day 12, TUE Apr. 8	God Calls Me to Do What?? - Wrestling with Repentance	Genesis 32:22-32	Pray that God will meet with you, lift this burden, strengthen you to accomplish His agenda and bless you because of your repentance.
Day 13, WED Apr. 9	I See You - Seeing Temptation for What It Is	Matthew 4:1-11	Pray and live to turn every temptation from an opportunity of failure into an opportunity of spiritual success.
Day 14, THU Apr. 10	Out of This World - Struggle Against Evil	Ephesians 6:10- 11	Prepare for battle mentally and spiritually by praying continuously.
Day 15, FRI Apr. 11	Tools Included, Part 1 – Understanding the Armor of God	Ephesians 6:13- 15	Put on the armor! Look for ways to see how the armor of God protects, helps, and changes you today.
Day 16, SAT Apr. 12	Tools Included, Part 2 – Understanding the Armor of God	Ephesians 6:16- 18	Make a commitment to routinely put on the armor of God. Spend time with the Lord discussing these tools and their application in your life.
Sunday, Apr. 13	GRACE PALM SUNDAY John 12:13		
Day 17, MON Apr. 14	No One Is an Island – The Church Is an Army Who Can Win Together	Acts 4:32-35	Call, text or email someone and ask them to meet you for prayer today.
Day 18, TUE Apr. 15	The Power of Prayer – Pray to Discover and Move to His Will	Philippians 4:6-7	Read and memorize Philippians 4:6-7
Day 19, WED Apr. 16	Getting Usable – Forgiveness Is Not Optional	Matthew 5:23-24	Pray today that God will show you who you need to forgive, then find them and forgive them before the sun sets.
Day 20, THU Apr. 17	The Rules – Which Rules Are You Living By?	Colossians 3:1-17	Today pray through this list in Colossians 3. Christians living holy who separate themselves to Truth will bring a revival to themselves and others. Are you living holy?
Day 21, FRI Apr. 18 GOOD FRIDAY	Hope – The Revival Has Begun	Romans 8:25, Romans 12:11-12, Hebrews 6:11	Pray earnestly for our Pastor, church family and yourself for a refreshing and empowering renewal in which we will experience the Lord's presence and splendor! Attend Good Friday service, The Seven Saying of the Cross
Holy Saturday, Apr. 19	HOLY SATURDAY (John 11:25 NKJV)		
Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 20	RESURRECTION SUNDAY (Luke 22:18, 20)		

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DAY 1 – Wednesday, March 26

Why Do I Want Revival? - A Need for Personal Revival

*“Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter;
we are all the work of your hand.” - Isaiah 64:8*

Today many things demand our attention: family, job, politics, hobbies, friends, world events, church and on and on. We focus on multiple things at once. It has become our American culture. Another part of that culture is to be self-sufficient. We have a “can do” attitude and can do it on our own. We rely on our tools to get us through the day, not other people. And if we’re honest, not on God either or maybe not as much as we need to anyway.

Revival is more than just an event happening at church; something you go to and check the box for attendance. Revival is to be a daily and repeatable event in our lives. We are to pray continually (I Thessalonians 5:17) and pray in the Spirit on all occasions (Ephesians 6:18). Through prayer we are to daily put on the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:11). We are to praise God day after day (Psalms 96:2). We must realign our focus on God.

This need for realignment is why we should want revival, because life’s activities have reduced our relationship with the Father to a check box on a task list. We are no longer living in the dynamic, intimate relationship He designed us to be in with Him. Revival can revitalize our relationship with Him.

As you enter this first week, take note the study is focused on God the Father, who He is, and the proper perspective we must have about His character and purpose.

TAKE ACTION: Take the time right now to make a calendar entry for regular quiet time with God for the next 20 days to do just that—meet with HIM. Pause and pray for your growth, openness and personal revival in the next 20 days and beyond.

DAY 2 – Thursday, March 27

So What, “God Loves Me”? - Desensitized to God

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” - John 3:16-18

Do you have a favorite seat in church? This is where you have watched Christmas plays, Easter programs, and the pastor preach week after week. You know who is sitting in front of you and behind you. It may even be the way your pastor takes a quick survey of attendance.

We are creatures of habit in more ways than this, though. We drive the same path to work, eat at the same restaurants and hear the same words at church. Words and phrases like, “God loves you” or “Jesus died for you” or “God is holy” or “take up your cross.” These all get tossed into the same bucket in our mind labeled “Church Lingo.” The meaning of them fades away as does their impact.

Here is where you make the decision to let these statements in again. God IS Holy. This should cause you to feel weak in the knees, fill your eyes with a flood of tears and heart pound out of your chest because you do not have to be scourged, spit on, mocked or hung for your choices against God’s will for your life (a.k.a. sin).

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TAKE ACTION: Meditate on John 3:16-18 and what this means for you. Thank God for his gift of salvation. Let His mind and desires shake your world, change your lifestyle and influence your choices.

DAY 3 – Friday, March 28

Encountering.... - Need for a Personal Encounter with God's Holiness

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook, and the temple was filled with smoke." - Isaiah 6:1-4

God is holy! What does that mean to you? We speak of it in church, we know what it means and we believe it. That's enough, isn't it? No! Until we encounter God's holiness it will never impact our life. We need to understand that His holiness is a driving factor. It is because He is holy the Seraphim worship Him 24/7 declaring "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;" God set limits around Mount Saini for the Israelites; the whole earth quaked at the death of Jesus; and the reason God will cast Satan into Hell for eternity.

Sin is what broke the relationship between man and God. Romans 6:23 tells us that the consequence of sin is death, that is separation from God forever. God made a way to overcome that break, it was through the death, burial and resurrection of His son Jesus. The only way to restore a perfect and holy relationship is for a perfect human to overcome the barrier of death according to Hebrews 4:15, 7:26 and other passages. Jesus was perfect. He was human and in Revelation 5 he overcame death physically and spiritually.

This is where love, grace and mercy come in. As believers bearing the righteousness of Jesus, we can enter into the presence of God and His holiness. God is holy, and we must be holy to be with Him. Praise the Lord Jesus Christ for making this possible.

TAKE ACTION: Pray that God will open your eyes and heart to His holiness. Read Isaiah 6:1-4 and pray for an encounter of holiness.

DAY 4 – Saturday, March 29

He's Just God - We Must Revere God

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." – Genesis 1:1 (also read Genesis 1:1-2:2)

We want to be around V.I.P. We want to be around them because they are important, and we secretly hope that some of it will be imputed to us. God is greater than any V.I.P. No matter what name you can call out from history, they pale in comparison to God. Man's best never reaches God's standard. God with only words, spoke the world into existence. Not only the world, but our universe, galaxy and space beyond. With only His words falling from His lips trillions of stars came to be. With only His words the coloring of butterflies emerged. With only His words man and woman were made in His image. How amazing is that?

We forget too easily how great God really is! We reduce him to a vending machine of answers, as the "man upstairs" who might be listening, or the universe police officer waiting to catch you in some offence. God is not any of these. So, who is He?

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TAKE ACTION: Read Genesis 1. Contemplate on these names of God using your Bible's concordance or internet, search them out in the Scriptures. Give homage to God.

Sunday, March 30 Revival and the Word of God

"Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to him, both now and forever! Amen." - 2 Peter 3:18

We will not experience revival if we do not believe, honor and obey God's Word. A revival – a special visitation from God – depends on the truth between the covers of our Bibles. If we are critical or disbelieving, we will not see revival.

The Way to best appreciate the Bible is to know that it is a treasured gift from God to his people. In its page, we're instructed on how to live and how to die. It is our spiritual bread. If we read the Bible with eyes of faith, it won't be long before we are revived.

Prayer: Father, I believe your Word. It is my compass as I navigate through life. Open the truths of the Bible to me as I read, study, and meditate on your Word.

(Our Cry For Revival: 365 Devotions and Prayers For An Outpouring of God's Spirit by Nick Harrison, p 64)

DAY 5 – Monday, March 31 It's My Decision - Surrendering to God

"Then Jesus went with them to the olive grove called Gethsemane, and he said, 'Sit here while I go over there to pray.'" - Matthew 26:36 (also read Matthew 26:36-46)

Choice. It is the basis of our marketplace and our lifestyle. Choice drives our culture's marketing, shopping, corporations and even our churches. Ever been "shopping" for a church? Most of us have at one point or another. We have gotten accustomed to making choices for ourselves. We get upset when we cannot have what we want. Making our own choice has become woven into the fabric of our culture, yet it is the opposite of what we are called to do under His Lordship.

As a true believer, our choice (that is, our want) is irrelevant (Hebrews 12:1-11; James 4:1-10; and others). Our will should be to do His will. We must learn to yield ourselves to God and His plans for Kingdom advancement and our involvement in this magnificent drama. This is the only choice we can make if we call ourselves Christians (John 14:23-24). This choice is obedience. This choice is sacrifice. This choice is not for personal gain. This choice is costly (Matthew 9:57-62), Luke 14:25-33, and others. This choice will yield spiritual fruit and blessings beyond our imagination.

TAKE ACTION: Today read Matthew 26:36-46 and reflect on the choices made by Jesus and the disciples. What choice will you make? Pray and reflect, asking the Father to help you.

DAY 6 – Tuesday, April 1 He Is Accountable to Who? - God's Sovereignty

"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does." - Psalm 145:13

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“Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” - Proverbs 3:5-6

To whom are you accountable? Accountability is defined as being required or expected to justify actions or decisions. For many people this idea brings resentment, anger, fear, or other negative feelings. “I don’t answer to anyone” seems to be the mantra in today’s society.

Nonetheless, we are accountable. We must obey the law or answer to the crime. We have a boss, a spouse, a friend, parents, and others in our lives who expect things from us and when we do not perform, they look for justification and explanation of why and what happened.

God, however, is accountable to no one. Take a moment to think on that. This statement rings in your heart as true and in your mind as sovereign. God is sovereign. God is God, not god. Isaiah 46:9-10 NIV says “I am God, and there is no other. I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.”

Our God declares His sovereignty throughout the scriptures. When we read the Bible from cover to cover, we see Him orchestrating humans, nations, animals, angels, the stars, the timeline, and even life and death for whomever, wherever, and whenever He decides. The Lord God declares, “I am the Alpha and the Omega. Who is and who was, and who is to come, THE ALMIGHTY.” (Revelation 1:8) And again, “I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End.” (Revelation 22:13 NIV)

TAKE ACTION: Reflect on the sovereignty of God. Pray that God will give you peace so that you may accept His sovereignty.

DAY 7 – Wednesday, April 2 **Ah, There Is A Theme Justice Is Required**

“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”
Isaiah 6:5

If you have not discovered it yet, this first week of prayer is focused on God the Father, who He is, and the proper perspective we must have about His character and purpose. This is the starting point. Without seeking to understand and accept who our Creator Lord is, we will never encounter Him. If we cannot encounter Him, we will never see revival individually or as a body of believers. Revival is just as the word says, to make alive again.

As Christians we must see the Godhead for who He is. It is because of who He is that Jesus was required to die. As the sovereign, holy and perfect God, justice is required of sin. Sin must receive judgment.

Justice is the page on which grace and mercy are written. It is only through justice that our Savior’s love, of which we speak so fondly of, truly gains its meaning and value (Roman 3:21-26, 5:8). It was love irrevocably tethered to justice that held Jesus to the cross, not the nails. Jesus understood “it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life” (Lev. 17:11 NIV) so that our relationship with the Father could be restored (Rm 5).

TAKE ACTION: Read Isaiah 6:5. Think, evaluate your relationship with your Lord and Savior. Cry out to the Lord over your sin. Let a new song of revival begin.

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DAY 8 – Thursday, April 3

What is Repentance - Time for U-turn and Abandonment

“Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace?” - Romans 6:1 (also read Romans 6:1-14)

“I Am Sorry” or “My Bad”. Two to three simple words. Impossible words for many. Ever watched someone struggle to utter these words? Why do we struggle with this so much? This struggle extends to our spiritual life, too.

Repentance? Wait, we started this discussion about just saying, “I’m sorry,” not about repentance. True, but, for a Christian repentance is the measure, saying, “I’m sorry” is not. Daily admission of wrongdoing and asking His forgiveness; repentance, meaning 180 degrees of a ‘U-turn:’ abandonment of the sin; warring against its return: this is what God requires. We must have a broken heart with intention and hope of decreasing our weaknesses and desires for rebellion. Our confession to the Lord of our sickness over our sin will lead us to act on His promise found in 1 John 1:9.

TAKE ACTION: 1) Pray that the Holy Spirit will show you your sins 2) Repent of your sins 3) Seek the Holy Spirit to help you no longer be enslaved to them

DAY 9 – Friday, April 4

Struggling with Sin - Being on Auto-Pilot

“But still, the law itself is holy, and its commands are holy and right and good.” - Romans 7:12 (also read Romans 7:12-25)

Have you ever found yourself on auto-pilot as you drive home? Originally, you planned to go somewhere else before returning home. For instance, you needed to get milk from the store or needed to drop something off at a friend’s house, but instead you drove straight home. Pulled into the driveway, and maybe even go inside the house. Then it hits you like a ton of bricks:” I had to go to....” Back into the car you go!

Waging war against sin is much the same. For each of us that sin, which is our personal Achilles heel, is different (2 Cor. 5:17). But for other sins, we scratch and claw through our lives to escape their hold on us. This is where the daily renewal of our minds and hearts becomes so important.

Auto-pilot sends us down the path of our old ways, and if we do not take overt and decisive action to ingrain a new path, we will frequently find ourselves in disobedience. We then need to process through conviction, confession and correction.

TAKE ACTION: Pray fervently for God to help you in your continuous struggle with sin.

DAY 10 – Saturday, April 5

Sin Makes a Better Testimony! - Sinning Must Stop

“Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires. Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God.”- Roman 6: 12-13

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While counseling a young Christian person struggling with the yielding and surrender of her personal desires, heart and plans to God the Father, she became frustrated. She Exclaimed, "Why can't I sin so my testimony will be better? It will show what God can do.

After all, if sinning is how we can encounter God, then we should sin, right? If I truly want to know the power and saving grace of Jesus, then I need to find a really detestable sin and commit it. Sinning, therefore, is the way to deepen my personal relationship with Him.

Open your Bible to Romans 6. Read all 23 verses, then come back and finish this devotional. Paul is so very clear that God does not receive the glory when we choose to sin. Choosing to sin demonstrates that we are not under His Lordship. We are indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit to decrease sinning (Gal 5:16-17, Acts 1:8)

TAKE ACTION: Pray today asking Jesus to convict you of the sin in your daily life

Sunday, April 6 **Revival As Antidote to the Evils of this Present Darkness**

"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." - Ephesians 6:12

The forces of darkness are always at work. There has never been a time when Satan has taken a break from his strategies to undermine God's plan. We must never forget that our battle, especially during a revival season, is spiritual warfare. Our prayers must be forceful, faithful and final. We must remind the enemy that there is no defeating God's church. We will see God move in response to our prayers. As we stand firm against the enemy who hates to see God's people fully alive and boldly on mission, so must we stand firm with God, claiming the promises, relentlessly recalling his faithfulness.

Prayer: Lord, you desire for us to be bold in believing you for revival. Therefore, we do not shrink back in our insistent prayers for a fresh outpouring of your Spirit, nor do we allow the enemy one inch of a foothold in our intercession. We stand firm for revival and firm against Satan's strategies to thwart revival.
(Our Cry For Revival: 365 Devotions and Prayers For An Outpouring of God's Spirit by Nick Harrison, p 6)

DAY 11 – Monday, April 7 **Is There a Difference - A Need for Weeping, Sacrifice, and Repentance**

"Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" - Luke 18:18 (also read Luke 18:18-29)

Movies that are referred to as "chick flicks" are often intended to draw out our emotions, specifically to make us cry. Admittedly a good cry is emotionally freeing, regardless of your gender, Yet, there is another level of crying called weeping. Have you experienced this?

Words matter. Their meaning matters. When we use them or act them out, we must make a conscious choice to select the right ones. When we make wrong choices, bad things happen. The way in which we think of and approach our Savior is no different. Think again of my earlier "word" examples of crying vs repentance. Currently, Christian culture prefers and practices the lighter end of the comparison. Yet the Savior seems to prefer and even require the other end of the scale for holy living.

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TAKE ACTION: Pray today that God would show you and lead you to shift your thoughts and actions to want the desires of God.

DAY 12 – Tuesday, April 8 God Calls Me to Do What?? - Wrestling with Repentance

“Then the man said, “Let me go, for the dawn is breaking!” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go unless you bless me.” - Genesis 32:26 (also read Genesis 32:22-32)

It is Friday afternoon. You are sitting at your desk at work. You are counting the minutes as 5:00pm approaches. Vacation is almost here. The phone rings. It is your boss asking you to come in his office. And sure enough, after you enter the office, he announces there has been a big problem, and you need to cancel your vacation.

As a growing Christian, you have probably experienced the same feeling when sitting in a bible study or listening to a sermon. In that moment, God revealed some new discovery of what He requires of you to be obedient. Maybe you have experienced this while reflecting on repentance this week.

Repentance is a robust and penetrating word and carries a very obvious and clear expectation. It is required for revival to come and put a new and fresh song in our heart (2 Chronicles 7:14). The Lord Himself declares that the path to revival requires humility, prayer, yielding and repentance.

TAKE ACTION: Pray that God will meet with you, lift this burden, strengthen you to accomplish His agenda and bless you because of your repentance.

DAY 13 – Wednesday, April 9 I See You - Seeing Temptation for What It Is

“But Jesus told him, “No! The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” - Matthew 4:4 (also read Matthew 4:1-11)

Satan likes to play hide-and-seek. He does not want to be found, nor does he want you to figure him out. When he came to Jesus in the desert to tempt Him, he presented three trap opportunities which appear simplistic and legitimate on the surface: to meet physical needs, to show dependence on God to protect Him, and to give Himself honor and position. Satan was tempting Jesus in these ways to cause Him to sin.

Satan's end game was to take Jesus out of God game of mankind's redemption, sanctification and glorification. It is no different with us. We must struggle against even the smallest of temptations that lead us to sin. Sinning takes you out of the game. It is a distraction and deviation from our primary purposes – worshipping the triune God and advancing His Kingdom.

TAKE ACTION: Pray and live to turn every temptation from an opportunity of failure into an opportunity of spiritual success.

DAY 14 – Thursday, April 10 Out of This World - Struggle Against Evil

“A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.” - Ephesians 6:10-11

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TV series have sought to convince us that we are not alone in the universe. In a spiritual sense, this is a true statement. Our focus is all too often on the empirical: things we can see and touch. Contributing to society is a duty for all Christians. The problem comes in when we treat these causes as the fix for humanity. We take these causes on to fight mankind's deficiencies.

We must be about the business of fighting the forces of evil that drive the deficiencies of mankind. Sin is the root cause and is championed by Satan and his legions. The temptations you faced yesterday and the one you will face today are but skirmishes in a larger battle and a timeless war. We must re-focus our efforts on this spiritual battlefield. Paul is clear that the goal is to be able to STAND against the devil's schemes.

TAKE ACTION: Prepare for battle mentally and spiritually by praying continuously

DAY 15 – Friday, April 11 Tools Included, Part 1 – Understanding the Armor of God

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;" - Ephesians 6:13-15

In Ephesians 6:13-14, Paul encourages believers to "put on the full armor of God" so that they can stand firm against the enemy's schemes. God doesn't leave us unprepared for spiritual battles; He gives us a spiritual toolbox to defend ourselves and live victoriously. The "belt of truth" represents our foundation of God's Word, keeping us grounded in reality and guarding us from lies. What is the truth? That God, who is our creator, redeemer, and perfecter is the only God and is found in three entities or persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

The "breastplate of righteousness" guards and protects our hearts. The "shoes of peace" equip us to walk confidently, bringing the gospel of peace to others while keeping our footing and His salvation does for the believer. As we stand firm in God's truth, we can use these tools to resist temptation, face trials, and stand strong in faith. Equipped with His armor, we are ready to face the battles ahead, standing firm in His promises.

TAKE ACTION: Put on the armor! Look for ways to see how the armor of God protects, helps and changes you today.

DAY 16 – Saturday, April 12 No One Is An Island – The Church Is An Army Who Can Win Together

"In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." - Ephesians 6:16-18

In Ephesians 6:16-18, Paul expands on the spiritual toolbox God provides, emphasizing the importance of specific tools for defense and offense in our spiritual battles. A spiritual battle requires the right tools to win the war against sin. The "shield of faith" is one of the most vital and defensive tools in our toolbox, designed to allow us to move forward in faith as it covers, hides and protects us against the enemy.

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Paul knew that our minds were the gateway to our hearts, so he discussed the “helmet of salvation” as another crucial tool which guards our minds and thoughts. In order for the helmet to be effective, we must first have the proper understanding of the character of God and His holiness. This comes through constant communication as we pray continuously. 1 Thessalonians 5:17, and helps us make good choices and resist temptation.

The “sword of the Spirit” is the Word of God, our only offensive weapon against the enemy’s lies. In this Christian life, we will be engaged in spiritual battle. We must hide the Word in our hearts to ensure that we are always ready against the enemy’s schemes.

Finally, Paul urges us to pray in the Spirit, always keeping our communication with God open and constant. Prayer is the final tool that strengthens our connection with God and equips us to face any battle. Each piece of this toolbox—faith, salvation, the Word, and prayer—works together to equip us to stand firm and overcome. By relying on these spiritual tools, we can face every challenge with confidence, knowing God has equipped us for victory.

TAKE ACTION: Make a commitment to routinely put on the armor of God. Spend time with the Lord discussing these tools and their application in your life.

Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday) Revival Power

“The kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power” - 1 Corinthians 4:20

We don’t often think of what causes Satan to fear, but surely revival among God’s people tops the list. When he sees churches on their knees praying for revival, he surely trembles and does his best to bring such intercessions to a halt. But the kingdom of God comes with power to obliterate Satan’s work.

Prayer: *Lord, it’s amazing and wonderful that you have given us revival power over the enemy through our prayers. Throughout intercession, Satan stumbles, instead of him causing me to trip up. Thank you, Father, for revival power.*

(Our Cry For Revival: 365 Devotions and Prayers For An Outpouring of God’s Spirit by Nick Harrison, p 149)

DAY 17 – Monday, April 14 The Power of Prayer – Pray to Discover and Move to His Will

“All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had. The apostles testified powerfully to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and God’s great blessing was upon them all. There were no needy people among them, because those who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles to give to those in need.” - Acts 4:32-35

It is human nature to look to others for encouragement and comfort from others in hardship and times of need. When we fight the good fight of faith, we must diligently seek the Lord and band together with other believers. This coming together of Christians creates the army of the Lord, who are called to worship and serve together. A prime example of this coming together is found in Acts 4:32-35. They supported, protected, and met each other’s needs, while continuing to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. As we prepare for a revival, it is vital that we stay connected thorough prayer. This will ensure we are committed to helping and encouraging one another as we battle through the daily skirmishes and wars of against sin.

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TAKE ACTION: Call, text or email someone and ask them to meet you for prayer today.

DAY 18 – Tuesday, April 15 **The Power of Prayer – Pray to Discover and Move to His Will**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:6-7

Prayer is the key that unlocks the door to reviving Christian heart and soul. When we pray with faith, we invite God's power to move in ways beyond our understanding, turning the impossible into His perfect plan. Prayer is our dialogue with the Father, sharing our thoughts, fears, joys, weaknesses, love, difficulties, and successes. Through our communication with God, we are aligned with His will for our lives. We are able to be revitalized and take on His purpose, peace, and power as our own.

It is said that prayer has three answers: yes, no, and not now. Whichever that God chooses to answer our prayer, we can trust that it is the best answer for our lives – whether we like it or not. Even though this can be hard to accept, it is good training for believers to learn to die to self and trust in His perfect plan. We must remember to not be anxious about anything, but always pray in every situation. Phil 4:6

TAKE ACTION: Read and memorize Philippians 4:6-7

DAY 19 – Wednesday, April 16 **Getting Usable – Forgiveness Is Not Optional**

“Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.” - Matthew 5:23-24

At times, the regrets of words or deeds have caused separation and strife within relationships. In Matthew 5:23-24, Jesus teaches that forgiveness is vital and essential for revival in the Christian life. So, before we worship, serve, or provide a sacrifice or offering to the Father, we must make sure we have made things right with our brothers and sisters. When we choose to forgive, the chains of bitterness and resentment are released and our hearts are open for God's healing and restoration.

It must also be said that there is no limit to forgiveness. It is our Christian responsibility to always seek to forgiveness. If we want a true revival in our church, we must forgive one another, freely and deeply from the heart, with grace and mercy.

TAKE ACTION: Pray today that God will show you who you need to forgive, then find them and forgive them before the sun sets.

DAY 20 – Thursday, April 17 **The Rules – Which Rules Are You Living By?**

“Put on your new nature, and be renewed as you learn to know your Creator and become like him.” - Colossians 3:10 (also read Colossians 3:1-17)

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Rules are important in our society. They provide structure, define expectations, and relate a standard of living for individuals and the community at large. As the Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossians, he provided a powerful set of principles for living a holy revived life, rooted in a relationship with Christ. Focusing on Colossians 3:1-17, believers must prioritize heavenly things, reject sin, represent Christ's virtues, live in peace and gratitude, and make the Word of God central in their life. It's a call to live with Christ as your focus and guide, turning away from anything that deters you from that goal. Living this way does not guarantee that life will be without strife and difficulty, but it means a joyful soul that lives an abundant life because of obedience and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ.

TAKE ACTION: Today pray through this list in Colossians 3. Christians living holy who separate themselves to Truth will bring a revival to themselves and others. Are you living holy?

DAY 21 – Friday, April 18 (Good Friday) Hope – The Revival Has Begun

“Our great desire is that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true.” - Hebrews 6:11 (also read Romans 8:25, Romans 12:11-12)

A popular song written by Donnie McClurkin talks about how a saint is just a sinner who fell down and got up. Life is always going to have trials and struggles, but God is the hope that we can always place our trust in. “And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.” Romans 5:5. His hope is to transform and renew minds and hearts so that the life of the believer looks more like Him and less like the world. God desires to have a relationship with us. He wants to love us fully and without any reservation. Pray for someone by name who needs this same hope in God, and ask that a revival begins in their hearts and leads them to a deeper relationship with Him.

TAKE ACTION: Pray earnestly for our Pastor, church family and yourself for a refreshing and empowering renewal in which we will experience the Lord’s presence and splendor!

Saturday, April 19 (Holy Saturday) Revival During Adversity

“If you faint in the day of adversity, your strength is small” - Proverbs 24:10

Our strength in times of adversity is revealed during revival. Then we are aware of the heavenly resources at our disposal during the most trying times. Revival may not end our adversity, but we are enabled to walk through the fire without getting burned.

In one sense, we should welcome adversity during revival. Truly, then, will we experience the divine inflow of strength we need to prevail through our adversity. We must not faint since the strength of God in us is indeed not small.

Prayer: Lord, though adversity seems insurmountable at the time, I see that it reveals our strengths and weaknesses. Father, strengthen me. Embolden me as I pass through adversity. Do not let me shrink back in fear but instead walk ahead in full faith.

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Sunday, April 20 (Resurrection Sunday) Resurrection Power

“If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.” - Roman 8:11

One of the most remarkable truths in Christianity is that we who believe have the same power in us that raised Christ from the dead. Resurrection power. Revival power. Power to move the mountains in our lives. The greatest tragedy in Christianity is that so few Christians avail themselves of this mighty power thus missing out on the remedies to their troubles. What distracts you or hinders you from walking in this power today?

Prayer: *Thank you, Father, for filling us with the same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead. May we never miss the chance to pray through – and walk through – our troubles with this power.*

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ADDENDUM

COVENANT OF FINANCIAL LIBERATION

IN AN EFFORT TO ACHIEVE FINANCIAL LIBERATION, TO INCREASE THE CAPACITY FOR STEWARDSHIP, AND TO BUILD TRANSGENERATIONAL WEALTH, WE ENTER INTO COVENANT ONE WITH THE OTHER. WE ENGAGE THEREFORE TO REFRAIN FROM PURCHASING THE ITEMS IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

1. CLOTHING – SUITS, DRESSES, SHOES, HATS, SPORTS COATS, COATS, SHIRTS, BLOUSES, SKIRTS, TIES, AND SWEATERS
2. ELECTRONICS – COMPUTERS, TELEVISIONS, DVD PLAYERS, SURROUND SOUND SYSTEMS, AND OTHER GADGETS
3. MOTOR VEHICLES – INCLUDING SUV'S, SEDANS, SPORTS CARS, TRUCKS, MOTORCYCLES, AND BOATS
4. ACCESSORIES – PENS, BRIEFCASES, PURSES, BAGS, JEWELRY, AND SPORTS EQUIPMENT
5. DECORATIVE FURNISHINGS AND ART

WE FURTHER ENGAGE TO HONOR GOD WITH THE FIRST FRUIT OF OUR INCREASE BEING THE TITHE/TENTH, APPLY TEN PERCENT OF EACH PAYCHECK AND ALL ADDITIONAL INCOME, INTO A SAVINGS ACCOUNT. ALL MONIES SAVED FROM SPENDING REDUCTIONS ARE TO BE APPLIED TO DEBT LIQUIDATION.

AS WE ACHIEVE FINANCIAL LIBERATION, WE ALSO WILL SEEK AND PURSUE INVESTMENT AND OTHER CAPITAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES.

WHILE GIFTS MAY BE PURCHASED FOR OTHERS, SAID PURCHASES SHOULD TAKE THE INTENT AND SPIRIT OF THIS COVENANT INTO CONSIDERATION.

THIS WE DO AS A WITNESS TO OTHERS FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.



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to transform lives with the message of Jesus Christ.

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to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to INSPIRE the sinner, IGNITE the saint & IMPACT society with the message of Jesus Christ

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