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# Seven Dynamics of Revival



*"Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is a consuming fire."* Hebrews 12:28-29

Our God is a consuming fire, and the Kingdom of God is an unshakeable kingdom. Fire, not ashes! His Kingdom is unshakeable because of the Word of God, faith, and the power of the Holy Ghost. Such is the power of Pentecost!

The basic and foremost need in the church today is revival. By revival I do not mean a few services with dramatic physical or emotional manifestations, but REVIVAL! When the spirit of revival is absent, churches and movements lose their sense of purpose, di-

rection, and identity. They then typically respond in one of three ways.

The first is to lean back and revel in the days of past glories. They are convinced that things

are just as great as they were in the old days. This is what many denominations are doing today.

The second is to begin to brainstorm and/or 'shop around' for identity, purpose, vision, and direction.

The third, which I believe is the correct way to respond, is to get down on their faces and seek God; calling out to Him to come with His presence and His Fire!

Only God, His Word, and His Holy Ghost can bring revival. I have watched churches trying hard to become *seeker friendly* ending up becoming *Holy Ghost unfriendly*. Then again, they have forgotten what it is like to be *gripped* by God or to be touched by the Fire of Pentecost. They do not see

much value in corporate prayer meetings and seeking God. They have stopped living, breathing, exuding faith, passion, and the Fire of the Holy Ghost. These things, after all, are not fashionable any more! They are so used to being *good Christians* without Holy Ghost power that they do not even miss the Holy Ghost.

If they highly valued the Presence of God, would it not be that very Presence of God that they would desperately seek in the first place?

The truth is that we need Revival. We do not need that which man can do but that which God can do. Then we need some with fiery hearts who are determined to stretch themselves out to touch God no matter what it takes. That is when God moves!

There are certain dynamics in revival. I have preached the Gospel in 70 nations and have been in places where I have witnessed great moves of God and I have been in places where nothing is happening.

There are 7 basic dynamics when it comes to experiencing revival:

**1. A fresh appreciation for the person of the Lord Jesus, His death, and His resurrection!**

# Go Ye into all the World and Preach the

One thing the Lord showed me years ago is that we need to talk more about JESUS!



*“And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.”* Colossians 1:17-18

We need to preach, teach, and sing more about Jesus and His precious Blood; testifying and making much of His death, His resurrection, and His second coming. Just more and more and more about JESUS and about what He has done for us!

In places where there is revival, one does not hear the word *revival* that often, but the one word on peoples' lips more than any other is “Jesus! Jesus! Jesus!”

In John 16 Jesus said that the Holy Ghost would testify of HIM and glorify HIM. Not glorify man's ideas or programs, but glorify Jesus. We as Christians need to talk more about Jesus, honor Him, and glorify Him!

## 2. A fresh revelation of God's Grace!

We need to move our pulpits from

Sinai to Calvary. When we give the Lord Jesus the honor due to Him and His rightful place of pre-eminence, and we give Him the lime-light not personalities or programs, something happens. God pours out His spirit of Grace!

*“And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace. For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”* John 1: 16-17

Legalism does not make people godly. It succeeds only in making them judgmental and condemning of both themselves and of others. When grace comes, the presence of God comes. Grace lifts people up and brings them closer to God, and understanding the love of God works holiness into the heart of man.

Grace causes people to develop a mind-set that says, *“God accepts me and loves me just as I am, therefore I will not allow anything in my life that could disturb my walk with Him!”* That is true Grace! It is an erroneous assumption that teaching on Grace gives people a license to sin. On the contrary, Grace always points to Jesus and thus mercifully deals with sin. It brings life, holiness, joy, and maturity.

The scripture at the beginning of this newsletter says: *“Let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.”*

Grace brings holiness, and makes people want to love God and serve Him. That is why we need to help people understand the Grace of God!

*“For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace.”* Hebrews 13:9

## 3. A fresh love for God's Word!

We need to preach the pure Word of God, and help people understand the power that God's Word contains. Many preachers have departed from the solid preaching of the Word of God, and have built ministries and churches on Charismatic manifestation and phenomena. One cannot sideline the Word of God and build churches on foundations of phenomena such as ‘Holy laughter’, falling, shaking, jerking, or making noises. Neither can one build a church on an intellectual foundation where people trust their own brains and do not have a hunger for the Word of God. The Word of God must always be first and foremost. Every believer should have a strong working knowledge of the Word of God!

This love for God's Word can be imparted only when preachers preach the uncompromised Word of God, which builds people up.

## 4. A fresh understanding of faith!

The Word of God brings faith, and faith makes all things possible. I shudder at the thought of “faith preachers” who do not preach faith anymore. When I look at preachers' full bookshelves and see no faith books, I understand why they are defeated!

*“This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”* 1 John 5:4

*“Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained*



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*promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens."* Hebrews 11: 33-34

Faith makes all things possible. Faith turns weak men and women into heroes for God. Faith turns the tide of battle and brings the victory! I have heard preachers refer to *faith* as a now-obsolete 'wave' or 'move' that came and went just like the Charismatic and Holy laughter moves came and went. Faith is not just a wave or move. Faith

is a way of life!

*"Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."* Hebrews 10:38

Faith is imperative not an option. Anyone who draws back from faith is looked on by God as one backslidden. When I counsel people, I always give them faith books. Faith changed my life, my family's life, and the lives of so many I know! Faith changes lives, changes circumstances, and changes the world. Where there is faith, all things are possible!



So get those old faith books out, dust off their covers, read them, learn, and assimilate those old rock-solid truths all over again. Be a man or woman of faith; rise up to change your world!

## 5. A fresh hunger for the supernatural power and Fire of God!

As I said earlier, most people have never been

touched by the Fire of Pentecost. Some have experienced a few 'drops of glory', but there is more! Jesus said in John 7:38, *"Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."*

A few years ago, as I stood by the mighty Victoria Falls in Africa and gazed upon the mighty Zambezi River thundering down the cataract the Lord spoke to me, "THIS is what I meant when I said that out of the innermost being shall rivers of living water flow forth!"

The power and the fire of God only falls upon those who desperately hunger and thirst for it! One has to come

to a place of hunger and desperation for it to happen. It will not happen without a deep desperate longing in the heart for Jesus and for His power and presence. In the Old Testament the fire never fell upon a dry altar; it always fell upon a bloody altar containing a blood soaked sacrifice. Consecration, love, sacrifice, and passion always bring the Fire down. That is what it takes!

## 6. A fresh desire to reach the lost!

Many people have it backwards. They talk about something called *church growth*. Most so-called church growth in America happens at the expense of other churches losing people; like fishermen fishing out of each others' baskets instead of in the water. Local congregations grow, but the Kingdom of God does not grow. Mere numbers are not what impress God; however, the number of lost souls that are saved is what impresses Him!

So the issue is not church growth, but rather something called *reaching the lost*. As we reach the lost, we shall see true church growth!

When we truly love Jesus, the things that are most important to Him become most important to us. In the Bible, I see that reaching the lost was the number one thing on Jesus' agenda.

*"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."* Matthew 18:11

Preaching the Gospel to sinners is the top thing on God's list. It was, in fact, the very last thing that Jesus asked the church to do before He ascended to Heaven. Many people are only concerned that they themselves and their families are in church. They care only for this. I pray they would see what a



blessing it is to reach out to the lost and dying world that lives beyond their own little family circle!

We must, therefore, reach the lost in every way we can; through street evangelism, outreaches, sharing our faith with our friends in everyday life, missionary evangelism, etc. The list of methods is endless, but first must come the inward working of God in our own lives, embracing His purposes.

### 7. Living with an eternal perspective!

Life is more than just the short span of time that we live here upon this earth. Life, for a Christian, is much more; it is an eternity spent in the presence of God. God, therefore, desires that we should live our lives here on earth from an eternal perspective. That is why there are some important questions we must ask ourselves: *What are we doing with the resources that God has put in our hands for the expansion of the His Kingdom? What are we doing with*

*our time and energy? What are the things that consume us? Is it the cause of God's Kingdom, or is it the trivial things of this earth that will soon pass away?*

These are important questions that must be answered. The only thing that we can take from this world to the next is what we have done for God and the souls who we have won for Jesus. Materialism, the love of the things of this world, and self-centered living have a strong grip in the hearts of many Christians. Many will die and go to heaven and stand in the presence of God with ashes around their feet. Though God has entrusted them with so much, they will have nothing to show in terms of eternity. What they had was spent on things of no eternal value.

The Kingdom of God is not about giving 10% and squandering the remaining 90% on self. It is about making our lives count 100%. It's about giving all to Jesus so that others may know Him. It's living a life Baptized with Fire, a

life of faith lived to the fullest for His Glory!

Lastly, thank you for standing with us through your love, your faith, your prayers, and your giving. We love you and appreciate you. We have a busy time ahead of us; crusades in Africa, an upcoming crusade and Pastors School of Ministry in Cambodia, two of our children are going off to college, and so much more. Let us believe God for great things!

We have inherited not ashes, but Fire!

Let us all rise together to the next level; walking with Jesus, full of faith, full of the Holy Ghost, and full of great expectations!

In Christ Jesus,



Christopher & Britta Alam

# The World Awaits...

## Christopher's Travel Log

### August 7

*LIFE Church*  
Monroeville, PA  
(Pastor Buck Schafer)

### August 13 & 14

*Assembly of God*  
Queens, NY  
(Pastor Parvez Khokhar)

### August 26

*Christ Community Church*  
State College, PA  
(Pastor Mitch Smith)

### September 6-11

*Crusade*  
Blantyre, MALAWI

### September 14-18

*Crusade*  
Blantyre, MALAWI

### September 23-25

*Crusade & School of Ministry*  
CAMBODIA



Jesus Christ, the Same, yesterday, today, and forever. Hebrews 13:8

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