**BETTER TOGETHER** in 2022

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**Revive**

**On Bended Knee**

2 Chronicles 7:14-15; Isaiah 57:15; James 4:6



*But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and* ***pray to the Lord on its behalf****, for* ***in its welfare you will find your welfare****.* Jeremiah 29:7

*Go home, lock yourself in your room, kneel down in the middle of your floor. Draw a chalk mark all around yourself and ask God to start the revival inside that chalk mark.* ***When He has answered your prayer****, the revival will be on.*  Gypsy Smith

**But there is something that has become clear to me, something that I have been lacking** … it is found in this simple formula …

**Intentionality** + **Intensity** = **Intimacy**

*In large part, many self-professed Christians are living lives that look no different from the lives of their non-Christian friends, neighbors, and coworkers.* Revival Starts Here pg.15

**Isn’t it amazing that** God is faithful … even when you and I are not? We continue to press in toward God, to seek His face knowing that His **promises are true**, His **presence is real** and that His **power is greater** than any force on earth. The world at times feels like a hapless and hopeless mess except for one thing … **Jesus**!

**How bad do I want it? Because** as long as you and I are content to live without revival, we will.

Are you hungry and thirsty for more of God?

*Blessed are those who* ***hunger and thirst for righteousness****, for they shall be satisfied.* Matthew 5:6

What is the one **quality** necessary for revival?

*For thus says* ***the One who is high and lifted up****, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to* ***revive the spirit of the lowly****, and to* ***revive the heart of the contrite****.* Isaiah 57:15

**Humility**

*Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form,* ***he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of deat****h, even death on a cross.* Philippians 2:5–8

*Humility is not so much a grace or virtue along with others;* ***it is the root of all****, because it alone assumes the right attitude before God and allows Him as God to do all.* Andrew Murray

*But* ***he gives more grace****. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but* ***gives grace to the humble****.”* James 4:6

*Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you,* ***with humility toward one ano****ther, for “God opposes the proud but* ***gives grace to the humble****.”* ***Humble yourselves****, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.* 1 Peter 5:5–7

Humility is a **magnet** for the presence of God.

*if* ***my people*** *who are called by* ***my name******humble themselves****, and* ***pray and seek my face*** *and* ***turn from their wicked ways****, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my* ***eyes will be open*** *and* ***my ears attentive*** *to the prayer that is made in this place.* 2 Chronicles 7:14–15

Humility is complete **dependence** upon God’s mercy.

*Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘****God, be merciful to me, a sinner****!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but* ***the one who humbles himself will be exalted****.* Luke 18:10–14

Humility does not concern itself with power, prestige or **position …** but rather it is about our **posture**.

*But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. The greatest among you shall l be your* ***servant****. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and* ***whoever humbles himself will be exalted****.* Matthew 23:8–12

*Humility is not thinking less of yourself; it is thinking of yourself less.* C.S. Lewis

*Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God.* ***It is giving up one's will to God in deep humility***. Charles Finney

Humility has an unquestioning **acceptance** of God’s Word.

*But this is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at my word.* Isaiah 66:2