

REVIVAL

Preparing for Revival

**A 7 Day Devotional
and Prayer Guide to
Unify the Church in
Preparing for Revival**

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Revival for his people is the longing and the craving of God's heart. Revival is an absolute necessity for the life and ministry of the church. We need a true spiritual awakening, a revival. The world needs for the church to come alive in the power and reality of Jesus Christ. We are living in the end-times, during which God has promised to pour out his spirit in unprecedented revival. All of this does not guarantee that revival will come just because we schedule a series of meetings with an evangelist. As a matter of fact, in order to experience true revival the church must prepare for revival. Preparation for revival is simple, yet requires our effort, energy, and commitment. Preparation for revival includes making physical arrangements so that you can attend the services, planning your giving ahead of time to make sure you budget your money allowing you to give as God directs, inviting family, friends, co-workers, etc., praying, (repenting, interceding, spiritual warfare, etc.) reading the Bible, fasting, refusing to be hindered or defeated by anything, and being 100% obedient to God. As we have said, preparing for revival is simple, but it also is not easy. Make the determination now to join with your church, and many other members of Eastern North Carolina as we together prepare for revival.

Prayer Requests during Revival

Prayer Reports from Revival

The word God spoke to my heart during revival

Revival begins today. Do a final check to make sure you are prepared:

- Made arrangements to attend each service.
- Heard from God about my revival giving & budgeted accordingly.
- Have invited several people (especially unchurched, unsaved, and needy people) to attend revival with me. I have made arrangements to pick them up, if needed.
- Am personally prayed-up, have sanctified myself, and ready for the move of God.
- Have cultivated a high level of expectancy for what God is going to do in my life, in the lives of those I bring to church with me, and in our church itself.
- Am ready to be totally obedient to anything and everything God tells me to do.
- Am already praising and worshipping God for who he is and what he is going to do.

If you have checked all seven off, you are ready for revival. If not, don't waste another second. Start getting ready right now.

- Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday
- Thursday Friday Saturday

As we prepare to enter this week of preparation for revival, please pick at least one of the days above in which you will fast at least one meal, and spend at least 30 minutes in prayer on behalf of the revival. The combination of prayer, fasting, and time in God's word will produce a readiness in your life for revival. We believe God for a setting free of his people during this revival.

Day One

Bible Reading: Genesis 1:1-27

Underline in your Bible every time you see the words "*And God said*" in Genesis chapter one. Now go back and read the verses that surround each time God said something. As you read back through this chapter, notice what happened every time God said something. What happened is that his word was exactly accomplished just as he had spoken it.

God, through his word, created this entire universe. What unimaginable power is resident in God's word. It contains creative power, saving power, delivering power, and healing power, power for any and everything you will ever need.

As we prepare for this revival, understand that God's word has not changed. Neither has the power of his word diminished. Find what the word says about the situation you are in or the problem you face. Trust God's power to accomplish it just as he has spoken it. If you trust his word, he will.

□ Day Two

Bible Reading: Jeremiah 1:11-12

The amplified bible translates verse 12, "*Then said the Lord to me, you have seen well, for I am alert and active, watching over my word to perform it.*" The NIV translates it, "*The Lord said to me, you have seen correctly, for I am watching to see that my word is fulfilled.*" The NASB translates it, "*Then the Lord said to me, you have seen well, for I am watching over my word to perform it.*"

What all of this simply means is that God did not just speak his word and forget it. He is actively watching over the things he has said, anxiously anticipating the moment when someone will read, accept, believe, and act on what he has said. When a person exercises faith in this manner, God hastens to perform the promise he has made in his word. What do you need? Find God's word about it and exercise your faith. God is waiting for you.

□ Day Seven

Bible Reading: Isaiah 61:1-3 and Luke 4:16-21

Jubilee -- the time of setting free. All debts were canceled, families were reunited. There was the returning of the things that had been taken away. What a glorious time. What a wonderful year. The year of Jubilee. (see *Leviticus 25:8-55*) Unfortunately, for the ancient Israelite, Jubilee was a once every 50 years, or once in a lifetime experience.

Beginning with the Luke 4:16-21 passage, however, Jubilee became a lifestyle available to the believer in Christ Jesus. For far too long now, we have lived as if we were slaves, ruled over by debt and our creditors, sick, depressed, separated, and dejected. It is time we realize the truth of jubilee found in Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ has come to set us free and to proclaim our liberty. The Apostle Paul adds that since it was for freedom we have been set free, we should refuse to be held in bondage to anyone or anything. During this revival stand to your feet and proclaim your liberty and freedom in Christ. Demand that the devil return all of your treasure that he had been allowed to steal, and never let him have access to it again. Satan is defeated. Jesus is Lord, and you are in Christ victorious. It's your jubilee.

□ Day Six

Bible Reading: Romans 10:1-13

God's word is the word of faith. It is the word worthy of being trusted, believed, and acted upon. It is the word with inherent power to save, deliver, heal, provide, and take care of every need we will ever have as human beings.

Hebrews 4:2, however, warns us that it is possible to hear the word of faith and not believe it. If we fall into doubt, we will receive none (zero, zilch) of the benefits provided in and by God's word of faith. How should we then exercise faith in God's word of faith? When we have heard the word, we must mentally accept it as truth; believe in our hearts that its truth is for us; and speak with our mouths the needed application of God's truth, the word of faith. Then as we stand on the confession of the word of faith, we will eventually see the results and possess the promise of God.

We will always have a choice between accepting the word of the world (the word of doubt) and God's word of faith. We will also be wise to realize that the world's word of doubt will be brought to us repeatedly through our times of trial. We must continually reject the evil report of the world's word of doubt, and continually hold fast to our confession of God's word of faith. Revival is coming. Get your faith ready, and believe God for the miraculous.

□ Day Three

Bible Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11

God made humanity a promise in Genesis 8:22 that as long as the earth remained, the cycles of seed time and harvest would continue. Part of the seed time and harvest cycle is the seasons of rain that water the earth. Rains come and provide the needed moisture for plants to grow. Without the rains no crops could grow.

We would agree that it would be absurd to say the rains come but do not accomplish the purpose of providing moisture. Rains, by nature provide moisture; it can be no other way. God's word operates on the same principle. It is impossible for God's word to go forth and not accomplish its intended purpose. As you read the word of God, yield to God's purpose in sending that word to you, and his word will be fulfilled in your life.

□ Day Four

Bible Reading: Romans 1:16-32

In speaking to the Sadducees (*Mark 12:24*) Jesus asked the following question: “*Are you not therefore mistaken or deceived, because you do not know the scriptures or the power of God?*” God’s word has resident within it unimaginable power. Creative power, saving power, delivering power, healing power, power for any and everything you will ever need. In order to access this power, you must come to know the scriptures. You cannot walk in truth you do not know. Contrary to the popular saying, what you don’t know can hurt you.

To emphasize the message of this devotional, allow me to again quote Jesus words (*John 8:32*), “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

The truth you know, accept, believe, and act upon will, by the resident power within it, destroy all of the bondages that hold you captive. Find what the word says about your area of need. Accept it. Believe it. And act upon it. The power of God through his word will set you free.

□ Day Five

Bible Reading: Luke 17:5-10

In this well-worn passage we see the promise of faith’s power. Faith in God, even as small an amount of faith that its size would be comparable to a mustard seed, when exercised will produce miraculous results.

Botanists tell us that a mulberry tree is one of the most difficult trees to uproot. Nevertheless, the smallest portion of faith, when it is exercised, can demand that a mulberry tree be uprooted, and planted in the sea. It has no choice but to obey. Just as a servant’s job is to serve his employer, faith’s job is to link us with the miraculous power of God. It’s just what faith does. The measure of faith God has already given to you [*see Romans 12:3*] is more than enough. If exercised, it will produce the miraculous in and through your life. Exercise your faith in God.