

LETTER TO LEADERS

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REVIVAL 2011

My fervent prayer and hope is that the church experiences revival. I do not mean a series of prescheduled meetings that we hope will produce revival. I mean an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that is beyond our ability to imitate or take credit for. This is the kind of revival of John Wesley's day that produced the great Methodist Church. This is the kind of revival of the turn of the century that produced the Pentecostal denominations of today. This is the kind of revival of the charismatic renewal that has produced present day charismatic and word churches. I am talking about revival from God that produces a fresh new excitement about God. I am talking about a sovereign move of God.

OUTSIDE THE BOX

This kind of move of God is quite often outside of the box of the established church. Why does God do it "outside the box"? The box is the box because it has established the last "new thing" God did as the standard. Standard means, "This is the way God does it." Therefore, God is often not able to do a new thing in the box. But God cannot be stopped by our thinking of how God does things. He loves to do a new thing.

WHAT NEW THING

We who are a product of the last "new thing" God once did, are cautious about a "new thing" because we see it does not appear to be confirmed by the Bible. When God pours out His Spirit, we will be able to go to the Word of God and confirm that it is from God by finding it to be consistent with the Gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit. When other manifestations occur which cannot be confirmed from the Word of God, we need to be very careful, lest we be deceived.

AS LITTLE CHILDREN

Revival comes out of the box to out of the box people; people who are babes in the Lord or even newly born again. We "mature ones" see that there response to the move of the Holy Spirit is not as we know it should be. We forget that we were once the same way when God first touched us. We must be careful that we do not despise those out of the box people and possibly despise God in the process.

READY FOR REVIVAL

We say we are ready for revival, and maybe we are ready. However, we will find out by how we respond to the new outpouring of the Holy Spirit. If we were truly ready, we would embrace the new outpouring of the Holy Spirit with great joy. We would be like the shepherds of Bethlehem who left their sheep to find the Baby Jesus. We would become like Peter on the day of Pentecost who seemed to be drunk. We would be like Paul who fell on his face on the road to Damascus when Jesus

appeared to him.

PRAY FOR REVIVAL

I ask you to join with me to pray for revival. The church and the world need an outpouring of the Holy Ghost like has not been seen since the day of Pentecost. This year can be that year of great revival.

In His Love,

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