

LETTER TO LEADERS

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WHEN REVIVAL COMES

Not if, but when. Yes, revival will come again. In my minimal knowledge of church history, revival comes about every 50 years or so. It has been about 50 years since the charismatic revival, so I believe it is time once again for God to send revival.

HOW WILL WE RESPOND?

When revival comes it will touch our emotions. Times of refreshing come from the presence of the Lord (Acts 3:19). God is always present, but we do not always call it revival. It is when He moves in such a way that we feel His presence that we call it revival. When our emotions are touched there are tears, laughing, shouting, singing, running, prophesying, and many other emotional responses. I do not mean we should get emotional to get God to move. I mean, when God moves, we get emotional.

WE TALK ABOUT IT

When revival comes, we cannot stop talking about God and what He did for us. We want to testify in Church. We talk to our unbelieving families, even though we may never see them again. We talk to the 7/11 clerks, even though they are not of a Christian heritage. We talk to the grocery check-out people. We talk to our boss, whether he wants to hear about it or not. Why do we talk so much about it. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. We just cannot help ourselves. One touch from God replaces all of the evangelism courses in the world.

WE SPEND TIME WITH GOD

When revival comes, we want to spend even more time in the presence of God. I heard a story about the great Hebrides revival. Un-churched farmers in the fields had the Holy Ghost fall on them. They dropped their tools and ran to church. They got there before the pastor and it was not even a scheduled meeting night. They knew it was God. They instantly were hungry to spend more time with Him. During the Charismatic move, people would go house to house to drink a cup of coffee and talk about Jesus (even though they had not read the book of Acts or signed up for a house group).

GO BUTTONS ARE TOUCHED

When revival comes, your "go button" will be touched. Forget about Bible School (I am not against Bible Schools), there is not time for that, we think. We just want to go and tell. We have such a desire to share the touch of God in our lives, that we are willing to sell all to follow Him.

WALLETS ARE EMPTIED

When revival comes, our hearts will be so touched by God that we want to give. We forget about 10%. We are willing to give all that we have in appreciation of the touch of God in our lives.

DO WE REALLY WANT REVIVAL?

Knowing what will happen when God touches, we must ask ourselves, "Do we really want revival?" Do we want to be labeled emotionalists? Do we want to be called radicals? Do we want to be seen as irrational? When true revival comes from God, all of these questions will answer themselves.

In His Love,

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