

# The Canadian Revival - Part 6

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*Bill McLeod discusses the transformative power of revival and its profound impact on individuals and communities.*

**Duration:** 9:25

**Scripture:** Psalm 85:6, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Galatians 5:25, Ephesians 5:8, 2 Timothy 1:6, 1 John 4:7

**Topics:** "Revival Movement", "Spiritual Transformation"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the transformative power of revival, sharing stories of individuals who sold possessions, repented, and dedicated their lives to missions after experiencing revival. It highlights the impact of revival on churches, communities, and individuals, showcasing how God works through ordinary people like a truck driver and farmers. The sermon also discusses the importance of humility, selflessness, and walking in the light, spirit, and love as key aspects of revival.

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## Transcript

He said, we should have got all those people on their faces. He said, God just broke this place up, you know. And then we began hearing what happened after the meeting.

One doctor, he had a huge house. He sold this house and gave the money to missions and built a house big enough for himself and his wife. He had several vehicles, sold some vehicles, put the money into missions.

Then he sold a bunch of stuff he had that he didn't really need. Made everything right with God. Began living as a Christian should live.

And then people were calling the full-time service. And God just broke up all kinds of people's hearts, you know. And this is what revival is like.

And it's not ordinary church work. It's a special time when God works and God speaks. I will hear, for God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people and to his saints.

But let them not turn again to folly, it says. Let them not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive me.

The Lord will perfect that which concerns me. And so we need to be praying that prayer, search me, O God. There's much else we could say, churches being revived.

One interesting thing happened. We got kind of an SOS from a group of churches in Colorado. They said there's six or eight churches that want to go together.

Can you send a team down? We didn't have any preachers available. They were all on the road. At least most of them were on the road somewhere.

And so we sent two revived farmers down. And so they went down, just revived farmers. And they had a week of meetings and people were saved and people were revived.

And then there was a truck driver in Winnipeg. He was in our meetings. He was new from Germany.

His English was not the best. But he was driving truck interstate, interprovince. He was down in the states somewhere on a Sunday morning.

And he drove into a little church and walked in trucker clothes and all. At the door, somebody asked him who he was. He said, I'm just from Canada.

I'm a truck driver. And they said, well, we heard there's a revival in Canada. Yeah, I said, I just got revived last week.

So this guy tells the pastor. And the pastor gets excited. He goes to the pulpit and he says, hey, God has sent us a man from Canada who was just revived last week.

He's going to come and tell us all about it. So this truck driver, he goes up to the pulpit. And his broken English, he told him the whole story.

And then here's, you know, God made him so wise, this guy, you know. He saw how he gave invitations, so he did the same thing. And he gave an invitation for people to come forward to meet with God.

And the place was flooded with people. When he came back, he gave his testimony in one of our meetings. The guy was so excited.

It was hard to understand him at times, you know. His English was poor, but he let us know. Man, there were so many people at that altar.

He said, I was praying with them people until 2 in the afternoon. Truck driver. So God was using anybody whose heart was aflame, you know, and open to him.

And it says about the Lord Jesus, if you should write everything that he did, the world couldn't contain the books. And in a sense, that would be true of the revival too because thousands of lives were touched and churches were changed and people were called into full-time Christian work and homes were healed and all this kind of thing, not only in Saskatoon because long before the seven weeks were over, we got invitations to go elsewhere. Winnipeg, Brandon, then I went down to eastern Canada.

I had meetings in Woodstock, New Brunswick, and 50 churches went together. We spilled over and had to go for five weeks. And the same kind of things were happening there.

And I remember one Sunday morning in those meetings, I had to preach in a neighboring church about 10 miles away. So the pastor in the church where we were meeting with the 50 churches, he said, Now, Bill, you've got to be back here by 11 o'clock. Don't be late.

Well, I watched that carefully. They were having an early service in the other church, but I almost wiped out on a curve. When I got there, it was about 25 to 12.

And I got in, I ran up, and I could look from here to the platform, and the platform was loaded with people giving their testimony. I never even got to 5 to 12. And one lady, when she came down the aisle, I got on the platform, and the pastor came over, and he said, It's wonderful what God is doing.

He said, You see that girl coming down the aisle? I said, What about her? He said, That girl, she couldn't say hello to two kids without blushing. I don't know what she's going to say when she gets in the pulpit. But she got up there, and she started to go.

She was just flying. And one kid came one night, and he was so excited, he was crying. He says, You know, every time we've had meetings in this place, the young people go for it.

Now it's the older people doing it. It's so great. And number one, there's people coming down the aisle so old, they can only walk three pews and then hang on to a pew and get their breath and walk another three pews, you know.

And one lady, she came up there. She must have been 85 or something, and we had to stop her. I mean, she got there preaching there.

She was just on fire. This is so unusual, but there was no working out. Ralph and Lou were extremely careful in this way.

They taught us, and we were just as careful as they were not to. You know, try and work anything up. If there's not a big response, don't be worried about that.

Just do what God is doing. Work along with God. And don't make a fool of yourself or try and make a fool of the people.

That will never work. God the Holy Ghost will do what he has to do. And I had a friend, he served with me as a song leader for a year or so before his health gave out and he couldn't be on the road.

But he was, they called him Happy Howard. He was six foot three or so, the life of every party, young people following him by droves. And he heard I was coming to Winnipeg with a revival team from Saskatoon, so he checked it out.

I can still see him sitting there. And he told me afterwards what happened. He was sitting there, and my team gave their testimony, five guys, they all gave their testimony that I was preaching.

And I quoted this verse, let each esteem other better than themselves, and that's when God took over in his life. He said, at that moment, I never heard a word you were saying. There was nothing.

It was just like I was in a tomb somewhere with no one but God and me. And God was standing in front of me, and he said to me, do you live this way? Do you esteem others? Yes, I do, he said, certainly I do. And the Lord said, what about George Bell? George Bell was a fellow pastor that he didn't like.

He just couldn't stand him. So he said to God, I don't know how you can bless George Bell the way you do. He's just a big windbag.

And the Lord said, I want you to come down the aisle. I have something to teach you. So I'm in the middle of my sermon.

I see Howard coming down the aisle. His face was as white as snow. I said afterwards, boy, you look sick.

He said, brother, I've never been so sick in my life. But here's what he said. Now, you'll have to put your own construction on this.

I can't explain it. He said, I was walking down the aisle, and Jesus met me in the aisle and put his hand on my head and reduced me to absolute zero. He said, when I got to the altar, he said, I couldn't find myself.

There's nothing there but God, you know. And then the Lord came and said, what about George Bell? And Howard said, through my tears, he said, George, oh, Lord, he's a thousand times better than me. And God said, now you have it right.

Then he traveled with me as a song leader, and he was so full of God. He was a marvelous song leader, witness, winning people to the Lord, praying. And it was wonderful.

But that's how God dealt me his life. All right. Paul wrote to Timothy, and he said, I remind you that you stir up the gift of God which is in you.

One translation says that you revive the gift of God. Another translation says that you rekindle a fire. And that's what revival is.

It's a rekindling of the fire. It's the Spanish Bible that says revive the gift of God. God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and of love and a sound mind, a healthy, disciplined mind.

That's the kind of spirit that is within us as Christians. That's the kind of spirit we need as we share the gospel with other people. That's what revival is, to walk.

There's three thoughts here. We're to walk in the light and walk in the spirit and walk in love, the New Testament says. Walking in the light, that's the light of the Word of God.

Walking in the spirit, that's our relationship with the Spirit of God. Walking in love is my relationship with other people. And revival can be summed up with those three thoughts, my relationship to others, my relationship to the Spirit of God, my walking in the light of the Word of God.

That's revival. Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee? You can't work it up, but you can be a candidate for it. And remember, it's for the glory of God.

You, the Bible says, walk. Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own? You're bought for the price. Therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

In New Brunswick, Canada, we had a meeting with 24 Christian workers.

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