

(Compilation) Revival Or We Die

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Scripture: Psalm 42:1, Hebrews 5:7, Matthew 5:6, James 4:8, Psalm 63:1, Isaiah 44:3, Matthew 9:37, Acts 1:8, 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 34:17

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Transcript

Holy desperation is a driving, insatiable, dominating hunger. Holy desperation is the only way to receive real treasures from God. Holy desperation is the only thing that will make us fit and able to receive from God.

Desperation is more than normal hunger. It's hunger at the point of death. The hunger of survival in the midst of famine and drought.

Many of us know the words of Psalm 42 as the deer longs for streams of water. So my heart longs after you. We talk about being hungry for God, but we know very little about hunger, friends.

We know very little about real hunger. Starving hunger that drives people to do desperate things. The Hebrew word used there in Psalm 42 for the deer that's panting for streams of water is actually an audible hunger.

It's a craving that's so loud that it would actually give utterance to a sound. Panting, thirsting after streams of water. Friend, are you panting after God? Are you thirsting after God? Like an animal would be in the desert that's going to die if it doesn't get to water.

You're hungry for souls and for the glory of God. Or someone would be hungry for food and famine. Or would you really like to see the Lord do more? Would you really like to see the Lord send revival? Would you really like to see your nation touched? Would you really like to see the blessing of the Lord in your life? Friend, you know the difference.

You know the difference. Desperate starvation will drive people to do desperate things. When it's turned toward God, friend, desperate hunger and starving hunger for the glory of God can shake whole nations.

Friends, let me ask you a question. How much room is there for God in your life? How much capacity is there for God in your life? We're not talking about saved room for dessert, friends. We're talking about holy starvation.

To the degree of hunger, to that degree God can fill. God's purposes come to pass when your heart and mind get the real God cry and the real God prayer comes into our spirit and the real God yearning gets hold of our nature. Something is going to happen then.

No matter what your soul may be coveting, if it becomes the supreme cry of your life, not the secondary matter or the third or fourth or fifth or tenth, but the supreme desire of your soul, the paramount issue, all the powers and energies of your spirit, soul and body are reaching out to God and crying to God for the answer. It is going to come. The hunger of a man's soul must be satisfied.

It must be satisfied. It is a law of God in the depths of the spirit. God will answer the heart that cries.

God will answer the soul that asks. Can you really say, God, I'm desperate? Can you really say, oh God, I can't live without the blessing? Not for some selfish thing, but so that God can touch us, so we can touch others. Why did John Hyde, the great intercessor, win the loss the way he did? Because he prayed, give me souls or I die.

And he meant it. He would pray through the night many times and fast for a month, just for souls. John Hyde prayed with such intensity that when he came down sick in his forties and was taken to a doctor in Bombay, he was an American missionary in India, they found that literally his heart had moved to the center of his chest cavity.

So much broken heart and anguish in his soul going up to God that actually affected him on the inside. Why did Whitfield shake a generation? But what did he pray? Give me souls or take my soul. John Knox prayed for Scotland.

Give me Scotland or I die. What's the answer to the standard question about revival? Why is it we have no revival? The standard answer is this, because we're willing to live without it. I ask you again, how much capacity is there for God in your life? How much room is there for God to visit? How much room is there for God to use you, my friend? Are you desperate? More than five years ago, I began to offer a strange prayer to the Lord.

I said, Lord, bring revival or take me to heaven. I don't want to live anymore unless I will see another revival. And I will rebuke my soul and say, I cannot pray like this.

My wife, I have my wife, my children, the church is doing great. But the next day I'll pray the same. Lord, give me revival or take me to heaven.

John Knox used to say, Lord, give me Scotland or I'll die. And I pray that importation from the Holy Spirit will come to the truth right now. That you will desire revival more than your own life.

That you will desire to see this nation, entire nation, shaken under the power of God. More than to be alive, you will desire that. Oh, God, tonight, tonight, tonight, God come down in our midst.

God, change us. God, touch us. Touch me, Lord.

Oh, God, I can't live like this. I can't live like this. I've got to get hold of you.

People of God, pray. Pray. The Bible says that Jesus himself prayed with loud crying and tears.

It's written in Hebrews 5, 7. When we learn to pray the way Jesus prayed in times of desperation and crisis, we'll see the resurrection power of God. Oh, God, break our hearts. Break our hearts.

Break our hearts with the things that break your heart. God, cut through the crust. Melt the coldness.

Smash the hardness. God, shatter, shatter our complacency, our indifference. Our habitual Christianity.

Smash it at these altars here, Lord. Oh. Cry out to God, friends.

Oh, God, hear us. Oh, God, hear us. Oh, holy God, hear us.

Send revival. Oh, we die. Visit us with your presence.

Oh, we die. Stretch out your hand in power. Oh, we die.

When will I feel the breath of the Father? I will search for you. I will search for you. When will I touch the face of my Savior? When will we spend some time with each other? When will I hold the hand of my Jesus? I will search for you.

I will search for you. I want to spread my wings and fly to you. I want to lift my hands and run to you.

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