



# Revival

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## WHAT IS REVIVAL?

- restoration to life, consciousness, vigour, strength, etc.
- restoration to use, acceptance, or currency: the revival of old customs.
- an awakening, in a church or community, of interest in and care for matters relating to personal religion.
- an evangelistic service or a series of services for the purpose of effecting a religious awakening: to hold a revival.
- the act of reviving.

## WHY DO WE NEED REVIVAL?

- During the 19th Century Science was being manipulated
- To keep current, some theologians and even clergy said the bible wasn't all true
- Society was starting on a downward spiral
- Nietzsche claimed "God is DEAD!"

## IS GOD DEAD?

- The death of God was the completion of His redemptive plan
- But He didn't stay dead
- As He rose on the third the church was born
- But we have been slowly killing the church



## THE CHURCH IS DYING

### THE VALLEY

- We are in a valley of dry bones
- Surrounded by death and decay
- We, the church, NEED a revival

### REALIGN

**2 Kings 4:32-37** *“32 When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. 33 He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the Lord. 34 Then he got on the bed and lay on the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out on him, the boy’s body grew warm. 35 Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out on him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. 36 Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” 37 She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out”.*

- Elisha laid on the boy and aligned the boy to himself
- The Holy Spirit is trying to do the same with the church
- But the church is fighting it



## **HOLY SPIRIT BRINGS NEW LIFE**

- The Spirit (Ruach) hovered over the waters
- The wind (Ruach) dried the land after the flood
- A strong wind (Ruach) blew from the east to part the sea

It's also mentioned in Job, the Psalms in relation to creation

## **TOGETHER IN ONE ACCORD**

**Ps 133:1-3** *"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!  
2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running  
down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. 3 It is as if the dew of  
Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even  
life forevermore."*

**Acts 2:1** (NKJV) *When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one  
accord in one place*

**Acts 4:32** (NLT) All the believers were united in heart and mind. And they felt that  
what they owned was not their own, so they shared everything they had.

## **MAJOR ON THE MAJORS**

The Apostles Creed

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic Church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting.  
 Amen.

### **A PROPHECY FOR THEN AND FOR US NOW**

**Ez 37:1-14** *he hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. 2 He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. 3 He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know." 4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath[a] enter you, and you will come to life. 6 I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.'"*

*7 So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. 8 I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. 9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.*

*11 Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' 12 Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. 13 Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. 14 I will put my Spirit in you and*

*you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.”*

### **SO WHAT' NEXT?**

**Jn 11:43-44** *“43 When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”*