Revival 2023

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1. REVIVAL Begins in <u>YOU</u> !
"For thus says the One Who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.'" ($\underline{Isa. 57:15}$)
"Will You not revive us again, that Your people may rejoice in You?" (Ps. 85:6)
JESUS + REPENTANCE = REVIVAL.
"Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus," (Acts 3:19-20)
1. God's Word Brings REVIVAL.
"For the word of God is <u>living</u> and <u>active</u> , <u>sharper</u> than any two-edged sword, <u>piercing</u> to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (<u>Heb. 4:12</u>)
 Position & Posture - Position yourself when & where you can focus with eagerness & expectation. Pause as Prompted - Take your time in the Word. Don't rush, don't rip through it. Ponder His Principles - Meditate on God's spiritual principles. Pose Personal Questions - How does this apply to me? Plan Obedience - What's my plan to follow through?
1. REVIVAL is Sanctified Thru <u>Prayer</u> .
"If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14)
"And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness." (Acts 4:31)

1. REVIVAL is Championed in **Community & Relationship**.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is
the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
(<u>Heb. 10:24-25</u>)