

Reflection Questions:

- Where has God given me a holy dissatisfaction with the way things are, and how can I join him in what he is already doing?
- What “weight” am I carrying right now that isn’t sinful, but is distracting, draining, or dulling my attentiveness to and hunger for God?
- Which kind of availability best describes my current posture toward God, and what next step toward trust and surrender is he inviting me to take?
- Where am I tempted to stop praying because nothing seems to be changing, and how might God be calling me to contend faithfully instead of giving up?

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PREPARING FOR REVIVAL

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2 Chronicles 7:12-15

How do we prepare for revival?

2 Chronicles 7:12-15 Then the LORD appeared to Solomon at night and said to him: I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a temple of sacrifice. ¹³ If I shut the sky so there is no rain, or if I command the **grasshopper to consume the land, or if I send pestilence on my people,** ¹⁴ and my people, who **bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.** ¹⁵ My eyes will now be open and my ears attentive to prayer from this place. (CSB)

1. **Calling:** Hearing the Invitation of God

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 “and (if) my people, who bear my name...
- Holy Burden: A Holy Spirit infused dissatisfaction of what is because he gives you a vision for what should be.
- “Christianity has nothing to say to the person who is completely happy with the way things are. Its message is for those who hunger and thirst—for those who desire life as it was meant to be.” - John Eldridge
- Instead of asking, “What am I called to do?” ask, “What is Jesus already doing, and how can I join Him?”

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 and (if) my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.
- Hebrews 12:1-2 ...let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us... keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...
- Luke 18:1 Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.
- Luke 18:6-8 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸ I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

2. **Consecration:** Becoming fully available to God

- 2 Chronicles 7:14 and (if) my people, who bear my name, humble themselves, pray and seek my face, and turn from their evil ways..
- Leviticus 20:7 “Consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am the LORD your God. ⁸ Keep my decrees and follow them. I am the LORD, who makes you holy.”
- Consecration is not mere sin management, but set apartness for holy use.
- Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore, since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every hindrance and the sin that so easily ensnares us. Let us run with endurance the race that lies before us, ² keeping our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...
- How available are you?

Passive Availability
Conditional Availability
Convenient Availability

Intentional Availability
Responsive Availability
Sacrificial Availability

3. **Contending:** Praying until breakthrough