

FORTY DAYS OF PRAYER, FASTING, AND STUDY

RENEWAL AND REVIVAL

READ

Before you go forward with this devotional, open up your Bible and read **Hebrews 2:1-4**.

A TRUE STORY

Two young men were fishing above a low dam on a river near their hometown. As they were concentrating on catching fish, they were unaware that they had drifted until they were not far from the water flowing over the dam. When they realized their situation, the current near the dam had become too powerful for them to keep their boat from going over. Days later, they were both found dead.

REFOCUS

This story is but a picture of what can happen spiritually if we allow our lives to drift from God. “Drifting” is a gradual shift in position; an aimless course; to become carried along subject to no guidance or control. You don’t have to try to drift, or even want to drift. You just need to live without a spiritual purpose or effort and drifting will happen all by itself.

The remedy for drifting is “giving the more earnest heed”; paying close attention to our lives in relation to the Word of God. Not “neglecting so great a salvation”, by working to maintain our spiritual priorities and values.

This week, Lifepoint is launching forty days of prayer, fasting, and bible study in order to counteract the “drift”. We will all move incrementally from our feelings toward God and the values we find in His Word when we take no action. We will all let go, bit by bit, of our love for God and our experience of his presence when we have no aim and make no effort.

This week we are asking you and your family to deliberately and earnestly refocus your spiritual lives on Jesus and his Kingdom by making time daily for personal and family prayer. In addition, we are requesting that you select a day to fast a part if not a whole day. This week’s focus of our prayer and fasting is personal and church-wide revival; for God to renew and revive our hearts and minds toward God and His kingdom. Below are some scripture readings for your consideration that speak of revival and how it was experienced in the Bible.

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Hebrews 2:1-4, Ezra 9:1-10:19, 2 Chronicles 7:14, 2 Chronicles 34:1-35:19

