

Springs of Living Water

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John 7:37-39

What is Revival?

> Richard Owen Roberts: "... an extraordinary movement of God that produces extraordinary spiritual results."

> Del Fehsenfeld, Jr.: "... that divine moment when God intervenes supernaturally in the lives of His people."

> Ray Ortland, *When God Comes to Church: A Biblical Model for Revival Today*
"... a season in the life of the church when God causes the normal ministry of the gospel to surge forward with extraordinary spiritual power."

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With the ushering in of the New Covenant, came the greatest revival the world has ever known!
Matthew 11:12 *From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing...*

Revival is "the normal ministry of the gospel, not something eccentric or even different from what the church is always charged to do. What sets revival apart is simply that our usual efforts greatly accelerate in their spiritual effects." *Ortland*

Bryan Chappell, *The Wonder of It All*: "No force, nor any other means, contributes more to the building of Christ's kingdom and the destruction of the dominion of darkness than your personal, daily commitment to honor Jesus in the place where God has called you to live, work, love, learn, struggle and even play.

For Christ's followers, who see with his eyes, this perspective grants deep satisfaction because these changes that affect eternity at the heart level are what real revival is all about. The power of God for reformation and revival will flow through you as you resolve today to know Jesus and him crucified above all things and among all others."

Personal revival: "The infectious faith that sparks revival resides in our personal commitment to know Jesus above all else in the place God calls us to live and work." *Chappell*

"We cannot trigger revival but we can turn away from all that clogs up God's work. We can devote ourselves to the normal ministry of the gospel in such a way that we give him no reason not to empower it mightily." *Ortlund*