

URGENT – STEPS TO REVIVAL

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Vision of Revival

From the mid 1970's the Holy Spirit has been frequently revealing:

The map of Northland, New Zealand, in outline, dotted with tongues of fire, which increase in number and size until the whole of Northland is a blaze of fire of the Holy Spirit's revival, gathering in the Lord's harvest of souls and transforming Northland's society with the awesome fear of God.

Scriptures on Revival:

Ps 85:6, Ps 138:7, Is 57:15, Is 64:1-4, Hab 3:2, Hos 6:2, Acts 1:8, Ac 2:1-42, Ac 3:1-9, Ac 4:4.

What we mean by "Revival."

God is restoring His Church to fulness of His life, and fulness of His purpose, which is to win the lost, as we see in *Ac 1-5*, etc.

God will have a company of people who will be willing in this day of His power, *Ps 110:3, Ps 68:11, Ac 8:4,5, 1Thes 1:8.*

Our greatest need in NZ is revival, because the church is God's agent for establishing His Kingdom and rule in the world, *Lk 11:2*. When God's Kingdom enters a person's heart they receive righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, *Rom 14:17*. Individual lives, marriages, families and society are transformed.

What is our mission? What steps is God requiring of us individually and corporately to take to fulfil the vision He has given?

Step 1: Searching out the truth of the Word of God on each issue. *2 Jn1-4, Ac 17:11, 1Jn 4:1*. If we do not have the **TRUTH** we are in deception, *Mat 24:4*.

Step 2: A humbling of ourselves before God and one another, *1Pet 5:5,6, Jam 4:6,10, Is 57:15, Is 66:1,2, Mic 6:8*.

- a. **Before God**, to wholly surrender ourselves to Him, unto willing obedience to His known will, *Phil 2:13, Deut 30:6, Ezk 36:25-27, Lk 9:23, Mat 7:21, Lk 8:21, Lk 11:28*.
- b. **To one another** to serve one another in love out of a secure identity by the leading of the Holy Spirit. ("Secure Identity" see "Pastors' Notes" No 91, 127.) *Gal 6:10, Gal 5:13b,14, Rom 12:13, Eph 4:32, Phil 2:5-8, Jn 13:3-17, Lk 10:29-37*.

One main way of serving one another in love is to:

Forgive one another, as Jesus has commanded us, for every offence, hurt, loss, crime, attack, *Mk 11:25,26, Mat 6:14,15*, as God has forgiven each one of us, *Mat 18:32-35*.

Release one another from the judgment of condemnation, hate, bitterness, resentment and hard feelings, **as Jesus has commanded us**, *Mat 7:1,2, Jam 4:11,12, Rom 14:4,10, 1 Jn 3:15*, (Evaluative judgment, *Ac 17:11* is good.)

Hand the problems over to God to sort out, reverse and overrule, as we are instructed in the Word of God, *Ps 55:22, Mat 11:28-30, 1 Pet 5:7, Pro 16:7, Gen 50:20, Rom 8:28*.

Pray as the Lord Jesus Christ has instructed, for those who have wronged us, *Lk 6:27,28, 35-37, Mat 5:44*, E.g. pray *Col 1:9-11* for believers, *Ac 26:18* for non Christians.

Step 3: To prioritise prayer, *Lk 18:1-8, Eph 6:18, Phil 4:6, Col 4:2, 1Thes 5:17*.
Prayer is the Almighty power of God released.

Personally: *Ps 24:7-10, Ps 22:3, Ps 8:2*.

Plan and organise a time each day when you can exalt the Lord and pray. The best time is early, if this is possible, *Pro 8:17, Ps 63:1, Mk 1:35*. Pray *Lk 11:2*, for yourself, marriage, family, church, contacts, the lost, government and the nations. Pray for revival. Worship and magnify Him.

As a local church: *Ps 24:7-10, Ps 22:3, Ps 8:2*.

Maintain the church prayer meeting. The leader prepares prayer topics and guides the prayer time.

As the combined church of the community: *Ps 24:7-10, Ps 22:3, Ps 8:2*.

- a. **Leaders meet regularly** to build relationships, pray for one another, their churches, for secular leaders and the lost. They meet to exalt the Lord and glorify Him.
- b. **Combined churches' prayer and praise gatherings**, led by the leaders of the churches, for praising the Lord, and praying for secular leaders, the needs of the locality and the lost.

Step 4: To seek God's face, *Ps 27:8, Jer 29:13, Ps 34:10*.

"To seek God's face" is to seek Him, *Ps 24:6*. We seek God's face by reading His Word, listening to hear His voice and what He is saying to us, individually and together with others. Only He knows the way ahead, *Jn 14:6,26*, and what we need to do to see His Kingdom come, *Mat 6:33*. He has chosen us to know His will, to see His face, to hear His voice and to be His witness to all people, *Ac 22:14,15*.

God's Word is a mirror of God to us, and as we look into it and behold His glory, we are transformed into the same image, from glory to glory, by the Spirit of the Lord, *2Cor 3:18*.

Seeking God's face is especially important in a town or city locality. When the leaders and churches gather together to seek God in humility, faith and oneness, God shows up to reveal His way, power and purposes, *Ps 133:1-3, Ac 4:23-33*

Step 5: Walking in freedom from sinful bondages.

Shall we continue in sin when we do not have to? *Rom 6:1*. Of course not! How shall we who are dead to sin live any longer therein? *Rom 6:2*. When we were baptised into Jesus Christ we were baptised into His death, *Rom 6:3*. The old sinful nature was put to death with Him, *Rom 6:6*. Believe yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Rom 6:11*. Get rid of sin and walk in **holiness**, *Is 35:8, Ex 25:8, Tit 2:14, 1Pet 1:15, 1Thes 4:3*. Walk in the way that pleases God. It is a **way of purity**, separated from unclean things, words, thoughts or actions, *Ps 24:3-6, Jam 4:8, Is 52:11*. Purity before power.

Step 6: Win the lost and care for the poor and needy. Gather in the harvest.

God's purpose is **REDEMPTION** of the lost, *Lk 19:10, 2Pet 3:9, 1Tim2:4, Jn 3:16, Mk 16:15*. The message of the Bible is **REDEMPTION** of the lost, *Jn 12:47, Eph 1:7, Mat 1:21, 1Pet 1:18,19*. Our mission is **REDEMPTION** of the lost, *Mat 28:18-20, Ac 1:8, Ac 8:4, Ac 20:24, Mat 24:14*. Our message is the way of **REDEMPTION** to lost men and women and boys and girls, *Ac 8:4, 1Thes 1:8, 2:2, Ac4:20, 2Cor 5:20, 1Cor 2:2, Mat 24:14*.

The people of revival are **praying** for "ten" lost people each day. They ask God for **boldness, opportunities, words of life to speak, compassion for the lost and promptings of the Holy Spirit**. When God gives them the opening they are quick to share Jesus Christ with others. They always carry tracts to give away.