Connect Study - The Dynamics of Revival from Ps Suubi

Ps 85:6-7 Won’t you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you? Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Hab 3:1-2 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, on *Shigionoth*.

“O Lord, I have heard Your speech *and* was afraid; O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years! In the midst of the years make *it* known; In wrath remember mercy” (NKV)”

Our nation is need of revival. We don’t need spiritual discernment to know that darkness is gaining ground in Australia. Charles Finney, the great revivalist says, “Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live according to the will of God”. Revival brings us to the place of total surrender.

The dynamics of revival

* A sense of desperation—“won’t you revive us again,…”

In Uganda, the revival broke out because the people were tired of seeing sick people coming to church and not getting healed, people’s lives not being transformed. There was a huge hunger and desperation for the visitation of God.

* Joy—“so your people can rejoice in you…”

There is a release of joy when people are healed and delivered. But as Christians, God doesn’t always remove all the challenges. There are mountains we may have to climb, challenges that we need to overcome. However, the joy of the Lord will be our strength.

* Salvation—“…grant us your salvation”

Lots of people will be saved in revival.

* Comes in waves—“…revive us in the midst of the year” Hab 3:2

Revival comes in waves. When it comes, it would carry the church for some time. Then we need to pray, to activate another wave.

* Righteousness—Hos 10:12 “Sow for yourselves righteousness;  
  Reap in mercy; Break up your fallow ground, For *it is* time to seek the Lord, Till He comes and rains righteousness on you”

The journey towards revival begins by sowing. We need to sow righteousness. We need to ask if we are sowing the word of God into our lives.

* Love—“…reap the fruit of unfailing love”

There will be an increase in our love for God.

Discussion questions:

How many sessions of the Cultivate Conference did you attend? What was the main message that you took away from the conference?

Have you ever been in a situation when you were desperate? What was different about your attitudes and actions?

Evaluate what you are sowing in your life in terms of what you watch and what you hear? What adjustments do you need to make in order to sow righteousness in your life?

Love must be the primary motivation for prayer and wanting to spend time in the presence of God. What are the things that can help to cultivate that love?