Ps Alan Sermon for connect study - **Revival comes at a price**

Revival is coming. Prophets are saying that God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh like the first Pentecost. God is waiting to pour out His blessings, to open the gates for the lost souls to come in, and He is going to do it through us and by us.

1. Firstly, we have some **decisions to make**, decisions that will cost you time and

effort. For the only way to know how the Father is going to effect a revival is to seek Him - and he *is* speaking, telling us what to do. God speaks to us through journaling and our personal prayer. Will you d*ecide* to listen closely to God and also obey your senior pastor and leaders. Making a *decision* to hear God strengthens your desire and enables you to appropriate His promises.

“*Be careful that you do not refuse to listen to the One who is speaking. For if the people of Israel did not escape when they refused to listen to Moses, the earthly messenger, we will certainly not escape if we reject the One who speaks to us from heaven!* Hebrews12: 25

We *need* to hear the purposes of God. We *need* to hear him tell us what to do as we prepare for the revival .We *need* to hear him in order to RESET our lives .We need to change, to start again, to reset our direction according to His plumbline. After this Pentecost, nothing will be the same. Therefore we can’t be either. The “If” in 2 Chronicles 7:14 (If my people …”) is the challenge to *make a decision* to RESET our focus, to pay the price by choosing God first every day. **Make a decision!**

1. Once you hear Him, obey Him. **Absolute obedience** is important. The words of Peter and James in Acts 4 as they waited for judgment by the Council say it all. When they were ordered to stop speaking and teaching about Jesus, their reply was simply, “do you think God wants us to obey you or Jesus?” (v. 19) The answer was obvious, and they were literally compelled by the urgency in their hearts. Their implicit obedience was based on their confidant assertion in verse 12, “**12**there is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved.” When they prayed for boldness and power, they got it! The building shook and they were filled with the Holy Spirit for miracles. Obedience to God brings the power ofGod.
2. The 3rd price for revival is **unwavering faith** in God. We *need* prayers

answered;we *know* God answers prayer so we cannot live in doubt, unbelief or fear. Heb.11: 6 tell us it’s impossible to please God apart from faith. Then, talking about Noah, in verse 7, “*He was warned about something he couldn’t see, and* ***acted on what he******was told****.”* The result? His family was saved. *“His act of faith drew a sharp line between the evil of the unbelieving world and the rightness of the believing world.’* Your confident faith in God, with His acts of power will open the eyes of many unbelievers to believe.

There are people who need God now. If we pay the price, if we are united as the believers in Acts 4 were in their faith and obedience, if we make a daily decision to seek His will, we can be used for the lost; we can be plugged into the Power of God, the Passion of God, and the promises of God.

**Discussion**:

1.Share a time in your life when you heard the voice of God and acted on it? The results? (Of course this may be everyday in your journaling but share to encourage).

2. What decision will you make that will prepare you to be ready for revival?