

Summer of Revival

Reaching People

We have started our Summer of Revival and many in COC have been set ablaze again with a passion for Christ and fire that is fresh, full of power, and all encompassing. We have begun a shift in the Church of Champions to give every effort to reach the younger generations by turning the hearts of the fathers to the children.

God has set the course for the change at COC and today I want to walk us through a biblical example of Jesus reaching out to a people who were of a different culture.

Revival

REVIVAL always starts in the Heart of God. (John 3:16; Ezra 9:8;)

Ezra 9:8 "But now for a brief moment ***grace has been shown from the LORD our God***, to leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and grant us a little ***reviving*** in our bondage.

John 3:16 For **God so loved** the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

- This is God's heart revealed. Everything starts here.
- We must know that God's desire is that ALL men would come to know Him through Jesus.
- We must keep this in mind whenever we encounter anyone.

REVIVAL is impossible without fulfilling the greatest 2 commandments
(Matt 22:36-40; I Cor 13:1-3)

1 Corinthians 13 ¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. ² And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. ³ And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Matthew 22 ³⁶Master, which is the great commandment in the law? ³⁷Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. ⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

- Jesus made it clear that nothing is more important than 1st loving the Father and second loving others
- It's in this loving of others as ourselves that we say "We Love the Mission more than our Methods"

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REVIVAL is always about God's greater plan. It is never just for you.
(Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8)

Matthew 28 ¹⁸Jesus approached and, breaking the silence, said to them, All authority (all power of rule) in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. ¹⁹Go then and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them [b]into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰

Teaching them to observe everything that I have commanded you, and behold, I am with you [c]all the days ([d]perpetually, uniformly, and on every occasion), to the [very] close and consummation of the age. [e]Amen (so let it be).

Acts 1:8 8 But you shall receive power (ability, efficiency, and might) when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends (the very bounds) of the earth.

Genesis 50:20 You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people.

Jesus shows us the Way – John 4

- A. (V4) Jesus **HAD** to go through Samaria. He fulfilling several purposes
- a. Reaching out to enemies (Jews and Gentiles HATED each other)
Jesus made sure to include the Samaritans in the great commission in Acts 1:8
 - b. He needed to break some traditions held at that time
 - c. He needed to show the His disciples that He was God of all mankind
- B. (V9) Jesus broke several traditions here
- a. Jews not dealing with Samaritans
 - b. Speaking to a woman who was a stranger in public
- C. (v10) Jesus is ready to start the revival in Samaria
- a. He was offering the woman at the well salvation but it was not just for her
 - b. Notice just like the announcement of His resurrection this move started with a woman

- c. He chose a woman that as considered an outcast even among the Samaritans (Half-Jew Outcast)
- D. (V13-15) Jesus presented the woman with a choice. She could be revived spiritually
- E. (V16-18) Jesus tested her to see if she was going to be truthful about her life.
 - a. Without truth there is no Spiritual Revival**
- F. (V19-20) After realizing that Jesus was more than a man...at least a “Man from God”, her first questions was about the method of worship.
 - a. She was bound by sin but wanted to worship God the right way
 - b. She was:
 - i. The wrong woman - an outcast of outcast
 - ii. Told her method of worship was wrong
 - iii. Abused by men all of her life (on her 6th public relationship and he wouldn't marry her)
- G. (V21-24) For God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.
 - a. God unveiled a new understanding of Worship
 - b. The Type of Music sang, way the sermon is preached, clothes worn, nothing on the surface has anything to do with real worship of God the Father that has to do with “Methods or “Mountains” we worship on
 - c. The Time is coming....It is here now
- H. (V29) She began evangelizing all of Samaria
 - a. Revival always points back to JESUS**
 - b. It was never just about her but it was about all of Samaria she was just the starting point
- I. (30-38) Jesus Speaks on the Harvest
 - a. There was a harvest of souls in Samaria & we have a harvest of souls in Millennial and Generation Z America

J. (V39-42) They went from believing because of someone else's testimony to believing because of their own encounter with Jesus.

Insights

- Jesus was not tied to a method but was tied to the mission of winning souls and His Mission took him to Samaria where the style of worship differed from that in Jerusalem
- Not only was He not tied to a method but He changed the method once and for all
- Jesus reached across cultural boundaries to open the door for Revival in a town of outcast and included them in His Mission Statement
- The only thing stopping us is us...