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"Ye have not, because ye ask not"

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"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"

// *Chronicles 7:14*



If God could give a revival in Jerusalem at Pentecost, He can give one anywhere. Never a city, never a country in the world where people have hated Christ more than they hated Him at Jerusalem. Never a city or country in the world where they have rejected more pure gospel, and have despised more the manifestation of God's grace, than at Jerusalem. Nowhere in the world is there a place where God's disciples have failed Him as that little band of disciples seemed to have failed Christ in the hours of His arrest, trial and death. They did not even believe that He had risen from the dead. They had thrown away all their hopes. Peter had quit the ministry and had gone back to fishing. Thomas would not believe in His resurrection for a week after others had been convinced of it. But the Lord Jesus met and empowered those disciples and used them in a mighty, mighty revival! Oh, then, weak, discouraged Christians, Christians who have made a shabby failure of your lives, take heart! The Lord Jesus can empower you and use you mightily if you will but wait upon Him with holy abandon, and seek and find the fullness of the Spirit for soul-winning power!

PRAYER STRESS TEST!!

I was called in for a chemically induced stress test recently and I have to say, I wasn't as stressed going in as I was coming out. *My soul!!!* I am so glad I prayed before I went and asked the Lord to go with me. There was no way I could have gone through that without Him. I am claustrophobic and after they injected me with some nuclear chemicals (and yes, I asked the nurse if I was going to glow afterward and she said no) they put me on a table which rolled me under (what looked like) a spaceship.

I am laying under this spaceship and the thing starts coming down on top of me. I'm like, *WHOA!!* The nurse, Sarah, had to stand beside me and put her hands under it on the sensors to keep it off me. Had that thing got any closer to me I would have kicked out of it. But Sarah was there. I don't know if she was a real angel sent from God to help me or not, but in my eyes, she was an angel for sure! She said if she didn't put her hands on the sensors the machine would rub on me and then go back up. I'm thinking...it would only do it once and I would be outta there! It was hovering too close as it was.

I got through it and Sarah said something about the next time and I'm thinking.... *WHAT?* I gotta do this again??? Sure enough, I did. They had to put more chemicals in me and if my heart didn't *EXPLODE* I was to go back under that thing! Well, my heart didn't explode so I found myself back under that thing about thirty minutes later.

But, where was Sarah? There was another girl there. She was one of those prissy little things that wanted to be seen and not help. I told her she was going to have to put her hands under that machine to keep it off me and she didn't have a clue what I was talking about...but trust me, she was going to learn or I was leaving. They lowered the spaceship down over me again (too close in my estimation) and I almost bolted! The next thing I know she said, "Your helper is here!" and Sarah started talking. **PRAISE GOD!** She put her hands under the machine just in time!

I could not have made it without Sarah and God knew it. I told her she was a God-send. I didn't know what was in store for me that morning or I probably would not have gone, but God knew and He was with me the whole time via Sarah. When I got out from under that thing the second time I gave Sarah a big hug! When I got to my car and caught my breath I asked God to bless Sarah in a special way for what she had done for me.

If you are claustrophobic and have to have that chemical stress test I pray you will have a "Sarah" with you too. Definitely **PRAY** before you go. How people who don't know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour can go through things like that is beyond my comprehension. As the Scripture says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" Psalms 46:1.

PRAYER BLESSING

One day I asked the Lord to let me be a blessing to someone and I received the blessing instead. I go to kidney dialysis every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. As I was sitting in dialysis I heard a commotion at the end of the room, I looked down there to see what was going on and I saw one of the nurses with both arms lifted up and swaying gently back and forth. Then, I heard an elderly woman singing "This Little Light Of Mine." When she finished the nurse told her that was one of her favorite songs. After that, I heard another elderly woman say, "A few weeks ago I thought I was going to die. I am ready to die, but the Good Lord must have something else for me to do down here so it wasn't time for me to go just yet!" Isn't that good? Amen! What a blessing to hear and see all of that.

God Bless America Again!

GOOD FOR THE HEART PRAYER!

One of our custodians at work has been such a blessing to me. She loves the Lord and openly reads her bible every morning about the same time I do. We have a good time praising the Lord together. I was toasting a bagel in the back of the office suite this morning and when I went out of my office to go get it I saw the custodian down on her knees praying. That did my heart good! I have never seen her do that before and it did my heart good! Thank you, Lord!



It took God longer to get Jonah ready to preach the gospel than it took to get all Nineveh on their faces repenting. It took the Lord Jesus longer to get one shabby Samaritan woman saved and ready to witness than it took to get many others saved. At Mount Carmel, God could turn the hearts of all the people back to Him; He could put them on their faces crying out, "The Lord, he is the God; the Lord, he is the God!" just as soon as He had one man who could pray down the fire of God from Heaven! And at Pentecost God could change hard hearts, could save multitudes, as soon as He had a group of people who were willing to wait before Him long enough and with singleness of mind enough to be mightily filled with the Spirit of God. You see, it is the old, old story that Jesus often told: "The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few" (Luke 10:2).

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THE REVIVAL WE NEED

There was a time when we hoped for revival. We looked for revival. We prayed for revival. We preached revival and the church thought she might have revival. Now it looks like there is not much hope left that we'll have one. I know there are some who have predicted a world-wide revival. We've seen none in view. Say what you please - there's a loss of the love of the Word of God, and people's hearts have waxed cold because of the increase of iniquity.

Revival is no accident. It is a very drastic thing. Revival would rip America wide open. It would tear a lot of businesses in pieces. The liquor business could not survive and the drug business would be gone if we have revival. Everybody's wondering what we're going to do about the drug business. There's only one thing that can be done and that's to get people right with the Lord. Get people addicted to Jesus and to the ministering of the saints as the Bible talks about.

I've reached the conclusion that the greatest book in the Bible for us today is the book of Romans. In the first place, if you'll read the first few chapters, you'll find that it will tell us exactly what we look like in the eyes of God. Rugged and ragged and jagged is the book of Romans. It will tell you about the abnormal relations, it will tell you about the flesh relationships that the world has today, and the things on which we're trying to build our civilization and house. And all of it is a bunch of mud and sand. She's caving in now!

There was a time when we found every need met and satisfied in the word of God, but not anymore. The Bible has been riddled. The modernist took his little scissors and clipped the milk veins of Bible truth - I'm talking about supernatural truth - and tried to bring it down to where we are instead of bringing us up to where the Lord is and where the word of God is.

We're never going to gain the victory until we come to Jesus with our sins. I've noticed in the last ten years the desperation of some of the preachers. They do want revival, and they know we've got to have one if we have any survival. Lost people need to realize their need to be saved and then trust in Jesus to save them. *"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God"* Romans 3:23.

Christians need to claim the promises for peace and a sound mind. *"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ"* Romans 5:1. *"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind"* II Timothy 1:7. *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in Thee"* Isaiah 26:3. - Lester Roloff

WHO DO YOU TALK TO?

While spending an entire day at the hospital being talked to by several members of a kidney transplant team, an unflattering, smug woman sat across from me in a very proper and poised manner and asked, "Do you ever get depressed?"

"Yes," I replied.

"When was the last time you got depressed?" she asked.

"Yesterday," I said as she scribbled something on her paper.

"What do you do when you get depressed?" she asked.

"Pray," I responded.

With a *you-gotta-be-kidding-me* smirky grin on her face she threw her hair back out of her face, paused for a second and said, "Do you have someone to talk to when you get depressed?"

"Yes, God!" I said matter-of-factly, "...when I pray!" She lost her smirk and grin and I continued with, "...He always takes care of me...."

She quickly moved on to another subject....

How sad that she thinks that God is a figment of imagination until the day she needs Him.

DO YOU WANT REVIVAL?

The trouble is not with the world, but with the church. The trouble is not with the sinners, but with the saints. The revival problem is a Christian problem. We can have revival now if we want it enough to do God's will about it. When Christians, and ministers of God in particular, begin to care more about what God thinks about them and their ministries than they do the people and world around them, then we will see Revival, real Revival, come to America.