

REVIVAL AND FOCUS

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INTRODUCTION: ISAIAH 57:15 (NLT)

Whatever target we focus our faith on is where God's power is released. If we desire power to overcome obstacles, we must focus our faith on the obstacle – speak to the mountain.

The same is true with revival. Our focus can be threefold:

1. Self: the influences of this world can work their way into our lives and cause spiritual lethargy. A revival can:
 - A. Fine tune us, refine and purify us.
 - B. Invade our human condition with God's grace and glory.
 - C. Cause the allure of the world to fade.
 - D. Cause the heart to overflow with compassion for the lost.
 - E. Cause us to radiate the life and character of God.

2. Collectively: It's contagious! It spreads from one to another until the entire body is swept in by it's current.
 - A. It manifests in love, joy and spiritual character.
 - B. It effects changes in lives, brings restoration and break throughs.

3. In society: People all around are affected.
 - A. Drug addicts, alcoholics, prostitutes are changed.
 - B. Tax collectors, thieves, rebels are changed.
 - C. Sex offenders, criminals and abusers are changed.

PROVERBS 16:25 – Pride says “I will”

- A. Live as I please, treat people as I want, decide my sexual preference, give if I want. Forgive if I choose, talk as I please, govern my own life.

PROVERBS 16:18

- A. If we desire revival, pride must fall and humility must rise!