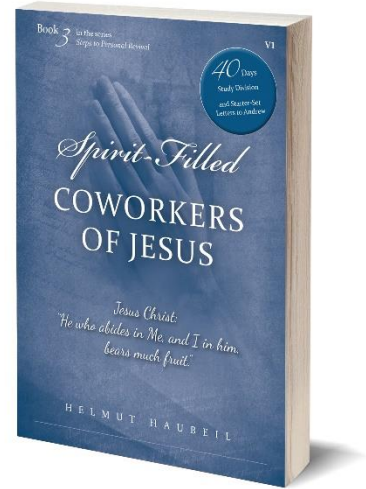


Seeking REVIVAL



DAY 10 – SEEKING REVIVAL TOGETHER

“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord of hosts” (Zechariah 4:6).

What’s Next?

Three Steps for a Spiritual-**Missionary*** Restart

Would you like to experience spiritual renewal together with your group or church family? Here’s one suggested **plan that was recognized through various practical experiences in secular countries. If we see our Lord working in a certain way, there is nothing better than to follow Him. (Proverbs 3:5-6; 19:21; Micah 4:2)*** It led to spiritual awakening, **soulwinning*** and **new*** hope for churches in Germany, Switzerland, England, Tajikistan, and the United States. Revival can happen anywhere, even in secular countries, when people continually surrender themselves to Jesus and ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

Pray about how your church or family or prayer group can experience a spiritual “restart”. Make a plan, seek input from others, and set a date to begin. We want to share the example of just one church in Decatur, Alabama, USA:

* Subsequently supplemented by Helmut Haubeil

1. Restart

In preparation for an evangelistic series, members of the Decatur church began praying together at church for 30 minutes every Sabbath morning. They shared pointers in the church bulletin to promote prayer, revival, and the work of the Holy Spirit. They also held a video seminar about the Holy Spirit on two Sabbath evenings. After the seminar, they distributed the book Steps to Personal Revival

and asked members to read it over the next six weeks. Later, during the Ten Days of Prayer, they prayed for revival and the Holy Spirit and celebrated a Sabbath of prayer and praise.

2. Relationship Care internally and externally*

During this second phase, members of the Decatur church started studying the book *40 Days: Prayers and Devotions to Prepare for the Second Coming* by Dennis Smith (R&H) in groups of two. As a result, their joy in telling others about Jesus grew.

As suggested in the book, they started praying for five unreached people. Then they got in touch with these acquaintances or former church members and maintained the contact over time. (Helpful, tested tracts are mentioned at the end)*

Think about it: if 10 church members each pray for and maintain contact with five people, that would be 50 people, and it would grow from there.

3. Sharing the Gospel*

At the end of the 40 days, you invite the people you prayed for to a special visitor Sabbath. At this occasion you can invite them to attend evangelistic meetings, small-group Bible studies, or a one-on-one Bible study. *If you want to do it by videos, please look at the end.** (If some of your prayer contacts aren't ready for Bible studies, invite them to a small group focused on an area of interest, such as exercise, healthy cooking, hobbies, or social activities.) Remember to attend the meetings with your friends and help them feel welcome.

When the Decatur church held an evangelistic series, the members experienced revival and a deeper relationship with Jesus. The Holy Spirit worked on the hearts of invited guests, and 10 people gave their lives to Jesus through baptism (with five more joining later). The results are a testimony to the power of prayer! (Decatur story is adapted from a report by Elida Meneses in *Southern Tidings*.)

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What Can Your Group or Church Do?

Pray together and make a plan for your church.

"All heaven is in activity, and the angels of God are waiting to cooperate with all who will devise plans whereby souls for whom Christ died may hear the glad tidings of salvation. Angels who minister to those that shall be heirs of salvation,

are saying to every true saint: 'There is work for you to do.' 'Go, stand and speak ... to the people all the words of this life' (Acts 5:20)" (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, pp. 433, 434).

God sends you out to the world with this promise: "What you are planning will neither succeed by the might of an army nor by human strength; rather, my Spirit will accomplish it! I, the Lord God Almighty, promise this" (Zechariah 4:6, translated from the German Hoffnung fuer Alle version).

Praying God's Word

The Holy Spirit will accomplish it.

"What you are planning will neither succeed by the might of an army nor by human strength; rather, my Spirit will accomplish it! I, the Lord God Almighty, promise this" (Zechariah 4:6, translated from the German Hoffnung fuer Alle version).

Dear Father, You tell us that success does not come from human effort. Please forgive us for our lack of Holy Spirit power. Revive us so we are not lukewarm like Laodicea. Awaken us for our own salvation and that of our neighbors. And thank You for the eternal joy You have promised.

Personal Thoughts and Discussion Guide

- 1. What three steps are vital for a spiritual new start?*
- 2. Write down the names of five people, who you want to particularly pray for.*
- 3. Prayerfully consider what possibilities you have for conducting Bible studies/ care groups and/or evangelistic meetings.*
- 4. What experiences have other people/groups had? Look more closely at these experiences.*

Our Prayer Time

Contact your prayer partner/s and discuss the topic.

Pray with your prayer partner ...

1. ... for a new spiritual start - personally and in your church.
2. ... for the five people you wrote down.
3. ... to discern what possibilities you have personally and as a group/ church to work for and with God.

4. ... for experiences, where God has guided your work.

Additional notes for Group Leaders

from Helmut Haubeil

I have re-worked this topic to make it more understandable after publishing. The red remarks belong to it.

Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit so that we can have new life and show our fellow human beings the way to salvation. The Holy Spirit has the same power in secular countries and in countries more open to the gospel. It is important that we ask for clarity in prayer for our personal path, and also as a group and church.

Step 2: Relationship Care Externally

One important step is to pray and to contact five people.

For this purpose we have tried and tested tracts, called Letters to Andrew. Those eight of them, who usually are best for starting a faith relationship are available in a Starter-Set.

These letters to Andrew are the bridge to practical experience. These are tried and tested tools to lead people to Jesus. There are 12 advantages to use such tracts, which are mentioned at chapter 7 of the book Spirit-Filled Coworkers of Jesus. They significantly facilitate important conversations about faith, both for the helper and the participant. The Starter-Set envelope contains one copy of each of the required letters. The illustrated design and the appealing content will please you. You will be happy to pass them on. You need a set for every person you want to lead to Jesus. You will experience great joy when you have been able to lead someone to Jesus. The envelope is intended for notes: when did I give which number? The usual order for passing distribution is:

No 4 - The bet of our life: Does God exist or not?

No 1 - Christian Faith put to the test

No 8 - Prophecies about Jesus Christ - Probability of Fulfilment 1:10¹⁷

No 2 - Unique and beyond comparison: Jesus of Nazareth

No 3 - What is the main focus of the Bible?

No 13 - Seize Life through a personal relationship with God

No Z1 - In addition: The Way to Eternal Life

No 14 - Life in God's Strength - How?

No 5 - Victory over Tobacco and Alcohol

You find them: www.steps-to-personal-revival.info: Letters to Andrew. You can free download or share them. There are also the order addresses.

Step 3 Sharing the Gospel

In the book *Spirit-Filled Coworkers of Jesus* in Appendix F you find 17 sources for Videos for this purpose. The book is at: www.steps-to-personal-revival.info - There is also the order address.

This topic is covered in more detail in:

" Spirit-Filled Coworkers of Jesus" by Helmut Haubeil

Chapter 10: New Spiritual-Missionary Start in Three Steps

How can individuals and groups,
churches and conferences experience this?

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