

## 10 Ways to Win as a Man Study

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### Week 1: A Man and Personal Revival

**(When you seek the face of God, everything changes)**

**Personal revival starts by asking: where I am in my life, who I am, who is God, where is God, and am I near Him?**

*Psalm 119:169-176: "Let my cry come before you. O Lord, give me understanding according to your word. Let my supplication come before you; deliver me according to your promise. May my lips overflow with praise, for you teach me your decrees. May my tongue sing of your word, for all your commands are righteous. May your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your precepts. I long for your salvation, Lord, and your law gives me delight. Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me. I have strayed like a lost sheep. Seek your servant, for I have not forgotten your commands."*

The Psalmist is crying out for personal revival in his life. Here are key points we can take away from this scripture:

1) Revival Is A Desire For A Fresh Touch From God

- a. There has to be a touch from God. When we get desperate for God, we can get through to God. The question is, are we desperate. Do we have a desiring heart to get to the throne of God? The God of the Bible may be different than the God you've created in your own mind. Recognize who God is by the Word of God and it will change everything about you. We sometimes create perceptions and attributes of God that don't line up with the Word of God. Over the next 10 weeks, there will be 3 prayers we will continue to pray individually as we seek out God – the **1<sup>st</sup> prayer is "Lord touch me."**

2) God's Men are Poised To Do Great Things

- a. Not great men, not good men, but God's men. God's men are different than great men. God's man is one who is reconciled to God, his family, and he is leading as he should be leading through ownership.

3) A Man Of Revival is Found In The Place Of Prayer

- a. "What a man is on his knees before God, that he is, and nothing more." – Robert Murray M'Cheyne
- b. How is your prayer life?
  - i. You don't get to know prayer, prayer gets to know you. You have to pray! Get in the Word of God and start praying. The Psalms are a great guide.
- c. A heart that cries out in prayer. We don't have to go to a certain place to pray to God. I just have to pray. Cry out to God in your life, in your troubles, in real time. Don't wait to deal with it later with God.
  - i. When was the last time you were broken over your sin and position from God?
- d. Something was breaking the connection between God and this believer. Often this manifests itself as fear, unbelief, pride. These are the enemies.
- e. If God were to answer all the prayers you've prayed in the last 12 months, would the world change? would the people in your life change? Would you change?
- f. The Bible is clear, if you have habitual practicing sin in your life, you're in trouble. Here's why: habitual, practicing sin in your life that you have not dealt with will
  - i. Psalm 68:18, "If I would have cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."
  - ii. Proverbs 28:9 "If anyone turns a deaf ear to my instruction, even his prayers are detestable."

- 4) Men of God will stand and say, “We want to see something different,” and this starts with asking God to teach us individually.
  - a. Until we put our foot down, nothing changes. And the first change has to be a man putting a foot down in his own life for the Lord to take control so that he will change.
  - b. The **2nd prayer** to pray over these next 10 weeks is “**Lord, teach me.**” Oftentimes, God won’t show you the next thing to do until you do thing He has already called you to do. It takes faithful and obedient walking.
  - c. Revival is life flowing in and life flowing out. When there are bottlenecks in traffic, it is hard to move. Likewise, our bottlenecks are fear, pride, and unbelief. Jesus not only wants to move in you but move out of you.
    - i. Many men are touched by God but they don’t let God teach them
    - ii. We have revival when we stop confessing our nation’s sins and acknowledge our own. Until God got ahold of Nehemiah’s heart and changed him, He could not change the world around Nehemiah, through Nehemiah.
    - iii. There are many who display spirit of outrage which mainly comes through pride. Nehemiah wasn’t outraged. He was broken.
  - d. Revival changes everything. In revival people are sanctified, God is glorified, the church is edified, the world is mystified, and the enemy is notified.
    - i. Billy Graham – “when a man takes a stand, the spines of others stiffens.”
    - ii. Men need to be battle ready spiritually
      1. We need to learn to take a punch – instead of whining, outrage, complaining, etc we need men that can be broken individually where God can move through
  - e. There can be no impactful outreach that can shake the world until we have first outreached God for His help in brokenness. (v 173-175)
- 5) Truth not transferred cannot transform
  - a. Unless we transfer truth into our own life first we cannot expect transformation in it
    - i. IF we first cannot apply God’s truth to our life, owning and applying it, God cannot move in you and God cannot move through you.
- 6) Satan wants to own the family because whoever owns the family owns the future.
  - a. The **3rd prayer** we will pray: “**Lord transform me**”
  - b. Seek your servant for I have gone away like a lost sheep. – 119:176
  - c. You can go from being mighty in the scriptures to missing the shepherd before you know it.
    - i. If it could happen to the Psalmist (most likely king David), then it can happen to us too.
  - d. If a man can backslide, then it stands to reason that a family can backslide, a church can backslide, a community can backslide, and a nation can backslide.

The question you must ask yourself is, “are you right with God.” If you are willing to ask that question, God will show you what area in your life and specific things in your life that are holding you back from being right with God.

A study conducted by Promise Keepers and Baptist Press showed that only 1 child in 50 will become a regular worshiper if a father does not go to church, even if the wife does go. However, if a father does go regularly, regardless of what the mother does, roughly 75% of their children will attend church as adults. Additionally, when both parents attend Sunday School or some other weekly Bible Study, roughly 75% of their children will attend when they are grown. Here’s the point of all these statistics: Dad’s impact on the kids’ faith and practice is HUGE.

“Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God.” – Charles Feeney. In other words, God has revealed something in your life that is separating you from Him, there is conviction of sin, and repentance of that sin or sins in your life.

“Revival is an extraordinary movement of the Holy Spirit of God within His people.” --- Charles Feeney.