

Revival - Holy Spirit Power John Wesley

Preamble

- 2018 A year of Favour, God's Kindness and grace towards us
- It's undeserved, unmerited help, kindness ... Favour
- It's God Grace given to us in Christ Jesus
- It's God's preferential Treatment

Favour enables us to do what we could not do in our own strength or resources to bring about God's divine purposes upon the earth.

- It's the Favour of God that enables us to have healthy lives, healthy marriages and shape our communities into safe places of hope and light.
- It is the favour of the Lord that enables us to grow people, raise leaders establish new congregations even build buildings, to grow the prayer culture and expand the mission of God.

The favour upon an individual is not about the individual but about what the Lord is doing through them to reach and touch others!! Favour is rarely about the person who is experiencing favour!

Introduction

Looking at Heroes to learn lessons and be inspired

Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. **1 Corinthians 10:6**

- History can teach us, inspire us, warn us
- People in history can speak to us through their lives

John Wesley Short Bio

- Born 1703 in Epworth, Lincolnshire
- Was The Founder of Methodism
- Educated at Oxford and there formed the Holy Club
- People called them Methodist because they were so methodical
 - Serving the Poor, Fasting, prayer and living Holy Lives
- He went to America for 2 years as a missionary but was not successful
- Challenged and provoked by the Moravian Christians he met - They knew God, they were not afraid when facing death
- On May 24, 1738, he had an experience that changed everything at a Bible study on Romans

"I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death."

- Sixty Five years in Ministry
- Travelled on average 4,000 miles a year on horseback - 250,000 miles
- Tirelessly crisscrossed the length and breadth of the United Kingdom
- He preached Jesus Christ- Simple but powerful good news
- Preached 40,000 sermons!

Example of his persistence

- Sunday Morning, May 5. Preached in St. Ann's. Was asked not to come back anymore.
- Sunday p.m., May 5. Preached at St. John's. Deacons said "Get out and stay out."
- Sunday a.m., May 12. Preached at St. Jude's. Can't go back there either.
- Sunday p.m., May 12. Preached at St. George's. Kicked out again.
- Sunday a.m., May 19. Preached at St. somebody else's. Deacons called special meeting and said I couldn't return.
- Sunday p.m., May 19. Preached on the street. Kicked off the street.
- Sunday a.m., May 26. Preached in meadow, chased out of meadow as bull was turned loose during the service.
- Sunday a.m., June 2. Preached out at the edge of town, kicked off the highway.
- Sunday p.m., June 2, afternoon service. Preached in a pasture, 10,000 people came to hear me.

I set myself on Fire and the world comes to watch me burn. **John Wesley**

- Never intended to start a Denomination
- More than 75,000 methodists in the UK when he died and 55,000 in America
- He trained 100,s of leaders that continued the work even after his death

- Today there 30 million Methodists world wide
- Some historians believe that the revival that Wesley lived in, turning a nation back to the Lord saved Britain from the revolution that was taking place in France and other European countries
- It was a Revival that lasted 50 years!! A true move of God!

The day before he died lying on his bed, barely able to speak, he said *'Best of all is, God is with us'*

- Died 1791 aged 88

Harvest is coming - Prepare!

- 2012 for about a 6 month period the Lord kept speaking to us about the coming Revival and move of God.
 - That a great revival and a great harvest were coming and we needed to get ready
 - To prepare
- Build bigger people
 - Start behaving like an Apostolic Movement
 - Build a physically bigger space
 - Become World Class in everything you do

Who has ever heard of such things? Who has ever seen things like this? Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment? Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children. [9] Do I bring to the moment of birth and not give delivery?" says the Lord. "Do I close up the womb when I bring to delivery?" says your God. **Isaiah 66:8-9**

Do it Again! - Sept 2016

- 2015 I felt the Lord dimples upon me that we would plant more Hubs across the UK
- I told no one for a year and actually felt apprehensive and fearful about the idea
- August 2016 for a whole month the Lord kept speaking to me about it
- End of September while preaching in ~Preston one evening, I felt the Lord remind me of Wesley's life and the move of God across the UK. Also of William Booth and the Salvation Army. I heard the Lord say, 'I want to do it again.'
- Such faith filled my heart, instead of fear, hope and believe that God could do it again

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy. **Habakkuk 3:2**

Application

1. Live Full of the Spirit -

“In using all means, seek God alone. In and through every outward thing, look only to the power of His Spirit, and the merits of His Son. Beware you do not get stuck in the work itself; if you do, it is all lost labor. Nothing short of God can satisfy your soul. Therefore, fix on Him in all, through all, and above all...Remember also to use all means as means-as ordained, not for their own sake...”

“By salvation I mean not barely according to the vulgar notion deliverance from hell or going to heaven but a present deliverance from sin a restoration of the soul to its primitive health its original purity a recovery of the divine nature the renewal of our souls after the image of God in righteousness and true holiness in justice mercy and truth.”

- power to live,
- power to pray,
- power to be holy.

2. Live In Community

“I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions.”

‘You cannot serve God Alone, you must find companions or make them. The bible knows nothing of solitary religion.’

- We must be in committed relationships with other Christ followers
- Take their counsel, speaking into each others lives and listening
- Holding one another to account - Loving deeply

3. Pray for Revival

“I continue to dream and pray about a revival of holiness in our day that moves forth in mission and creates authentic community in which each person can be unleashed through the empowerment of the Spirit to fulfill God's creational intentions.”

“Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin, and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or

laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on Earth.”

“Light yourself on fire with passion and people will come from miles to watch you burn.”

Must Impact Society

‘The gospel of Christ knows of no religion, but social; no holiness but social holiness. Faith working by love is the length and breadth and depth and height of Christian perfection.’

God grant that I may never live to be useless!

You have one business on earth – to save souls