

Preparing For Personal Revival #3

A Heart Divided

Psalms 86:11-12

“Teach me your ways O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name. I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all of my heart.”

A couple of weeks ago we began a series on preparing for personal revival. It is important that every one of us makes sure that our relationship with God is fresh and new. We all need a time of refreshing. These messages aren't just for those who are doing poorly spiritually. Every one of us will at one time or another make decisions in our lives to either feed the fire of God in our lives or make decisions to put out the Spirit's fire in our lives. That's why David wrote “and give me an undivided heart.”

Jesus told the church in Ephesus “you have left your first love.” He meant that their fervency for Him had left. They were still doing spiritual things, but the love they had for Christ was growing cold. That's why we need to keep ourselves in check, and spiritually in tune so we don't grow cold to God.

Remember last week when I read Psalms 139:23-24 “Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked thing in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.”

This was a very honest and open prayer by David.

But here's the thing, we can't expect God's blessing where we allow sin to rule. We cannot serve God and the world too. Psalms 119:113 says,

“I hate double minded men.” James 1:8 says, “he is a double minded man, unstable in all of his ways.”

Look with me at another psalm that David wrote. Psalms 37:5 “Commit your ways to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this.”

IF you want to enter into personal revival then you’ve got to get the place where you trust the Lord. By nature we are people who go by feelings, but Gods desire is that we walk by faith. This is where the battle is for every believer.

Just because some area of your life isn’t going very well, or you’re in the middle of an awful situation doesn’t mean that God is out of the picture. There are times you can be right in the middle of God’s will and still be in a big mess.

Joseph was in Gods will, God had been revealing himself through dreams but look what happened. He was sold into slavery by his own brothers, then ended up in prison because a woman was lusting after him. None of these things are pleasant experiences. But none of these things stopped the will of God from happening in Joseph’s life. Joseph committed all of his ways to the Lord and trusted Him.

I also think about David. He has been anointed as king, and what happens to him? He got into a mess. King Saul wanted to kill him so he had to live in a cave but none of these things stopped the will of God from being accomplished in David’s life.

Daniel was in the lion’s den. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were put in the fiery furnace, but none of these things stopped the will of God in their lives. The key for all of them was, they never stopped trusting God!!! And God didn’t fail them!!

As long as you don’t stop delighting, trusting, and committing, nothing can stop God’s plan from being done in your life. Bad times can’t

separate us from Gods love. Don't let your feelings do the talking in your life. No matter what, keep trusting God in the good, the bad, and the ugly, keep hanging onto God and He will see you through!! Trust Him in everything!!

The very reason David, Daniel, and Joseph could keep on standing in the face of trouble was because they had a firm commitment to trust and serve the Lord. Yes, I'm sure they had their moments of weakness, but because they had made up their minds to serve God, they had a firm foundation that could withstand any storm.

What kind of foundation do you have? Is all of your trust in Christ? We cannot be revived until we have met the source of the revival and the source in none other than Jesus Himself.