

From Running to Revival Week 1 Devotional

Day 1: From Running to Revival

Reading: Jonah 1:1-3, Acts 2:37-41

Devotional: Just as Jonah initially ran from God's call, we too can find ourselves running from what God is asking of us. But God's desire is not for us to hide or flee, but to experience revival - a renewed passion and intimacy with Him. The early church in Acts demonstrates the power of responding to God's call. When we turn towards God instead of away, He can work miraculously through us. Today, reflect on areas where you might be running from God. Ask Him for the courage to stop running and instead run towards His presence and purpose for your life.

Day 2: The Power of God's Presence

Reading: Exodus 33:14-16, Acts 4:29-31

Devotional: Moses understood the critical importance of God's presence, refusing to move forward without it. Similarly, the early church experienced supernatural boldness when filled with God's Spirit. God's presence isn't just a doctrine to believe, but an experience to embrace. It has the power to transform us and shake the very foundations of our lives and communities. Today, intentionally invite God's presence into every aspect of your day. Ask Him to make you acutely aware of His nearness and to fill you with His Spirit in a fresh way.

Day 3: Awakening to God's Love

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-19, 1 John 4:9-11

Devotional: Revival often begins with a renewed understanding of God's immense love for us. Paul prayed for the Ephesians to grasp the vastness of Christ's love, recognizing its transformative power. When we truly experience God's love, it compels us to love others and live differently. Today, meditate on the depth of God's love for you personally. Ask Him to reveal any areas where you've forgotten or doubted His love, and pray for a fresh awakening to the reality of His unconditional affection for you.

Day 4: Confession and Renewal

Reading: Psalm 51:1-12, Acts 19:18-20

Devotional: True revival involves honest confession and a willingness to turn from sin. In Ephesus, new believers openly confessed their sins and abandoned their old practices. David's heartfelt prayer of repentance in Psalm 51 shows us the path to restoration and renewed joy. God doesn't want us to hide our sins, but to bring them into His light for healing and transformation. Today, prayerfully examine your heart. Is there anything you need to confess to God? Ask Him for the courage to bring hidden areas into the light, trusting in His forgiveness and power to renew you.

Day 5: Longing for God

Reading: Psalm 42:1-2, Matthew 5:6

Devotional: At the core of revival is a deep longing for God Himself. The psalmist compares his desire for God to a deer panting for water - a vivid picture of spiritual thirst. Jesus promised that those who hunger and thirst for righteousness would be satisfied. Revival comes when we're no longer content with a lukewarm faith, but desperately want more of God. Today, ask God to increase your spiritual appetite. Pray for a holy discontent with the status quo and a burning desire for more of His presence and power in your life. Remember, God always shows up where He's truly wanted.