

# Revival For Our Day

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To the followers of Jesus Christ, greetings in the Holy Ghost,

John 12:24 says, “**Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.**” I was preaching one time in Hopewell and I mentioned about corn on a cob. The janitor of the church there went out to his corncrib the next day and got a pretty good-sized ear of corn. He said he counted the grains of corn on the ear and said there were 840 grains on the one ear. One kernel fell into the soil and died and from its roots came 840 times itself. What a blessing. Now if corn will produce like that, why couldn’t mortals bring forth severally?

Now let’s leave that verse and come down to verse thirty-two in the twelfth chapter of John. These are the words of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God, the Ancient of Days, the Everlasting Father, the Counselor, the Mighty God, the Rose of Sharon, the Lilly of the Valley, the Bright and the Morning Star, Shiloh come. He said this, “**And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me.**” It is conditional. Every promise has a condition and a consequence when the choice is made. There are two “lifts” – one was to the cross on Golgotha and the other lift is by a holy body. Ephesians 5:27 says, “**That He might present to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish.**” The second lift is that of a holy body, a pure and humble people. Only as we are broken, yielded and obedient can we lift Him. That He might present to Himself a *glorious* church – a glorious, victorious, shining church! ...not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that it should be holy and without blemish! O, what a wonder.

He said, *if* I be lifted up. A spiritual body of believers is anywhere that obedience and purity abounds. When holiness and oneness is present in that body, He will draw all men there. Not a part of men, not most of men, but *all* men. That has not occurred yet, but it can, if the body is willing to pay the price.

The formula for paying this price is in II Chronicles 7:14 which says, “**If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.**” He didn’t say the Pharisees, the Sadducees, or the Amorites, Amalakites or Philistines. He said, “**If my people...**” Who are God’s people? The seed of Abraham, those that believe in Jesus Christ, those that have left all. His people are they that have

forsaken all and left all. He said, “**Except you forsake all, ye cannot be my disciple.**” (Luke 14:33) Except we forsake all, leave all, unless we do this, we cannot be His disciples.

God’s people are a happy and blessed people. They are loving and longsuffering, understanding, and compassionate. Are you His? Does He lead you? There is something there that is very unusual. God’s people are called by His name. “If my people, which are mine, will be willing to humble themselves...” How do we humble ourselves? By confession, by asking people to forgive us for our weaknesses, our faults, our shortcomings, and saying that we haven’t been as faithful as we should. He said, “If they will humble themselves.” He was very disappointed. He said in Deuteronomy 5:29, “**O that there were such a heart in them, that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them and with their children forever.**” See He was disappointed.

God said, “**I sought for a man among them that would stand in the hedge and make up the gap before me for the land that I should not destroy it, but I found none.**” (Ezekiel 22:30) He said He found how many? None. How disappointed was God when He couldn’t find one in three to five million of His own people? He couldn’t find *one* intercessor that was faithful and true and holy and pure and compassionate? How does that strike you? How does that touch you? How does that challenge us, you and me? That He sought for one soul that would pay the price in humility, brokenness, obedience, and that would trust Him with all of their heart and not lean to their own understanding; who would acknowledge Him in all of their ways that He might direct their path, and He couldn’t find any. Has it changed in the last few thousand years? Has it changed in the last hundred years? When He looks into our hearts, what does He see? When we humble ourselves, we know and confess that we have come far short and haven’t prayed as we should nor witnessed when we could have at the grocery store, filing station, drug store or pharmacy. We know we have made choices in the flesh and are sorry and want God’s forgiveness.

He said, “If my people shall humble themselves...” If we would. If we were willing to really, truly humble ourselves. How many times in your life as you look back have you humbled yourself? We need to ask one another’s forgiveness for where we have talked about someone, thought something we shouldn’t have or for where we were critical.

Once I was in the men’s room while at the Greenbrier and a black gentleman who had worked there for over thirty years said hello to me. I said,

"Praise the Lord," and he asked me, "Are you a servant?" I said, "Just the least one that Jesus has." His name was Happy Hill. He said, "You know, I really need to talk to you." I said, "My brother, I would be happy to try." He said, "Let's go in the dining room." So he took me to the second dining room and I began to share with him out of my heart, just letting the Lord lead me and tears started running down his cheeks. He was a beautiful person. He said, "I am the head elder under the bishop in our church. Would you come and tell our congregation what you have just told me? I have never known this before and I have been in the church for years and years and didn't know it was sin to say a critical word about someone." Jesus said to judge not. If we have judged we have disobeyed. It is a natural thing for us to find fault to see the weaknesses of others, to mention it to someone or to just have it in our heart. My brother was weeping and saying that he had never realized how serious it was to find fault and to criticize. He said, "Please come and tell our people, would you?" It took me six years to get to that church.

When I arrived there, I preached in the seventeenth chapter of St. John where Jesus said, "**I sanctify myself that they also might be sanctified. Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth. That they may be one as the Father and the Son are one.**" When I got finished with that sermon, this beautifully dressed man arose and said, "The sermon that was just preached here this morning was the very sermon this congregation needed." I was six years getting there. Sometimes as we keep pressing, we will get there. It's by humbling ourselves and it is by His grace that we can get there. If we will only say, "Lord, forgive me. Take all of this evil out of me."

The verse that really struck me when I was first converted seventy-two years ago this January, is Matthew 7:13,14, which says, "**Enter ye in at the straight gate: For wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and may there be that go in thereat: because straight is the gate and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**" Before my conversion I didn't see this at all. In fact I didn't enjoy church very much. I was in church every Sunday and every prayer meeting and all revivals. The Helm boys went to church whether they wanted to or not. In fact they said in our community that the Helm brothers would never get their degree from high school because we were taken to church so much that we didn't have time to study at home. I was to be in church. There weren't any ifs, ands or buts about it. If my father and mother were going, I was going. Lots of times we do things we don't really enjoy. I went to church all those years. In fact, I was the janitor of the Methodist church here in this town when I was thirteen years old. I would go over and dust and

sweep. I'd say, "Mother, I have dusted so much and it looks like the dust is back." I bought a bicycle with the money the church gave me for being the janitor. I rang the bell at nine and nine-thirty. One would tell me to put the window up and another would tell me to put it down. I learned you can't please people.

**"Because straight is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."** What? Does it say that? That is what really got me when I was not quite seventeen years old. I lacked two weeks of being seventeen when I was converted. I prayed all my life. My mother had me praying at nine months. But when I found this scripture after my conversion, I was smitten. I was alarmed. I was amazed. I was astonished that He said only a few will find it. He said, "**He that will find His life shall lose it. But He that will lose his life for my sake and the gospel's shall find it.**" (Matthew 10:39)

How do we lose our life for His sake? The first step is dying daily. St. Paul said, "**I die daily.**" (I Corinthians 15:31) We lose our lives by dying daily and then denying self. Unless we die to ourselves we will not deny ourselves. When Peter told Jesus that He wouldn't have to go to the cross in Mark 8:32, Jesus rebuked him. What is it within a man that would rebuke the Creator of the universe? He was with God from the foundations of the world, and Peter rebuked Him. But when Jesus had turned about, He looked on His disciples and He rebuked Peter, saying, "Get thee behind me Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men." Mark 8:33)

And when He had called the people unto Him with His disciples, He said, "**Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself.**" That is, die daily, deny self and not make our own plans. The instant you and I make a plan or an arrangement in the self-life without the leading of the Holy Spirit, we then cease following Jesus. When you and I make a plan or an arrangement on our own, we cease following Him and we start toward the self-assertive life, which is the opposite of denying self. He said whoever would be His disciple, let him, and let her deny herself, and take up her cross and follow. Jesus was speaking to His disciples and the people around them. **"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it."** My burden for the church, for sixty plus years has been that so many of us are trying to save ourselves. We are trying to work it out, analyze it and get something going. We are trying to save ourselves by what we want and what we like and what we think is easiest and best and most beneficial and the simplest, so we don't get into complications. But He states here that we are to lose our lives to find them. Jesus said that whosoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.

Jesus said, "**If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father, which is in Heaven.**" It just takes two. That word "agree" in Hebrew means, "weld". In order to weld something, you have to have like substance with purity. Whatsoever two like this shall ask, and agree, it shall be done for them of the Father in Heaven.

Now back to II Chronicles 7. "If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray..." Humility, asking one another's forgiveness and asking God to be merciful to us sinners. I was praying with a saint the other day, who said, "You know, I am just a sinner. I said, "Me too." I am just a sinner saved only by the blood of the Lamb and by the grace of God. I am nothing. "**If a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.**" (Galatians 6:3)

Now let's go to Jeremiah 17:9, which says, "**The heart is deceitful above all things...**" There isn't anything more deceitful than the human heart. As soon as we are disobedient, deception works right into us. As soon as we find fault with anybody, deception just tumbles right into us. If we complain about anyone, we open up our hearts to deception and we live in deception. That is why He hasn't been lifted up yet. A body hasn't lifted Him up because there is contention in hearts and difference of opinion. I heard one of the great preachers say sometime ago that if you get thirteen Baptists in a room, you will have thirteen different ideas. But Jesus said that His people, if they are sanctified, become one. They are like-minded. They all speak the same things and there is no division among them. That is I Corinthians 1:10. "**Now I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you. But that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**" That is the body that is able to lift up Jesus Christ. The body of Christ is one. They all speak the same thing. There is no division. They are perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment!

That is the body of the Church of Jesus Christ that glows without spot or wrinkle, without blemish and goes forth as lights in the world! "**If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.**" (I John 1:7) And we go forth in humility and brokenness saying, "I prefer my brother or my sister more than myself." We become givers, compassionate ones. Praise the Lord. Isn't Jesus wonderful, the Word of God marvelous? He said if He would be lifted He would draw all the people. We wouldn't need any crusades or man-arranged revivals. He would draw the people by the Holy Spirit through a people of oneness, holiness, truth, humility and utter

dependence upon Him as a little child. He said, "I will draw them." All of them, not some of them or most of them.

"...and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." "If my people are willing." But the heart of man is deceitful. Therefore we have to pray that God would be merciful to us.

In Luke 9:43-45 it says, "**And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God. But while they wondered everyone at all things, which Jesus did, he said unto His disciples, 'Let these sayings sink down into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered into the hands of men.' But they understood not this saying, and it was hid from them, that they perceived it not: and they feared to ask Him of that saying.**" Then something very unusual occurred. Verse 46 goes on to say, "**Then there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be the greatest.**" What? You mean people who were supposed to be God's people were discussing among themselves who was the greatest? That is as far from humility as you can go. Are we like that? It said, "**There arose a reasoning among the disciples which of them should be the greatest. And Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a child, and set him by Him. And said unto them, 'Whoever shall receive this child in my name receiveth me: and whoever shall receive me receiveth Him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same shall be great.'**" He that is willing to become like a little child in utter dependence and obedience is the great one. It's not in our abilities, talents or gifts, but whosoever will humble himself as a little child. This is the greatest. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah! Thank you Jesus.

Have we found how our hearts are? In verse 49, John answered, "**Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us.**" They told Jesus this. In other words, they said, "We met a man who was casting out devils and we told him he was out of order." "And Jesus said to them, **Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.**" Those that are for Jesus are those who are called by His name, who are willing to humble themselves. If we will pray and make our confessions, ask Jesus to forgive us of our shortcomings, where we have not prayed as we should and witnessed as we could, He will forgive us if we will humble ourselves and pray and turn from our wicked ways. He said His people have wicked ways. The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked. That is why we have to walk with Him constantly as His precious blood is applied. It is through His blood applied to our heart that we can be pure. Isn't that wonderful, that as we plead the blood from morning to night and give Him all the glory we can be shining lights

in the world and no longer criticize and judge people, but be compassionate, long-suffering, tender, gentle and kind with all peoples of the world? "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me."

When I was twenty-five years of age I preached that we are living in reverse. Instead of seeking first the Kingdom, we seek our own interests, desires and aspirations. That is why we are living in reverse. It was at Mt. Carmel Methodist Church. My wife sat with me there when I preached and it frightened her so badly. She said she never wanted to sit and face the congregation again while I was preaching because she didn't know people looked at me like that. I most all churches that I preached in for a number of years, people looked at me in such a way that was scary. Do you know what I mean? I so appreciate that I don't see hardly anyone like that here, especially when I am preaching so close.

Because we are to preach the Word of God, and it says only a few will find it. It also says that we are to strive to enter in at the straight gate, for many shall seek to enter in and will not be able. And He said to one group, "Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? We have preached in thy name, we have cast out devils in thy name; we have done all of these wonderful works, miracles and marvels. And then will I profess unto them, Depart from me ye workers of iniquity, I never knew you." (Matthew 7:22,23) This is what Jesus said. I didn't say it.

Now go to Luke 13:23-24, where it says, "**Then said one unto Him, 'Lord, are there few that be saved?'** And He said unto them, 'Strive to enter in at the straight gate, for many I say unto you will seek to enter in and shall not be able.'" Isn't it tremendous? Are there just a few that will be saved? They were wondering. Jesus went on to say in verse 25, "**When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are.**" (To the group in Matthew 7 He says He never knew them. To this group He says He knows them not.)

There is yet a third group the Bible speaks about that, because they received not the knowledge of the truth, God will send them strong delusion that they should believe a lie and be damned because they received not the knowledge of the truth and had pleasure in unrighteousness. So here are three groups that thought they were saved but were lost.

Now to Luke 9:51 which says, "**And it came to pass, when the time was come that He should be received up, He steadfastly set His face to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before His face: and they went, and entered into a village of the**

**Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive Him because His face was as though He would go to Jerusalem. And when His disciples saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, even as Elias did? But He turned and rebuked them and said, ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.**" The reflection of the heart. The revelation of what we can be like sometimes. Jesus said we are not to be that way. Because when we are Christ's people, instead of wanting to call fire down or something awful, we love and help them. We encourage them. We bring them on wings of prayer and we are thoughtful of them instead of wanting to bring fire down upon them. The heart is deceitful above all things. It is desperately wicked. So if we do not do God's will, but do our own will instead, the deception pours into us and we are unaware of it. But through the grace of God and the Holy Spirit, He can reveal it to us so that we will not do our will, but do His will. All in His will love everyone as He loves us. For He said, "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." I can't love as He loves unless all of the carnality and evil is crucified and purged out of me. We can't love as Jesus loves if we are carnal, and yet that is His command; that we love as He loves us.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." "And we shall be like Him." We shall be by the grace of God and the blood of the Lamb, like Jesus, in understanding, tenderness, and of a gentle spirit. It is wonderful to meet someone with a tender, gentle spirit isn't it? A spirit of rejoicing and of thanksgiving. It is rather strange sometimes to carnal people. It is inviting. It helps them. It lifts them. They say, "This is what I am looking for. I am looking for persons that love everybody, who understand and are compassionate, who want to walk in the light as He is in the light, to have fellowship one with another, that the blood of Jesus Christ His Son may cleanse from all sin." Praise the Lord. Hallelujah! Glory to God!

Now go to Mark 6:52, which says, "**For they (the apostles) considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.**" Then in Mark 8:17 it says, "**Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? Perceive ye not yet, neither understand? Have ye your heart yet hardened?**" He said their heart was hard in the sixth chapter then He tells them in the eighth chapter that their heart is yet hardened. Their hearts did not perceive nor understand because their hearts were hardened. When does hardness of the heart appear? Why is hardness in the heart? "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, **then will I hear.** Then He will answer prayer.

Then He will save the land. He will heal the land and save the people. Praise the Lord. He asked them if their hearts were yet hardened. If their hearts were prone to be hardened, how hard is my heart or your heart? And we won't know it unless by revelation.

We can rejoice and praise Him because His blood avails and cleanses us. The Holy Spirit comes upon us and cleanses us and fills us with His love, His presence, His power, His glory, His concern for souls and for the Kingdom of God to come on earth, so that He will be lifted up and all men will be saved for His glory, for His praise and for His honor! Hallelujah!

Just as soon as we become one, by the grace of God, humbling ourselves, making all of our restitutions and all of our confessions and all that is required in the spiritual law of humility, then we can come to Him and He will indwell us and His light will go forth and He will draw all men to Him, for the glory of God in Jesus Christ our Savior.

Thank you Lord for all of these dear ones and for all their prayers. We thank you that, by thy mercies, we are saved through thy blood and that Jesus would be lifted up by a people who are holy and pure; where there is no division and where they all speak the same thing; where they are perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. Then you will descend with your Holy Spirit and bring them in and a great latter could fall on the earth just before thy coming. Thy coming is soon. You told me that on October 3, 1942 in Knoxville, Tennessee, that your coming, Jesus, was soon. But since you told me that it has only been an hour and a few minutes. "For a day with the Lord is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day." So even though these sixty plus years have passed, it has only been a short time, just an hour and thirty to fifty minutes since you revealed to me that your coming is soon. You said, "When I come again, will I find faith on the earth?" That is people living lives of obedience to thee, lives of rejoicing in thee, lives that love all the peoples of the world as you love us and are of one mind, rejoicing, going forth as lights in the world, holding high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.

Do you sense in your heart that you would like to ask Jesus to forgive you for failing to witness where you should, where we have talked about people, where we have said things we shouldn't. Say, O God sanctify me that I might be a sanctified vessel, that I can get my heart clean and pure by thy mercies and through thy blood. And Lord, I come to you; I am the neediest one of all. Praise thee Jesus for your mercy to us. Because as soon as we are one as the Father and Son are one, you will come and draw all men unto the Kingdom. We won't have to have crusades and revival plans to do it. You will do it when your people become

obedient to thee and do always thy will. Your people are never offended at anything. All carnal people are offended at the truth, or situations or conditions. So thank you for the blood of Jesus, for the Holy Spirit, for thy Kingdom coming, thy will being done, in earth as it is in heaven. Thank you for this precious people. Thank you Lord that you are able to save anyone that will repent. You said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." So we have to turn around and repent and ask you to forgive us of all of our shortcomings, weaknesses, judging spirits, wanting this and not wanting that, and for you to cleanse it out of us that we might become like little children, a holy people, depending on you with thanksgiving and praise to thee our Father for sending Jesus, your only begotten Son, to save all of us and to cleanse us and sanctify us so that we can be a holy body, pure and undefiled before the Throne.

I want to take this opportunity to express once again that you are important to this ministry and, by God's grace, each one of you has brightened our lives in some way. We praise the Lord for how He has helped through the years to find so many of you by His leading and revelation. I feel so deeply in debt to Jesus for all those that have sacrificed and prayed for us. May God richly bless you as you begin this New Year and I pray that it will be a year of spiritual prosperity.

I trust you will find encouragement in the Holy Spirit. May God's grace and peace be with you throughout this New Year.

In Jesus' Name,

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### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

On February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Rev. Helm will be celebrating his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. We are truly thankful for the faithfulness of the Lord to him and for this opportunity to express our thanks to God and our appreciation to Rev. Helm for his faithfulness to the Lord. What a blessing he has been in each of our lives! Cards and remembrances may be sent to: Rev. Loran W. Helm, Parker City, Indiana 47368. Flowers may be ordered through Normandy's Florist at 765-282-2263. Just mention that they are for Rev. Loran Helm in Parker City and they will know where to take them. Praise the Lord and thank you!

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Dear ones of Revival for Our Day, greetings in Jesus' holy name. I want to thank each and every one of you who sent cards, flowers and remembrances for my 88<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. I was so appreciative of each expression of love and I give Jesus all the praise for your love, encouragement and support. Thank you for your love and faithfulness in prayer. We are weak, but he is mighty. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is in Luke 5:1-10. *"And it came to pass, that, as the people pressed upon him to hear the word of God, he stood by the lake of Gennesaret, 2) And saw two ships standing by the lake: but the fishermen were gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3) And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship."*

As I have preached this over the years, I can see here that at Jesus' command they had to thrust out a little from the shore. Now if they had tried to thrust out from shore without untying the ship they would not have gotten anywhere. Many times we are tied to an idea, or we are tied to a plan. It is so easy for us in the natural man to make a plan, or to have an idea that looks and sounds good and we are tied to it. We get tied up with certain purposes and other things and we don't realize that we aren't getting anywhere. We can row and row and turn the engine on, but if we are still tied up, we won't get anywhere. I want you to see that Jesus didn't start preaching until after the ship thrust out. The thrusting preceded Jesus' preaching. His preaching was dependant upon the thrusting and the thrusting depended on being untied.

It is also interesting to me that Jesus did not ask Peter for permission to get into the ship to preach – he simply stepped into the ship and told Peter to thrust out. Jesus was so at home with Peter that he knew Peter would understand. Jesus knew he was welcome to his ship. That tells me a lot. Peter was ready and waiting to go. You can't do anything as long as the ship is tied to the shore. It all pivoted on Peter's obedience. Can't you see Peter leaning over and untying that ship? Unless the ship thrusts out a little, the message will be hindered and will not reach where it should. Therefore, we need to be loosed and to be obedient so that the message can go out.

It says the people pressed upon him. Because he was thronged, it was hard for him to get the message to them because they did not have micro-

phones in those days. But they say that if they got out on the water a little ways it would amplify the voice to such a degree that it would almost be booming. So here is Jesus in the ship and he is preaching. Wouldn't it be a marvelous thing if we had a tape of that sermon? There are so many instances in the New Testament where Jesus taught and preached, but they weren't told or recorded. This is one of them.

The main thing that concerned Jesus was not the message, but the thrusting out from the land, for if they had not done that the people would not have been able to hear the message. In our lives we need to be sure that we are not tied up to some situation, some condition, some purpose, some idea or some thought. The message that Jesus sends out will be the very message that we need. Therefore, he knows what we need before we realize it.

Verse four continues, *"Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, 'Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.'*" Notice that Jesus has finished speaking, the sermon is over, but the meeting is still going on, for he has told Simon to launch out into the deep for a draught. The sermon is over, but the best is yet ahead. Do you think Simon Peter was surprised when Jesus told him to launch out? Altogether. Peter wasn't expecting this at all. He didn't know it was going to happen. Just think, Peter had worked all night, entered the ship with Jesus, thrust out from the shore for him, sat through the preaching, and was worn out. And now, Jesus tells him not to thrust out, but to launch. You see, if he had not thrust out earlier, he would not have been able to launch. So the launching wasn't first, but last.

Peter and his crew had fished all night. They were experts, but had caught nothing. Now, at the point of their weariness, he tells them, "Launch". 5) *And Simon answering said unto him, 'Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.'*" How many fishing trips have ever been ordered of the Lord? Jesus told them to cast in their net. This was a fishing trip ordered by the Lord. 6) *And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake.*"

This net was different than any other. No other net had been used like this one, because God ordered this net to be lowered. How many fish does it take in a net to break it? Here was a net that was in pretty good shape, but when it was let down at Jesus command, the net was so full that it began to break. Can't you see that net popping? It was an awesome catch of fish. Peter was awed. Has there ever been a catch like that before? It is something to think

about. But of all the catches, this net met its moment when it could hold no more and it broke.

Verse seven says, *“And they beckoned to their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink.”* I want you to notice that they are excited. There were so many fish that the boats sank. Think of it, they had enough fish in the one net to sink both ships. Peter had a great time in this ship with Jesus that day. Jesus was on board and the catch was great. It was so great that they just had to scoop them up. I wonder if there ever was a time before or since that something like this occurred. Jesus made the difference. You see, whether or not there was ever a net like this one, or whether or not there was ever a catch like this one, that we do not know. But we know this, that for sure two ships were sinking from so many fish and it brought a sinner to conversion right there. Peter said, “Here I am a sinful man.” He made his confession.

*8) When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus knees, saying, ‘Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.’” 9) For he was astonished, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken: 10) And so was also James, and John, the sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, “Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt catch men.”* And Jesus told him, “You will not fish for these any more. You are going to catch men in the kingdom.” Praise the Lord.

Be encouraged to thrust out a little, and when the time is right, as we trust the Holy Spirit, remain lowly and broken, submissive and obedient, the time will come to launch. “Jesus Savior pilot me, over life’s wild restless sea. Chart and compass come from thee, Jesus Savior pilot me.” In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

In Jesus’ Name,

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# Revival For Our Day

March 2004

Dear ones of Revival For Our Day, greetings to the ones who are following the Lord Jesus Christ and are striving to submit themselves unto the will of God. For it says in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone that saith unto me, 'Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.'" Thank each of you for your faithfulness in holding on to the throne in prayer on my behalf, for your prayers and petitions and obedience to the Lord.

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I want to share with you on patience, but first I have an exhortation on my heart that I would like to share with you, if I may. Most persons who desire to walk with God want it to be easy. They want the revelation of what they are to do and the answer to their situation to come quickly. When we want the answer quickly, it will not work. God doesn't answer quickly. God's ways are not our ways. The flesh wants to know what to do almost immediately. The more we want to know, the more we have to die to have the leading of the Holy Spirit in our hearts.

Romans 8:14 says, "***For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.***" The sons of God have learned that the only way we are going to get the revelation of God is by the Holy Ghost as we deny ourselves moment by moment and pray and praise the Lord. If we haven't praised the Lord in quite some time and have not been dying out regularly and consistently, we will get the wrong revelation. Many people want to go by goose bumps, thrills and different things that occur in various parts of the body. This is not wise and it is not God's plan. There is nothing in the Bible to verify and substantiate it. The revelation of God comes by dying, praying much and praising the Lord.

There are many people who are trying to get quick leadings. This is not of the Lord Jesus. It is of the flesh. The enemy takes advantage of that and gives the wrong leading. Everyone needs to be warned throughout Christendom never to seek a quick revelation based on certain things that occur in the body in order to interpret whether something is all right or not all right; nor are we to go by what we think.

We must pursue waiting on God. For as we wait, we mount, and as we mount, we fly to submission. We are to wait upon Him and then be sure we have prayed, not for just a few minutes or hours, but a sufficient amount of time until God shows us whether, for example, we should move somewhere or get married. Moving to another city or taking another job should not be done in haste, but requires dying, waiting and praising the Lord. And then, when we wait sufficiently, the Lord can reveal what

we should do in a given situation. We are not to go by a quick revelation or what we think.

There are those who take this lightly and believe that we can just find out this way or that way. Well, there is no finding out. It comes by revelation as we die and pray and obey. If we have the slightest resentment or desire to make the plan, we will not get the right revelation. There are many persons who are seeking the leading of the Lord and they are going about it in the wrong way. This needs to be cried from the rooftops that this is not God's way – there is nothing in the Bible that indicates that God gives leadings quickly or works in certain ways – each leading is different. It comes through dying and denying self, praising and waiting upon Him. Once He leads, it is good to check with those saints who have been on the way for sometime to see if the Lord witnesses in their hearts that the leading is right. I learned this early on. The devil can reverse this and that is why we need to be so cautious. Satan will deceive the very elect if he possibly can. When we want the leading quickly, that is when Satan can get in and deceive. We must not try to hasten the will of God. It comes by dying, waiting, praying and submitting. It comes in God's time, not ours. We must go only by the witness of the Holy Spirit in the heart and have it confirmed with the saints. That often comes slowly. It may take months and years to know – or it may take seconds.

If we have been disobedient or if we have the slightest resentment toward anyone, we will not be led by the Holy Spirit. Rather, it will be of the enemy. If we find fault with anybody or have a tendency to be picky or to see the weaknesses of others, the Holy Spirit will not lead us; it will be the reverse. God will lead us only as He wills, not as we want. Most everyone wants to quickly do as they want or like. The more we want that, the slower the revelation may come. It will be delayed.

We must die for days, weeks and months to be sure that it is God's will to do this or that, especially in the area of marriage. We know that if we have a living companion, we are not to marry until that person is gone, unless for fornication or in a situation where a person was pressed into marriage unwillingly. Jesus made this very clear and so did Paul. We have to be so careful in seeking a job or making a choice that is very crucial. The flesh wants it quickly – as soon as possible. The more we want it, the more likely we are to do the wrong thing. Many people miss it. Therefore, we need to be warned. **Whenever we press to get God's will, we get off track.** We can't press for anything. There is nothing in the Bible that says we are to press to get things. Now we do press into the kingdom of God – by dying, obeying, and witnessing – every man presseth into it. (Luke 16:16) But we don't press to get revelation or a

leading. Most all people don't want to pay the price for God to refine us so that He can get us to His will.

There are wonderful persons who want to know God's will quickly. But God doesn't work that way – other religions do, but not Christianity, not Christ. God took eighty years to get Moses ready for one revelation. So it is urgent that we wait upon the Lord and not press. God's will is what we usually want to bypass. The flesh wants to bypass God's will. To do God's will is never easy. It is always a dying, with praise and adoration and thanksgiving. God's will is usually the opposite of what we want and what we think it is. This is just a warning to all of us to go slowly or slower and to be sure we are in divine order. Our tendency is to make the choice of the flesh. We must go by revelation and that is usually crucifixion. It's the cross. Most everyone averts, bypasses, digs under the cross God has for him or makes his own cross. This is not the way of following Jesus. He said, "*If any one is going to be my disciple, let him deny himself*, (that is continually and we die daily from morning to night) *and take up his cross*, (that cross is inner death)." We want it our way a little bit, and when we do, it is the reverse of what God's will is. We must seek the kingdom of God first with all of our heart. Not what we would want, or what we would like, or what we would choose.

*Therefore, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us. And let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross.*" (Hebrews 12:1,2) So there is the enduring of the cross in order to procure the will of God and most people expect revelation in just a few seconds, a few minutes or a few hours or days. There is nothing in the Bible that indicates that it works like that. We must be so careful, because most people have made the choice of the flesh since the fall of Adam. Very few persons have made the choice of the Holy Spirit.

We can, by God's mercy, be sure that something is God's will by the Holy Spirit in our heart as we go slowly. We must go by the Holy Spirit in our heart. God's will is revealed to babes in Christ. Jesus said, "*I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent and hast revealed them unto babes.*" (Matthew 11:25) Unless we are childlike, we will have the wrong revelation. We will get the revelation of the flesh and the enemy rather than the guidance of God in Jesus. We are thankful that the Lord is able to help us to yield with thanksgiving and praise and that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him; to do exceedingly abundantly above all we could ask or think

according to the power that worketh in us. Praise the Lord.

This will need to be read a number of times in order to get it into our heart, because the human heart doesn't want this. Most all humans do not appreciate the dying, waiting and crucifixion. We want to bypass it. It is the natural tendency in all of us, but it doesn't work like that. The Bible is the way of the cross.

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James 5:8 says, "Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh." Patience is waiting. Patience is understanding. Patience is compassion. Patience is full of love, for without love, you cannot be patient. Patience is without speculation. Patience doesn't have any strategy in it. Patience is full of kindness. Patience is saturated with care. Patience comprehends the other person's weakness and frailty. Jesus said, "*In your patience you possess your soul.*" (Luke 21:19) You are in balance. In patience there is caution. In patience there is great concern for everyone near the situation. Impatience is intolerable. There is no tolerance in it at all. But patience is full of tolerance because where love is, tolerance is.

Patience has strength for the test through Christ Jesus. It is through the Lord Jesus Christ that we have this gift. It is through the Lord Jesus Christ and His shed blood on the cross that I could have eternal life. But we are to possess our souls by being patient. The natural tendency of man is impatience. (In this spirit of prayer and obedience, could you imagine a soul being impatient? Could you imagine patience in someone who is disobedient? Could patience live in a disobedient heart? It wouldn't be possible.)

Some of us are born rather patient and others are born a little different than that. But most of us have a tendency to want things when we want them or pretty soon after. We don't want to wait too long. When a wife dominates her husband or when a husband dominates his wife (other than as the Lord leads), it doesn't lead to a good marriage. See, if I would dominate my wife, it would not be good. (The first thirty years we were married I didn't have a dollar I could give her. We didn't have any money. I couldn't buy her a new pair of shoes or a new dress. But I had to do my best to think what I could do for my wife. A patient spirit tries to remember their companion.) Some women are strong and some men are strong. There are strong men that expect their wives (who are weak) to do certain things and because the wife can't do it, a pressure comes upon her. And vice versa. The more patient we are, the less pressure we put on our companion. In fact, we don't put pressure on anyone if we are patient, because if we do, we lose our patience – or rather, it would already be gone.

If we put restrictions on our companion, we bring them into bondage. For example, I am fast and I want things done quickly. My wife is slow. I had to teach myself to be patient and not put any pressure on her for anything. Some wonderful women who are strong-willed put pressure on and dominate their husbands (because they are easy-going) and they don't even know it. And their husbands just bend and suffer and never tell anybody. You and I don't even know it. In our impatience we put pressure on people and we don't even know we do it. Husbands and wives put pressure on their companions and they are miserable. They would like to leave. Some have tried to leave. In your patience the marriage can be strengthened.

Patience is full of gentleness – a gentle spirit. Patience is taught of understanding. How much do we understand of the hurt, crushing and disappointment of others? This needs to be repeated many times because our hearts can't hear it. My heart is so hard. I don't want a hard heart. God said to keep your heart with all diligence, for out of the heart comes the issues of this life. (Proverbs 4:23) That is where the revelation comes. The revelation is not given to learned persons. The revelations of God are hidden from the learned and prudent. God's revelation comes to the patient, the child-like, the longsuffering. There are some women who have put restrictions on their husbands and they are brow beaten. And some husbands have done it to their wives and they don't realize it. No one can tell them because they would get offended if someone said so. He wants us gentle and thoughtful. Some husbands and wives are in prison in their own homes because of the impatience of their companions.

Now when we get older and have prayed along the way, sometimes He will give some insights. I want you to know that the insights are given to the patient. The holy things of God are given to the patient. Can you imagine God giving an impatient and dominating man or woman a revelation? They don't go together. Anyone who is impatient at all is carnal and needs to really be cleansed. We are to be gentle, tender and understanding. Understanding just saturates the patient spirit. Compassion and understanding are throughout patience. It comes by the blood of the Lamb and the grace of God and obedience. If we don't obey the Holy Spirit, we are going to put pressure on people and not even know we are doing it.

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Another item I want to bring to your attention is in Matthew 11:20, which reads, "*Then began He to upbraid the cities wherein most of His mighty works were done, because they repented not.*" It says that in most of the cities where He (the all-perfect, all-wise master of understanding and

wisdom) had His greatest ministries, they repented not. There wasn't anything that Jesus did not know. He knew everyone of earth and knew what was in man. You can't fool Him. He knows all about you and me right now. He knows whether I am honest or whether I am coming short, whether my heart is critical or off. He knows whether I am all for God or not. He is perfect. He did mighty works in all these cities. And how many repented? He didn't have one convert. Have you ever considered that very much? He was the perfect preacher and yet He did not have a convert from these cities. (This is frightening. Some people say, "Well, I tell you, if Jesus would have been here there would have been a lot of people saved.") Yet, He upbraided the cities where most of His mighty works were done. You mean to tell me that the all-perfect Christ, the almighty God incarnate in human flesh did all of these mighty works in all these cities and not one heard him in their heart?

How much do you hear when a servant of God speaks? How many in all of these cities heart Him? He didn't win one of them. Just think of it! *"Woe unto thee, Chorazin! Woe unto thee, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works, which were done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the Day of Judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the Day of Judgment, than for thee."* (Matthew 11:21-24) And not one heard him.

Jesus, we need your presence. I pray Jesus that each one who is carnal will pray and ask you to cleanse it out of them, so we will be patient with our children and companion. Help us to be thoughtful of one another and tender. The heart of man is very, very hard. Hardly any man will let you lead them. I don't know, Lord, if there are very many men in a hundred who will actually let you lead them. We want to do what we want to do when we want to do it. We have things in us that need to be cleansed out. You know what our needs are and we thank you. We pray for carefulness and caution so that we don't bring disturbance, but that we will bring peace. Wherever patience is there is peace without pressure. There is no pressure in patience. It is just full of thoughtfulness, understanding, comprehension, carefulness and sweetness. Honey is so sweet that a parasite can't live in it. If we are sweet enough the unclean things will be cleansed out of us. We pray that the words of our mouth and the meditations of our heart will be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our redeemer.

Lord, help us to be thoughtful of others, because the more patience we have the more understanding we are. Take these things out of our hearts that have caused us to be so cold of heart, so indifferent; no fire, no glory, no victory in us. Your people are full of glory and full of praise and thanksgiving. Your people are pure and holy. Patience is full of purity. If the heart is not pure, patience can't dwell there.

Thank you Jesus that you can help us to be convinced of what you are telling us. It must be in our hearts, and we can't get it in there unless you put it in there. Unless we are willing to let you. If we think we are somebody, it won't lodge in our hearts because Galatians 6:3 says, "For if a man thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself." Most everyone has a high estimation of himself or herself unless we confess we are weak, because if we are weak, you are strong. Most people don't have time for you Lord. They have some time for themselves and have time for services and for many things. Your people just simply let you lead. I have never found many in my life that would let you lead, really. Thank you for the few we have found. You said only a few would find it anyhow. Amen.

I trust that as you consider these areas that the Lord has brought to us through this message that you will meditate considerably on it and allow the Holy Spirit to work with you in your heart. This comes slowly, but if we will really consider this and pray about it, the Lord is able to show us our need and reveal what to do. He knows the way through the wilderness. All we have to do is follow. And He is there just when we need Him most. Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

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# Revival For Our Day

April 2004

Dear Ones of Revival For Our Day, greetings in the matchless name of Jesus, our risen and soon coming King. "Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen."

I am grateful for all of your prayers, intercession, sacrifice, and help on my behalf and for those who assist me. We want to be sure to give God all the praise and Jesus thanks for your thoughtfulness, care and love. I am thankful for Stephen and Michelle Carpenter who assist with the typing and editing of this letter, and also for the precious staff at Harmony Press who print the letter for no charge and for all of those at Shepherd Services who help mail it out. We are unworthy of all this help, but are grateful and want to praise God for all of it.

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The message I want to share with you today is found in Zechariah 9:9, "*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*" This is a messianic prophecy concerning Jesus, the beloved of God. It says to "rejoice greatly." Hallelujah! What is rejoicing greatly? What is the difference between greatly and somewhat? He didn't say to rejoice somewhat or a little, but greatly. Isn't that wonderful? Now, to whom did he tell that? He said it to the daughter of Zion, which represents the children of God, followers of the Lamb, the people in his holy city. "Behold, thy king cometh unto thee", the Christ, the Son of the most high God! Hallelujah! How is he coming? Is he going to come as a monarch in the great way of the world? No. We read here just exactly how he was going to come. It says, "Thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; *lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.*" Here is the King of glory who is just and has great salvation. He is the only way to God, the only way to victory and the only way to eternal life – and how is he coming into the city? It says he is going to come *lowly*, riding upon an ass, upon a colt the foal of an ass. It doesn't say he is coming with great pomp and circumstance, but lowly, in humility and grace.

Now, in the eleventh chapter of Mark is the fulfillment of the above prophecy we just read. In Mark 11:1-7 it says, "*And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, And saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him.*" *And if*

*any man say unto you, 'Why do ye this?' Say ye that the Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him hither. And they went their way, and found the colt tied by the door without in a place where two ways met; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, 'What do ye, loosing the colt?' And they said unto them even as Jesus had commanded: and they let them go."*

I want us to notice that the prophecy about this account was given hundreds of years before it occurred. The colt that the disciples were to untie had already been foreseen by the prophet years before. The great savior of men would not come into Jerusalem on a horse, but on a little colt – the mighty upon the least. He is introduced to the city of Jerusalem upon the least of the beasts. The mighty one that has all power in heaven and earth has chosen what seems to be nearly nothing. Now Jesus also told them that if anyone asked them why they were untying the colt that all they had to say was that the Lord has need of it and they would let it go. And they went and found it exactly as Jesus had told them. Imagine that. It is a marvel to me, because this colt is one that had never been ridden. Usually if a colt has never been ridden they buck and rare and so on. But this one did not. Zechariah had the revelation years and years before, and it came to pass that day.

Verse seven says, "*And they brought the colt to Jesus.*" What have you brought to Jesus? What are you going to bring him and what are you going to share with him? Are you bringing him your heart so that he can dwell in you and you can live for him? Are you going to bring to him all that you have – your potential, your abilities – and say, "Here they are, just take them and use them?" What have you brought to him? What does Jesus want you to bring? What does he want me to bring? Does he want me to bring myself? Yes. He wants me to come, and then when I get there he wants me to deny myself. The only way I can actually come to him is when I deny the carnal in me in order that he can indwell me. But first, I must be crucified.

When they brought the colt to Jesus, he took the colt and they placed him upon this lowly animal and he rode it into the eastern gate. What are we going to bring to Jesus so that he will be able to use you or me to bring us into the place where people will find rest and where others will find light and a new beginning? He said, "You tell them the Lord hath need of it." So the Lord hath need of what? He needs men and women who will actually be willing to come.

During his earthly ministry, Jesus had multitudes coming to him, but when they came, were they really with him? How many that came were

actually a part of him? How many gave themselves to him to the point where he could possess them and be in them? The Lord hath need of those who will come.

Those that come will vary. Some will hear, and some will not hear. So, he has need of people who will not only come, but persons who will really hear after they come to him. You can listen to someone and not really hear what they are saying. He has need of persons that will not only come to him and hear, but who will *heed* what they hear. He says that only a few will be able to hear what he says, according to Matthew 7:13,14. ***“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereto: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”***

So Jesus needed a colt, but he also made it clear in scripture that we not only need to come, hear, and heed, but that we need to *submit*. It is one thing to hear and heed, but submission is something else. It involves commitment. Now what he really needs is men and women who will forsake all they have and all they are to become what he wills. That's what he needs. He is able to create all things. Remember he said that if the children did not praise him that God could raise up stones to cry out and praise him. But in spite of his ability, he needs persons who will forsake all and follow him, who will become like little children, who will surrender and leave all their plans to him. There is an inclination in the human heart to kind of want to have control. We are born with that. But he needs persons that will allow him to make the plans.

Our son-in-law Jack was not saved. I didn't once say, "Son, you need to be saved. You shouldn't do these things. You ought to do this or this or this." Not one time. I just shared with him how God was leading, how Jesus was guiding and how the Holy Spirit was directing. How this one was saved, this one was healed, this one was sanctified and how God blessed here. I didn't tell him what he ought to do, I just told him what God was doing. After twenty-one and a half years he said, "I am here to get what you have." It took twenty-one plus years. But you see, if we had coerced him it would not have been that way. God did not call us to coerce, he called us to love and to dream.

Dreaming is thinking about what God can do if only we will submit. And we are not to do it on our own, but wait until he works it through us. God has need of people like that. And they brought the colt to him. This was a great day, the day of the Triumphal Entry of the King of glory, the Lion of the tribe of Judah coming into Jerusalem! The great I Am, the Everlasting Father is coming into the city on the least, the lowliest of beasts. The Lord hath need of

whom? He hath need of you. He has need of you to obey him.

What God has been looking for is men and women that will obey his voice, his will, and his word. If he can just get a handful of persons in any community, he will change the community, for he said in John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men unto me." He will change all men if he can only find a people who will come to meet his need. The lord hath need of whom? Men that will obey. See, if two of you on earth shall agree as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them by my Father in heaven. (Matthew 18:19) If he can find just a handful of men and women that will actually be what his need is, then he will draw all men to him. That is a body of believers that is willing to submit, be cleansed of the carnal nature, be filled with the Holy Ghost and follow his voice. If he finds a few of those in any community, he will begin to work. People will say, "Well, people need to be saved right away." No, just wait. It may take twenty-one and a half years. We are not to press for this, we are just to come, hear and heed and die and follow. Glory to God! This will wake us up! Glory! Glory! Glory! Just think, he calls us to die to follow. Just like he died on the cross, he needs men and women who will die out to themselves and only a few have ever been willing since creation. He said a few would press their way to this place. The Lord hath need of you. What have you brought? Where are you going? Is your going in the will of God? Is my going in the will of God? Am I in Christ's will following so he can come into my life and live and dwell, having all the preeminence? The Lord hath need of you. ***“And they brought the colt to Jesus.”***

They brought what they had, but I want you to know that what they brought they borrowed. What we must bring is what we don't possess, but here it is, the best we have. But you see, what they brought was obedience. It was in the form of a colt. If you get a bite of this it will last you a long while. This is better than vitamin E, B6 and B12. It is good. Hallelujah! Glory to God! Thank you Jesus. This is so rich and a great joy. They brought the colt to him and they gave the best they had and they borrowed to do it. They had to have faith, those disciples, to go down there where two ways met. How much faith did it take to untie that rope? It wasn't their colt. The owner was standing there and asked, "Why are you untying my colt?" "Well, I am taking it because the Lord needs it." I tell you, if you get hold of something the Lord needs they will let you untie it.

Bring to Jesus what you have. You may have to borrow to do it, but bring it to Jesus in lowliness and humility. Tell them that the Lord hath need of it, submit it and let the Lord work with you.

Jesus, thank you for the victory. O Lord, that we would be a rejoicing people in humility and in true obedience. I trust that we will not seek things, but will seek first thy kingdom and thy righteousness, that you may have the preeminence and have all that there is within us. Thank you today for the work of the Holy Spirit and for helping us in this scripture. These are simple things we have seen today, but they are profound, dear and blessed and we want to praise God for it. Get us ready to dream and get us ready to obey and follow in order to bring to pass what you have revealed to us. We know that in due season we will reap if we faint not. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

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# Revival For Our Day

May 2004

Dear ones in Christ Jesus, greetings in His holy, precious name. We praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for great is the faithfulness of God. We are needy and nothing and always come so far short, but the Lord is always able to deliver those who put their trust in Him. As we trust and obey He is able to deliver us in the soul as we keep pressing upward and onward to do His holy will. We are thankful to the Lord for all those who have been faithful to carry on when we have not been able to go very much.

We thank you Jesus for your great mercy that is from everlasting to everlasting. We are unworthy of all the gifts, grace and wonderful care and strength you bestow on us. We honor you and give you praise and glory through Jesus Christ our Savior. Unto you be all praise, glory, thanksgiving and honor.

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In the fifth chapter of St. John, verses one through fourteen, it says, "After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years. When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, 'Wilt thou be made whole?' The impotent man answered him, 'Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.' Jesus saith unto, 'Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.' Immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the Sabbath. The Jews therefore said unto him that was cured, 'It is the Sabbath day: it is not lawful for thee to carry thy bed.' He answered them, 'He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk.' Then they asked him, 'What man is that which said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk?' And he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in that place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, 'Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto thee.'"

Jesus, you are able to bring a little out of nothing and put it on a page of the unseen and bring out the message illuminated in light, glory, sweetness and love, trimmed in grace until it flows as it were on the wings of a dove over time, as we listen and wait. "My soul, wait thou only upon God." Lord, you

care for the eagle saints, bishops, peasants and all in between. Lord, you never miss anyone. What we overlook, you always find and bring out. We are in awe as we behold the magnitude of your marvelous grace, most precious to behold as we sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world.

It takes the Lord to help us to know what to say in order not to cause people, the sheep, to be outside the door of the fold. The sheep need the pure gospel in order that their udders may be full of milk, upon which the lambs feed. Often by our lack of wisdom or our wanting this and that, the sheep are neglected or fed what they don't need. It is only by God's grace and through the leadership of the Holy Spirit that the sheep get to the right pasture and receive the spiritual nourishment they need.

The poor, the halt, the maimed and the blind have often been scattered and neglected throughout the course of time. There are dear ones who are struggling to get by and it seems like they are forgotten, but they are not. The Lord does not ever forget anybody. "Holy Spirit, faithful guide, ever near the Christian's side. Gently lead us by thy hand. We are pilgrims in a barren, desolate land." Thank you Jesus for your mercy. We give you praise, glory and honor. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

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The following is a letter from Kim Gilbert to Rev. Helm relating a story about someone Kim met on the Internet who was encouraged by reading A Voice In The Wilderness.

Dear Brother Helm,

Praise the Lord for he is great and greatly to be praised. Amen. For he shed his own precious blood for my soul.

The other night I couldn't sleep. Not wanting to wake up my wife Janice with all my tossing and turning, I got up and I turned on the computer and went on the Internet. I was thinking about what to read and I thought, "I wonder if Brother Helm is on the Internet." I knew Reimar's website would come up, but maybe there were other references, so I checked. Something came up from someone I didn't recognize. It was a young man named Kevin who was encouraging a friend of his who was having problems reading A Voice In The

Wilderness, by Loran Helm. I sent Kevin an e-mail and told him about the night you were able to pray for me as we sat around the dinner table and how God had changed my life for Jesus' glory. I asked him how he came to read the book. Kevin wrote back today and shared his story and I thought you would be interested to read an example of how God is touching lives through you in ways you do not know for the glory of God. I wonder how many others out there are being encouraged and challenged today. May the Lord bless you and keep you and make his countenance shine upon you and give you peace.

Kim

(This next portion is the e-mail that Kim Gilbert received from Kevin.)

Kim,

My story isn't as amazing as yours, but I will tell it anyhow. Last May I decided to fly across the state from Boston Massachusetts to San Diego, California. It was a quick decision with no thinking through it. I went out with a guitar, a book, a Bible, an ATM card and a duffle bag full of t-shirts. I had a ride from the airport, but to nowhere. Before I left a friend gave me the book to read and I began the first pages in the San Diego airport while waiting for a friend to pick me up to take me to the marina where I lived on an old boat for a few months. It had no shower, no bath, no stove and very little electricity. It was quite empowering to read about the faith of this servant who built a house by faith. It convicted me tremendously as I thought about my faith moving out west – how I lived by my will and called it God's will, while Brother Helm lived, by God's grace, by the help of the Holy Spirit only. I was blown away by the book, but I have yet to find myself emulating the faith of this servant. It is a tough commitment for me. What I love most about this servant Brother Helm's faith and writing was the absolute truth with which he wrote. Most Christians and spiritual books come with mountains of fluff, watered down with teachings and loads of ideas to make Christianity a happy reality to grasp so everyone can almost make their own religion or embrace it. But Brother Helm did not care about controversy when he wrote – he cared about what the Holy Spirit said was true. Let me say it was a hard, hard book for me to read, but I am so glad I did. I am glad you stumbled upon my message and that Rev. Helm prayed for you.

(That concludes the first e-mail Kim received from Kevin. The next portion is a second e-mail Kim received from a friend of Kevin's, whose name is John.)

Kim,

Hello, my name is John Getbehead. I am a good friend with Kevin Huizenga, the author of the outline journal that you read a few weeks ago. In Kevin's e-mail to you he mentioned how our friend Nick Brenner gave Kevin the book to read last summer. Well, to trace the process back even further, I was one of the few who helped pass Brother Helm's book on to Nick. It was passed to me from a young man named Jason Bennett. His mother got a hold of several copies of Rev. Helm's book through a woman named Nellie Blue. Apparently she is an African-American woman who got to study under the servant Brother Helm. So if this crazy circle of names rings any bells, please feel free to pass it along to Brother Helm.

As for myself, Brother Helm's book, A Voice In The Wilderness, has totally changed my life. I had been saved for two years prior to reading this book, but after reading it, my walk with God has looked radically different. I am no longer content with shopping list prayers, though they may be appropriate at a certain time. I guess a better way of describing this book's impact upon my life is that I began to listen to God. I began to learn quite a bit myself in order to hear God's quiet voice. I have been challenged by Brother Helm's continued pursuit of self-denial and servant hood to God. I have been so encouraged by his walk and experience with God.

I am also writing with a request, knowing that if by God's will for this to happen, it would be. I am getting ready to travel across the country, to eventually end up working for the Wilderness Ministry at Washington State. I have not yet determined my route of travel for my adventure yet. My request is this: is there any way I would be able to stop in your neck of the woods and to pray with Brother Helm for a while before continuing on my journey out west. I understand that he doesn't get out much anymore and I can't tell you how encouraging it would be to me to pray with this man and actually meet him who has had such an impact on my life. I live in Troy, New York. I can pretty much travel any route, as long as it gets me to Washington State by next week. So if you could pass this request to Brother Helm and see if it is possible to meet him I would completely be blessed. Something I didn't mention is this, I had to make this same road trip two years ago and wanted to meet Brother Helm then, but I didn't have contact for him and was unable to meet him. Kim, I leave these requests in your hands now. Thank you so much for writing to Kevin. What an encouragement that has been for him too. May God's peace fall upon you and your family this day.

John

We are very thankful and in debt to the Lord for all of the individuals and churches that regularly support the ministry of Revival For Our Day, Inc. with their prayers and finances. We wanted to report that the finances have diminished considerably in the last few weeks, and we are trusting the Holy Spirit to lay it on the hearts of his people to give what they can when they can as the Lord would lead. It is only by the faithful and consistent giving of God's people that the needs of the ministry are met, and we want to give Jesus the praise for what he has provided. Please make it a matter of prayer to determine if and what the Lord would have you to give. Thank you in Jesus' name.

# Revival For Our Day

July 2004

Dear Ones of Revival For Our Day, greetings in the matchless name of Jesus, our resurrected and soon coming King. Glory to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost for his great mercy, kindness and love that he has so lavished upon us. John wrote, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." (I John 3:1-3) He also said in another place in the same writing, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever." (I John 2:15-17)

I am thankful for all of your prayers, petitions, sacrifices, gifts and offerings on my behalf. Thank you for each and every love gift that is sent in to support this ministry and for the love and faithfulness behind it. Contributions are not what they have been in the past, but we are trusting the Lord to supply our need according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus and we are thankful for each of those who remember us in their giving to the Lord. We are also thankful for the dear ones who assist with this letter, especially for those at Harmony Press who print the letter month after month free of charge and also for Shepherd Services to mail it out. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is found in Acts 1:4-8, *"But wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. 5) For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. 6) When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? 7) And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hat put in his own power."*

We constantly want something, to know something or to procure something. The disciples in this passage wanted to know from the Lord if, at that time, he was going to restore the kingdom to Israel. But Jesus said, "It isn't for you to know about that." Then he said unto them in verse eight, *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both*

*in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

To whom is he speaking? He is speaking to those who are going to have the Holy Spirit come into their lives shortly. Every man and woman who has had the Holy Spirit to come into their lives are to be witnesses for Jesus. The Holy Spirit works with us to become a witness.

Now if we remain quiet when prompted of the Lord to witness (or when we speak in the flesh) we are failing. But when we obey and speak in the Holy Spirit, it helps everyone who is attentive and in tune. When you speak in the Holy Spirit you are helping every honest, obedient heart.

Now if a person speaks in the flesh, it brings the worship service down, but when one speaks in the Holy Spirit, there is edification, strength, power, life, victory and fellowship in the Holy Ghost. Notice Jesus said persons filled with the Holy Ghost would be witnesses unto him in Jerusalem. That is simply at home, where you live. That means I am to be a witness at home. My insurance man was in our home one time and I witnessed to him about how the Lord provided our home for us. I simply shared with him what the Lord had been doing. We are to be witnesses at home where we live.

I also was able to witness for the Lord at our home on Halloween. I don't care for Halloween at all, but I use it and work in it and through it to minister to the people that come to my door. So, some years ago it came to me that if they were going to come and I was going to give them a little treat, that maybe it could be that I could give them a little love. So here they came that night, about forty-eight persons altogether. And the Holy Spirit revealed to me, (remember, we are to be witnesses in Jerusalem, where we live at home) to go get some quarters and give one to every child and adult who came to my door. I would hold the quarter in my hand and tell them, "Now this quarter can't talk, but if it could, you know what I would want it to say?" They would say, "What?" And I would say, "I would want it to say, 'I love you and Jesus loves you.'" About two years ago there was a little boy who didn't say anything to me, but he ran down our walk when he left and said, "That preacher in there loves me!" He was so excited. So the next year it went up to about 70-80 persons who came and the next year it went to 120 and the next Halloween we had 163.

I was a witness to all the people who came that I loved them and Jesus loved them. I didn't just give them a treat but told them about Jesus' love for them. The Holy Spirit revealed to me to do that and you know the word about it has gone out all over

the area. We had trick-or-treaters from sixty-five and seventy miles away come to our home. Jesus said, "You shall be my witnesses."

We are to be the right type of witness. We are not to be repulsive or to press, but to be gentle, tender, kind and sweet as we witness. We can say something real good but not say it at the right time. We can say something of truth and not say it with the right spirit. It is possible to say things but the voice doesn't sound like it comes from great joy and love. Therefore, our hearts must be seasoned with grace, filled with the Spirit, that what he speaks through us will not only be truth, but have so much tenderness and power of his love that it will accomplish what it should in the listener.

In Mark 4:7, in the parable of the sower, Jesus tells us how the sower sowed the seed and it fell among thorns that were in the soil (the heart) and it choked out the word so there was no fruit. Isn't that a sad situation? Now, if you go on to verse nineteen it describes the thorns as "the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choking the word, and causing it to become unfruitful." If we can be so in the Spirit while we are witnessing, it might uproot a thorn, or cleanse it out, if we are so led by the Holy Spirit and if the heart that is hearing is submissive. If the heart that hears a true witness is in deep enough submission, God could by the Holy Spirit through the Blood go into the heart where this thorn is and uproot it if the heart is willing for it to be cleansed out.

It is good if we can speak to people in such a way to help them with their difficulties. There are four types of soil (hearts) in the church as seen in the parable of the sower, and one of these types has a lot of thorns. Thorns just choke the Word and keep it from taking root in our lives. There are many types of thorns; thorns of doubt, criticism, faultfinding. It says that the word fell among thorns. The thorns were in the heart and when they are in there it just hurts us terribly. We are ineffective and unvictorious. There is the thorn of lust, and the thorn of unbelief, and the thorn of contention, of love of the world, cares of the world, the desire for riches. These grow up and crowd out the Word and there is no fruitfulness in the life. So it says these are they which are sown among thorns. It says very clearly that they hear the Word. I want you to know that the people who have thorns hear the Word.

The thorn in us prevents us from being a soul winner. As long as there is the slightest thorn in our life, there isn't any joy, any victory, any tenderness or sweetness. Just a little care of the world can crowd out the effective work of God.

If the Holy Spirit is not in us, instead of being a witness, we will be a hindrance. We are a witness as we follow Jesus, loving our neighbor as our self. If I don't love my neighbor as myself I won't have much effect. Some time back, I was in a hotel restroom in Chicago where I said to a precious black brother, "Here is a dollar in Jesus' name." He said, "May the Lord bless you brother." We had a meeting right there. I got to share with him. There was love there between us and he felt it. We had a wonderful time of fellowship. Listen, you can't fool anybody. I never try to.

A witness is someone who has such care, love and devotion that he speaks about his Lord, the King of glory. A witness is someone who simply shares without coercion. We are to be a pure people. We are to be a holy people. He wants me to be pure, but I cannot be in myself. It must be as I follow Jesus through the precious Blood working in my heart, the Holy Spirit working to cleanse me, to create within me a clean heart, a pure heart, so that I will be pure in all my dealings and in all my connections. Jesus wants us to be pure in every area of our life. That comes from Christ. It doesn't come from us. He wants us to be holy and undefiled. He doesn't want us to be holier than thou, he just simply wants us to follow Jesus and let him have his way with us and not press anyone. Love everyone the same. God has taught me to love everyone as if everyone is saved. Whether they are saved or not, you don't go by that. You go by the fact that you love everybody whether they know Jesus or not. Treat them all the same.

So these things of earth grow in us like thorns and they crowd Jesus out of our lives. This is a condition that exists that prevents us from witnessing. Everyone that has the slightest bit of self in his or her life is slow to witness. If the enemy can get someone to witness in the flesh, they do more harm than good. But if Jesus has someone in the place of obedience who can witness without thorns, then it is sweet and has healing in it.

So we are to be witnesses for Jesus, but if we have any thorns, we see that they can keep us from being productive. One little spirit of criticism is a terrible thorn that injures and every man and woman is likely to criticize if he or she isn't cleansed of the carnal nature. One of the fruits of the carnal nature is to find fault and criticize. It's a terrible thorn. It just comes out of the inner nature and we are all born with it. Therefore, we must be cleansed of the carnal nature or we will be critical. Jesus said to judge not lest ye be judged. Anyone that judges anybody else feels like they know enough to make that judgment. It is an egotistical spirit. They feel they are qualified to pass judgment and that is the carnal nature. This thorn crowds out the love of Christ and there is no witness, no fire, and no glory.

If we are without any thorns we are quick to witness. The Lord is the one who takes them out of us. When my wife and I were returning from Florida one year, we were traveling through North Carolina and I told her that the Lord wanted me to stop at a filling station in Valdosta, Georgia and get a map. She just looked at me and smiled. I told her I didn't know why the Lord wanted this, because I had an atlas in the back seat. But you don't ask any questions, you just follow what the Holy Spirit tells you, because if you miss one leading, then you don't get another one until you repent. If we don't give him the glory then we may cut ourselves off from another revelation. He must have all the praise. So, don't figure out why. (Get that out of you because that is a little thorn.) Trying to figure it out all the time is not good. He didn't call us to be figurers; he called us to be followers.

Well, I didn't know which filling station to go to, it was a big city, but I knew I needed to get to the one he had designated. How was I going to find it? Only by the help of the Holy Spirit. We do not find things like that by figuring it out in our head, but only by the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Well, the Holy Spirit did help me to find the filling station he had designated. I didn't know why he was sending me in there, I only knew he wanted me to buy a map. It was about 7:30 in the morning when I entered that filling station and when I came through the door, the power of God came upon me and I was preaching like a house afire. It just came rolling out of me like an artesian well. There were ten or twelve men in there with hard hats on. There were electricians and mechanics and I preached to all of them. Listen, that took courage. I didn't have any idea that was going to happen. I went in to buy a map, but I was able to give them another map – a map to the City Celestial, a map to the kingdom of God, of how to find Jesus, how to obey God and resist the devil. You should have seen how they looked at me. What an appointment I had there. When I got back in the car I told my wife, "Honey, I did not know we were going to have such a great experience." When I prayed, the Holy Spirit revealed to me out of those men in that room that several of them had a call to the ministry or mission field. And no one knew it, but the Holy Spirit sent me in there.

He called them but they couldn't hear. They had thorns you see. Those men had thorns and they couldn't hear that they were called to the ministry or mission field. Things in our hearts keep us from hearing and receiving what is ours. (If you can get that it is worth the whole letter. Just think of it.) One little thorn in our mind and heart can keep us back from what God has for us. It could be the little tiny thorn of questioning, or criticism, or faultfinding. These thorns reside in our hearts and when we hear the Word it tries to enter the soul, but

the thorns won't let it reside in our heart, so the Word just vanishes.

This tells us how to be delivered. It not only diagnosis it, but also there is the wonderful way of being delivered out of the situation of missing what is truly ours. Just think, when you get to the end and you say, "Oh, all of these things were mine but I was cheated out of it because I had so many tiny things that were in my mind or heart and I just didn't get what was mine." Don't get discouraged, you have a lot in store. As long as we are clear and we ask the Lord to forgive us and apply his precious blood to our heart and we follow, then he is able to give us in our hearts what is ours. It is great joy as we submit.

People that have the thorns hear the Word, but the thorns crowd out the Word and keep them from becoming effective and following Jesus to do God's will. We must submit and also love our neighbor as our self. It is very precious to love our neighbor as our self. It's not easy, they say, but with Jesus in your heart it is easy. When the Holy Spirit works in your heart it just flows out of you. You don't go by how hard or easy it is, the love is just there. You don't work it up; rather, it just flows out of you. Can you hear that? In proportion to the inner death in your heart is how much you will hear the Word of God.

"Ye shall be my witnesses." To whom is he speaking? To those who are converted and have the Holy Spirit. Everyone who is filled with the Holy Spirit witnesses at every opportunity. We are to be witnesses. Jesus said so. The Word says so and it is true. It is a fact. I want you to know that this is something great and there are not very many people who know it in the whole world, in their heart. The only way we can know it is by the help of the Holy Spirit revealing it. You can go to church all your life and know all theology and preach and sing, but if we don't go with God in our heart it is nothing.

You see, our hearts are so hard. Do you know how hard our hearts are? Jesus said the Apostle's hearts were hard and they were with Jesus and witnessed many great miracles. They considered not the miracle of the loaves and fishes because their hearts were hardened. (Mark 6:52) My heart will become hard if I do not obey, pray and love everyone. If there is the slightest thing in my heart, my heart is hardened. Here were the apostles in this storm and they couldn't understand because their hearts were hardened. Also in the eighth chapter of Mark Jesus asked them, "Have ye your heart yet hardened?" They were precious people, but their hearts were hardened. If their hearts were hardened, precious ones, how hard is our heart?

What is the evidence of a hardened heart? Prayerlessness, criticism, love of the world, the love

of things, suspicion, prejudice. If I don't love my enemies then my heart is very hardened. But I can't control that, only as I walk with Jesus and he cleanses my heart through the Blood, so I can love my enemies as my friends. Everyone who walks with Jesus will be despised in this world. The Bible says so. But as we follow him, he takes out the thorns. See what obedience does for us? When we walk in obedience he just reaches in and pulls out the thorns. We need to review this often because our heart becomes hard and we don't realize it. The less hardness of heart we have, the more we will praise the Lord and the more thankful we are for everything. It just flows out of our heart.

Don't be discouraged. It is great just ahead of us. Don't go too fast, go very slowly. I am not pressing us to go fast, I am inviting us to just let him lead us.

We can be in Jesus' presence and still have a hard heart. It is as we follow and witness that our hearts are softened, as the Holy Spirit works with us so that we don't have thorns. We want to praise God that he is able to get the soil of the soul ready for the harvest. He is able to break up the fallow ground and take out all the thorns of unbelief, doubt, suspicion, prejudice, criticism, contention, hate, enmity, grudge, lust and lots of thorns that grow in us.

We are to pray, read the Word and obey so that when there is any opportunity to witness, we will be in the Spirit and immediately praise him, in a particular way. Not just in a general way, but in a specific way for the glory of God.

We praise him for the work of the Holy Spirit that we may become his witnesses. We may be a witness or become a witness, and then we remain a witness. He is able to help us to be a shining witness, a star witness, a blazing witness, and a persuading witness. "Ye shall be my witnesses." Oh to be true and faithful to persuade with love, joy and sweetness. Hallelujah.

Don't feel pressured, just look to Jesus and follow him. He said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." He is the way, the truth and the life. If you don't know how to witness, just trust him for the opportunity and the wisdom to know what to say when the opportunity arises. May you be encouraged, lifted and strengthened by his Spirit in the inner man as you deny self, take the cross and follow him. For we are loved with an everlasting love and underneath are the everlasting arms. "Jesus, it is through thy precious Blood working and the Holy Spirit that helps us to be witnesses and to listen to your precious voice and follow." In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

*Loran W. Helm*

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# Revival For Our Day

August 2004

Dear followers of Jesus, those that are striving to obey the Holy Spirit, greetings in His most precious, holy name. Hallelujah to the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world, who is worthy of praise, adoration, glory, honor, dominion, majesty and power. We are grateful for your prayers, sacrifices and help. We give God the glory for each one of you and pray that you will be strengthened with all might by His Spirit in the inner being. For He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us. Praise the Lord.

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The message I want to share with you is found in I Thessalonians 5:16-18, which reads, "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

Luther Bridgers was away from his wife and family on a preaching assignment. He was just getting ready to step into the pulpit when he was handed a note that said that his wife and children had just been burned alive in their home in the state of Kentucky. After he finished preaching, he traveled all the way back by train and went to where his home was and sat near the ashes and wrote the hymn "He Keeps Me Singing." The first verse says, "There's within my heart a melody, Jesus whispers sweet and low, 'Fear not I am with thee, peace, be still, in all of life's ebb and flow.'" See, this man was in deep waters, deep trials and struggles, but in the midst of it he wrote this hymn. Even in the midst of the loss we can sing, "He leadeth me, oh blessed thought."

The next verse says, "Feasting on the riches of His grace, resting 'neath His sheltering wing. Always looking on His smiling face. That is why I shout and sing." Resting 'neath His sheltering wings – resting from the storms, resting in His revelation, truth and promises, His wonderful love, kept by the power of God. And as we look upon His smiling face, we are looking upward. That is why we are able to rejoice, to shout and to sing. We are happy because Jesus died on the cross to save us from our sins. Then He went to heaven that we might follow in His train and become holy followers of Him, preferring one another, loving our enemies and our neighbor as ourselves. There isn't any religion in the world like that. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is the one who gave us life that we might rest beneath His sheltering wing and always look upon His smiling face. This is how we rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing and offer thanks in everything.

I want you to know that while you are looking on His face, sometimes you cannot see Him. You have to go by faith. You are blind. You can't feel anything. The devil is telling you nothing is going to work out. You tell him he is a liar. You are looking on Jesus' face by faith. That is what I have had to do for seventy-one years. A lot of people think I see Jesus right in front of me all the time, but I have to go by faith.

Notice it says '*resting*' under His wing. That means we are to be relaxed – not tense or anxious. He doesn't want us to be all tied up in knots, he wants us to relax, to be just like a little child in his mother's arms. Because when we are tense and worried, we bring on stomach trouble and it makes it hard on the organs of the body and it can make others unhappy. So he wants us to relax and, in the midst of relaxing, we are to rejoice evermore, to pray without ceasing and to give thanks always.

Now the next verse of this song says, "Though sometimes He leads through waters deep, trials fall across the way. Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep, see His footprints all the way." When Jesus was filled with the Holy Spirit and came from the Jordan River, the Spirit led him into the wilderness. Don't go by the trials, misunderstandings and disappointments you have had. Just go by faith and keep on the firing line in calmness and with a quiet trust in Him. Go slow, not fast, and He will take you through. "However you are tried, His tender care He's never denied. Then we'll trust His promises so true, for He will take us through."

"Though sometimes the path seems rough and steep, see His footprints all the way." When He leads and guides it gives us in our heart what everyone is trying to find. See His footprints – His leading, His guiding, His directing – all the way. "All the way my Savior leads me. What have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercies who through life has been my guide?" Oh, what a joy to follow in His train, to simply wait, watch and trust. Don't get discouraged. We are just to rejoice, to lift up our voice and to thank Jesus for victory. Keep encouraged when you become a little discouraged. Just keep on rejoicing.

One time Barbara Morgan felt led to go and spend some time with a woman in her home while her husband was in a meeting. They talked some and while she was there, Barbara began to teach this woman to praise the Lord. She told her to get in a room by herself and just start praising the Lord, saying, "Praise the Lord. Thank you Jesus. Glory to God. Thank you for the blood. Thank you for the Word. Thank you for the Holy Spirit. Thank you for your precious indwelling." She taught her

how to praise the Lord. Do you know that some weeks after their meeting that she told Barbara, "Say, praising the Lord really works. I am lifted." Another time a gas heater in a home exploded and it blew the husband into eternity. Here was the wife with her children and her husband was gone. It also blew into their house and most everything was gone. She said, "Well, praise the Lord." She praised the Lord until she praised the power of God down upon her and He took all the sorrow out of her. He took all the bereavement out of her to the point that she was glowing like a light. In the funeral service, she was glowing like a light, even though her sweetheart was gone. She had been taught how to praise God. Her mother asked her, "How can you do this." And her daughter told her, "Well, I miss him greatly, but Jesus has lifted the darkness away." This was all because she had been taught to praise God. Philippians 4:4 tells us to "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice."

Not many people know how to rejoice and praise the Lord, but it is one of the secrets of victory and peace in the Christian walk. I told Brother Black's wife back in the 1940's (she had hard times), "Sister, I know it is awfully dark and I know it is black, but you get in a room all by yourself. Start praising Jesus and rejoice all by yourself. Just keep praising Him and in about twenty-five to forty minutes the power will fall on you and all the darkness is going to leave you." I came back in a few months and here was this same woman, many times her face had been a little gloomy, but I want to tell you when I went back and saw her she said, "I want to share with you that what you told me works." God came down and took that gloom and gave her peace and joy, gladness and light. The world is trying to find this in pleasures and things, but they can't find it there. It isn't there. It lets them down and it lets us down. I tell you, the power of the Holy Spirit can lift us up through prayer and praise.

I called into Ohio one time and was informed by Kenneth Wagner that his wife, Vera, had just lost her twenty-seven year old sister. Vera was on the floor prostrate, weeping and crying with such sorrow that she could not stand it. I told Kenneth to get the phone to her, which he did. I said, "Jesus,

Vera is smitten by great sorrow. Take it out of her. Send the power and take this bereavement and loss out of her and lift her up." He lifted her right up off the floor. All of the sorrow and bereavement went right out of her. Then I said, "While you are doing that, Jesus, go to Warsaw, Indiana to her mother Pauline and take her sorrow too." So Jesus healed Vera in Ohio and healed Pauline in Warsaw in the same two minutes. So when the family gathered for the funeral, they said, "Vera, we can't understand, you were so close with your sister and you don't even act like she is dead. There is no sorrow with you. We thought you would be in great sorrow." She told them, "Well, the Lord took it all out of me. I would have missed her terribly, but He came and lifted me." Jesus did it through a telephone call to the state of Ohio. It is through Jesus that I would know how to pray, because I don't know how to pray.

Be encouraged. Remember, there is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole and to heal the sin-sick soul. The scriptures tells us that "the Lord's going forth is prepared as the morning." (Hosea 6:3) That is refreshment, the singing of birds, the beams of the sun, the sparkle of the dew upon every little blade of grass, every little twig and flower, just a little bit of the dew of the wonder of His grace all shed abroad upon us as we wait in His presence to hear His voice and to follow Him.

Praise the Lord. "Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

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Thank you again for your prayers, gifts, offerings and faithfulness. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

In Jesus' Name,

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# Revival For Our Day

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Dear ones of Revival For Our Day, greetings in Jesus' holy name. May you be blessed and encouraged today as you lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, to run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him, endured the cross, despised the shame and is set at the right hand of God. (Hebrews 12:1,2)

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In Matthew 16:24 Jesus said, ***If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*** In all of His words to us, Jesus always spoke in simplicity, and never in complexity. He was simple and understandable. In fact, His enemies said of Him that, "no one ever spoke like this man." And here He is telling us, that, whosoever would come after Him would have to deny himself or herself. Here He is speaking to all of His disciples, apostles, the visitors, neighbors, friends, followers, and by-standers—to all of them. He said "whosoever" and that includes anyone and everyone.

He is speaking about coming after or following Him and at once opens the possibility to anyone who will. Following this invitation, He gives a divine requirement that must be met in order to come after Him and that requirement is "let him deny himself." Coming is conversion, transformation. After this step, then the real building of life begins. He said whoever would come after Him, they must meet the spiritual law or requirement of self-denial. This is the first step after conversion. It doesn't matter how long we have prayed or how much we preach, if we don't deny ourselves, we haven't started after Jesus. It doesn't make any difference how beautiful our work is, if we don't do this, we haven't begun. This is very, very important, isn't it?

From the instant we are converted we can no longer rule ourselves or make our own choices. From now on we must follow what He says. Jesus said, "Let him deny himself and take up his cross." Now the cross is more than self-denial. Self-denial is allowing Jesus to have the reigns of our life where He is dominant and self is not. The taking of the cross means that the self that is denied in following Jesus will be crucified upon it. Not our troubles, not our heartaches, not our battles, these are not the cross. Most all of those have happened because we have made the choice of the flesh between the ages of twelve and twenty instead of allowing Christ to make the choice. But these are not the cross. ***The cross is an inner crucifixion.*** It is an inner sanctifying power that takes the self and nails it to the cross. Just as Jesus died physically on the cross to save me, I have to die on an inner cross every step and every breath to follow Him.

We can have beautiful religious things, but it comes down to the basics that after conversion we no longer make the plans, rather, we pray about them and let Him make the decisions for us—decisions about our job, our home, our location, our business, our school. The reason so many people are in trouble is because they made the choice. Most people are not where Jesus wants them at all and that is why things don't go so well. Why would a just God ever bring this on me? It is because we made the choice ourselves. Many people say, "I don't understand why my child has to suffer like this." What they don't know is the great, great grandfather committed adultery and deposited a poison in the blood stream that exhibited itself in the fourth generation in this child so he suffers from mental disorders and is in an insane asylum. The parents wonder why a just God would do that, but HE didn't have anything to do with it. It was because a man decided to have intercourse with a woman and the consequences came out later. The world says God is not just. Do you see how in reverse we have all this? If we could only get the people to know that the sins of the fathers are visited to the third and fourth generations.

Many people today that are in mental institutions are there because of the decisions of previous generations. People will say, "I don't understand why so and so went crazy". It is because of a deposit in the brain that occurred because men would not do God's will long ago. This is just one illustration.

If a person is going to come after Jesus, let that man or woman deny themselves. When God called Abraham to go out into a land that he would receive for an inheritance, he obeyed, not knowing where he went. I want you to know that when Abraham was told by God to do this, that instant he had to deny himself. Abraham could no longer make the choice about where he would live or where he would be going. He had to deny himself and leave his father's family. If I could show you every step of inner denial that Abraham had to take all the way you would be so amazed that you would be aghast. You would be startled. Self wanted to take over and say, "Abraham, let's just go over here." But he had to go exactly where God wanted and he didn't know where that was. He only knew one step at a time. He had to deny himself all the time to do God's will. Abraham had to deny himself as soon as God revealed to him what to do, and he continued to do from then on. This is not difficult to understand, but it is difficult to do consistently.

A lot of people want to walk with God, but they want to do their own thing and make their own arrangements and plans. This is our weakness. No one has taught me this. I didn't read this in a book.

I got this from waiting hours and hours a day before God. So Abraham had to deny himself to walk with God and go somewhere he didn't know until God would show him. He did not have the plan nor did he know where he was going. He had a revelation from God and he was trusting Him to fulfill it. And God was able to get him to the land of Israel and promised that it would be his children's home. But it didn't happen overnight. It took a long, long time. Most people think things like this will happen in a year or two. Not so. Listen, God is trying to teach us that we must wait upon Him and deny self and follow Him. God is looking for a people, for individuals who will just die out to self and just be nothing so He can be everything.

I can see the emphasis of the churches is to get the miracles, the power and the signs. They are all so great and I enjoy all of them. But you see, God didn't tell us to work to get the miracles and signs. He said, "If you are going to follow me, die." Most people want the icing on the cake rather than to go through the wheat fields and be ground up and baked and distributed to fulfill the world's hunger, spiritually speaking. They don't want to go through the suffering and the death of the cross. They talk about their troubles being their cross. That is not it. The cross is in the inner life, in inner denial. We never assume the cross, which is entire sanctification, until we have denied our self of what we want to do and do only God's will. If we could only get this message to all of the church universal and to all of the ministers and laity, that this is an inner walk with God and it is by the Holy Spirit. It is not what we think or want.

God spoke to me many years ago and told me in an inner voice that He called me into the world and that He would use me in His kingdom someday. When He told me this, the glory of God was so great around me I couldn't tell anyone how wonderful it was. He was calling me to die to myself and to call others to die to themselves and no longer do their own will at all, but to do God's will completely which very few since creation have been willing to do. I have to die out from morning to night to do this. Most people think you just deny yourself once. No. It is a constant inner denial every hour. You say, "Why do you get so excited?" Well, I guess I have the little end of the biggest thing in the world; sweet as honey, rich as cream, good as gold, fine as silver, refreshing as a stream, never tiring, never disappointing, always better than we had ever dreamed, beyond words to say, colors to paint, languages of men to declare, the Pearl of great price. We are to follow Jesus and let Him lead us.

Now, if we are contrary, hesitant or resentful then we will never deny self. If we want to ask a lot of questions, then we will likely be unable to deny self, because *self wants to know all the answers*,

*but God is looking for persons who will become the answer.* Those who will become the answer are persons who will no longer do their own will, but follow Jesus to do God's will on earth as it is in heaven. That is what we pray when we pray the Lord's Prayer. Ever since I left all to go with God, though, I love my enemies just like my friends. That is what Jesus said we are to do. If you deny yourself and obey, it is just spontaneously there. You don't have to work to love. It just comes out of you; kindness, tenderness, gentleness, sweetness, glory and victory are there and come right out of your heart. When He indwells you, the glory of God will be within your soul and you will love all as Jesus loves you! Oh, I need more of Him. I have so little of Jesus. I never claimed to be anything but a servant, trying to call the world and the church back to follow God and do Jesus will on earth as it is in heaven. Not to have programs, not preaching or singing – all of that is good, but just let Jesus lead us. I have been trying to find a people for a long, long time that would follow in His steps. "What He says we will do," but we'll have to die out. It will crush us to death, but it is life. Oh, how great it is. I used to ask my wife if she knew anyone who had a greater time on earth than I have had. And she did not. But I also said to her, "You won't find anyone on earth who has had more trials and battles than I have had." Remember, your battles and trials precede the victory!

We have to battle with all of our might to do God's will. It has seldom been done since creation. Only a few have ever been willing. If you read the scriptures you find this out. God wants us to follow Jesus and it is His will that I follow Him and obey God. But I can't obey God without following Jesus all the way and that means that I cannot do what I want to do. Ever.

Sometimes I will try to leave a room and I can't. So I pray and He tells me about something about to happen. Maybe it is people somewhere who need to be converted. Sometimes I can't leave a room until I pray for the sanctification of believers in certain parts of the earth. Sometimes He will tell me to wait a moment, and He reveals to me there is a storm coming in so many days and I pray for that to be squelched so that the people who would have been killed in that storm can begin to live lives of self-denial and obey God to make it to glory. Sometimes He will tell me about an earthquake that is about to take place and I will pray that those people will be spared so they can begin to live a life of inner denial and obedience, to do God's will instead of their own.

The human in us cannot hear this very well. We are so human and our nature has such a hold on us until we are able to persevere out of its grip on us. This nature is why the prisons are filled as well as the divorce courts. It is why there are troubles and

upheavals, because man has not been willing to deny himself and be crucified and cleansed. Some people make a practice of telling people about salvation, yet they criticize someone and spoil their whole witness. They will say you ought to be saved and so forth, yet, at an unguarded moment they will make a certain remark and it undoes all the good that could have been done in fifty years. One time a waitress told me, "You know, when anyone leaves a Christian tract here for any of the other waitresses, they bring them all to me. There are some Christians who eat here who try to leave us tracts, but they were hard to wait on and we could not please them with anything. Yet, they leave us tracts on how to be saved." Look what it did to the whole restaurant. It had a negative affect on everyone there. Many people mean well, but they don't like this and they don't like that. Others go in grocery stores and they squeeze this and squeeze that and they don't like this or that. And they claim to be Christians, but the self is too much alive. The self in them has not been denied. God is calling people to deny themselves and follow Jesus.

Abraham had to deny himself from morning to night. Joseph had to deny himself of the fellowship of his brothers because they were jealous of him. Because Joseph was willing to deny himself, he was placed in a pit. Now a lot of people think if you deny yourself that you will be placed in a castle. Listen, you will get in a pit. The wonder is, everyone who denies himself will be put into a pit. Joseph was a great man and they didn't know who he was. He denied himself and obeyed his father and his brothers put him in a pit.

How are you going to take the pit experience? Are you going to sit down and say, "Poor little me I have had an awful rough time? I tell you, they have abused me and put me in this place and I am in the muck and the mire, slush and black stuff down here in this pit and here I am. I was on my way to Calvary and here I am in a pit." Joseph didn't say, "Hey, have mercy on me." No, he sat down in the pit and had faith in God. He denied himself by obeying his father and then his brothers placed him in a battle. He was to fulfill something after a time, but what if he had not taken the pit experience real well? If he had not been faithful in the pit, or if he had been unhappy, he could not have been the deliverer for all of Egypt and Israel. See how he had to deny himself over and over. ***The pit experience is when you are placed in a circumstance that you can't control.*** It is dark and lonely, and you are surrounded by walls. Joseph is in a pit and he is not able to dig himself out. If he tries, the dirt will just fall in all around him. So the best thing to do is just get in the middle of it and have a wonderful time in the pit as best you can – and I know that is not easy. Because everyone that will follow Jesus will be placed in a certain type of

pit by the world. But don't get discouraged there. Keep the faith there. I want you to note that the faith of Joseph was so great that he didn't question one bit in the muck and mire of that pit. He could have felt sorry for himself and thought, "I am treated terribly even though I have done my father's will and brought help to my brothers and they have put me in an awful place." No, he didn't do this. There is not any record that he felt sorry for himself or that he was in anxiety. He simply stayed by faith in the pit and he didn't plead. He just trusted. I want you to note that if he had stayed in the pit, it would have meant death because there was no water or provision of food there. He didn't ask for anything while in there, but he got everything.

If only God could just find us faithful in the dark, pit experiences of life, in the gloom and misunderstanding when we are persecuted, when we are lonely and don't have anything and it looks like everything has perished. Just hold on and have faith. Joseph had to deny himself many times before he ever got to the pit, then he had to deny his own will to try to get out. Because if he would have been assertive and done his own will, he would have dug the walls in and buried himself. And that is what many people have done. They have buried themselves because they didn't hold fast and steady in the pit. If we will deny ourselves and be inwardly crucified, in time God will send cords of escape and lift us out into the beautiful air of love, light and gladness. In His time, not ours. It may look like we are going to die, and we are. We are supposed to die, but we don't want to.

Most all people want to follow Jesus but they don't want to die and that is why we haven't followed Him. Most persons who are saved don't want to give up their own will and life to die to themselves and to all things. He said, "If any man is going to come after me, let him deny himself and take his cross..." That is inner death. Then He said follow. I can see we don't follow until all of this is experienced. We must deny ourselves and be crucified of this inner nature that every one of us has. Jesus is the only one who never had this nature since the fall of man in the garden. If people could be convinced to truly deny themselves and then take the cross (the crucifixion), then we would be ready to follow Him. At that point we are ready to hear His voice. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice, my sheep know my voice and my sheep follow me." (John 10). But we can't follow until self is denied and we are crucified. We think that preaching, singing, and testifying is following. We can do all these things and never follow Jesus. But we can't follow without doing all these things—prayer, the Word, witnessing, testifying, waiting upon God, praising the Lord, being obedient, submitting ourselves unto God and to His prophets, under their authority, as Jesus leads and guides.

Joseph had to deny himself continually, even in the midst of an awful temptation. He was first in a pit and God, in His time, lifted him out of the pit. Then he went into slavery. He went from the pit to slavery. I want you to know it took a lot of inner denial in the life of slavery. Books could be written on this. Joseph was not able to do anything he wanted in that nation. He was so great in the midst of it though, that he was made to be second in command to a great leader, Potipher. Then, after being promoted to this position, the wife of Potipher tempted him and put Joseph in an awful position. I want you to know that when you are living the life of inner denial and the cross, your temptations will be more severe than the person who isn't. A lot of people think that the ones who are closest to God have it the easiest. It is the opposite; they are actually tempted the most and have the greatest battles of anyone.

Think about it. Joseph denied himself. He went into a pit, then into slavery, and after being delivered from both and promoted to second to Potipher, he finds himself in a greater situation than the pit or slavery. He is now facing what almost all men fall for—and that is women. Most all men would have fallen here. He could have had his way with a beautiful woman because it would have been in secret and no one would have known it. But God knew it and this faithful man who had denied himself knew it and he wasn't going to have a thing to do with it. I want you to know that he had to deny himself of this woman. If he hadn't faithfully denied every hour of his life before, he would have succumbed to her. If I could only get this across to our hearts, because most men fall over women or money. It's in the book. You can read it in the Bible. But because he lived faithfully in a life of self-denial, submission and obedience to God, he had the strength to leave that woman with a part of his garment in her hand.

As a result of all this, he was placed in a greater battle than all of the others. Because he resisted her, she lied about him to her husband and he was placed in prison. This was a man who denied himself and did God's will; yet he had one thing after another happen to him. But remember, the greater the victory, the greater the trial and the battle. Look! This man is going to be the vessel and the instrument through whom all the seed of Abraham will survive. God could trust him because he denied himself. He was inwardly crucified, turned away from all sin and God could give him the solution needed. All of Egypt would have perished and all the seed of Abraham as well if it had not been for God's revelation to this man who had denied himself. ***God reveals Himself to the man and woman who will deny themselves, take up the cross and follow.*** He wants to reveal Himself to the church. The church is where two men or women live for God and do God's will. It is

where two individuals deny themselves and do God's will. Now Joseph successfully resisted the temptation of a woman. But if it is not sexual temptation that gets us, something else will try to get us off track. If we are really going to go with God, there will be all kinds of trials and battles and struggles and storms to try us to see if we are really going with God. This is a tremendous truth.

Now, back to Joseph being in prison. He is denied of fresh air outside. He is denied liberty and freedom, what he likes and wants and what he would choose. He is back in confinement. He is denied in the exterior as well as the interior. Sometimes the denial of the interior brings you to exterior denial as well. Many people don't understand that. Don't try to understand it. Simply accept it. Lay quietly in the trial, keeping your eyes upon Jesus, watching and waiting for what God would have you to do.

Because Joseph was faithful in the prison, he asked the butler and the baker to remember him when they were being restored to the palace. We know that the baker was hung, but the butler went back to his position, but he forgot about Joseph for two years. When you walk with God you are in all kinds of prisons of earthly makeup. One of these is the prison of public opinion. It is a terrible place. Joseph is all locked in on four sides. He is encased. But he doesn't get discouraged. He keeps his integrity and faith. Look at all the inner denial. If I could write it all down I don't know what we would all do. We would really be astonished. People would say, "He actually denied himself in a prison?" Yes. But don't try to ask why when you are in a prison; simply be faithful there, just like in the pit. Be faithful in your assignments. This is the very core, the very lifeblood, and the very center of following Jesus. I am not in the exterior; I am at the very center with this message.

Years ago I prayed and asked the Lord about something. A minister preached the gospel in a church for twenty-seven years and I know he was one of the greatest preachers on earth. He preached hard and the church was the same after twenty-seven years as when he first arrived. Jesus said, "If I be lifted up I will draw all men to me." (John 12) You see, there is a missing link somewhere and that is to get a body of believers to do what I am telling you in this message. You can preach to people, but if they don't deny themselves and stay spiritually balanced, it doesn't produce much. God wants people who will follow and do God's will rather than their own. The only people who do God's will are those who deny themselves and take the cross. I can preach and know all theology, I can have degrees from all the theological seminaries that you want, but if I don't deny myself and take up the cross of inner crucifixion, I have not followed. I can know the Bible by heart, but never follow Jesus.

Through the years I have been striving to live what I preach before I preach it because God wants us to live holy at home so that when we preach we will not be living one thing and preaching another. It has to be lived at home first in the individual life and that is a battle. I mean a great battle. I used to think it was fairly hard until I got to be about forty-five, but after that I found out it was a different story. It became harder. This ought to encourage us. All the people of the world who are not denying themselves and following God will see their trials just beginning after death. All true saints are having their struggles now. They are in a pit or prison and all kinds of places of trial. That is why Paul wrote to pray for all saints with all perseverance. He didn't say pray for sinners, He said to pray for the saints. There is more in the Bible to pray for the saints than the sinners because the saints are the ones having the battles. If the saints in the church can get right with God, the Holy Spirit will bring in all the lost from miles around. We will not have to have a preaching crusade. He will do it. He will bring them in from every direction. (John 12:32) And you cannot always tell by the numbers. You can have five thousand members and be dead as a doornail. There is no power. If I go into a church and God is not leading, there isn't any power or witness. It may be beautiful, marvelous and eloquent, but no witness of the Holy Ghost that is within the heart.

We are to deny ourselves. Look at Abraham and Joseph and Jacob. We could also talk about the demoniac that Jesus freed. He had to deny himself to do what Jesus wanted him to do. Everyone said, "Surely the demoniac can go with Jesus back to the ship." Jesus said, "No, you go back where you came from and tell them what great things I have done for you." He had been an upset to people, a disturber of the peace, and they couldn't tame him. He was a mystery to the doctors, yet, Jesus told him to go back home, to go right back into the midst of all the battles he had been in. He had to deny himself of being with Jesus to go back into the hard place. He was such an instrument of God that he touched many people because he denied himself. He wanted to go with Jesus, but Jesus sent him back. Every step he took toward home was self-denial. Self wanted to go with Jesus, but he had to go back home and testify. This ought to excite us to where we can hardly stay seated.

Spiritual revelation has seldom been known in the heart since the Fall of Adam after creation. Things that are foolish and of this world we can get, but spiritual revelation we are slow to absorb. Then we have to fight to keep it.

We are only going to hear as much as we die for. We are not going to hear any more in this message than we die in our hearts for. It gets away from us and is snatched out of our minds and hearts. Jesus

said the devil comes and snatches it out of the heart. That is why we have to be fortified, denying ourselves and obeying God continually. That is the fortification that keeps the word in our hearts. All of our strength can't hold it in there. It takes the life of humility and childlikeness in denial for it to stay in our heart and our mind.

Oh, that we will start walking with God and start following. Not in knowledge, not in some eloquent manner, but in a lowly path of inner denial and obedience. I know that at the end of the race this is all that is going to count. When I was at the river of death it was awful. I saw only God's will would take us through. God's will is the only thing that will mean anything at the last breath. So I have to die to do God's will each day. I have lived thousands of days since that day I was at the river of death. I have had to die to myself, to my wife, to my children, to my friends, to my neighbors, to aspirations, to suggestions, to die out to all of it to just wait on God and trust Him, so I won't become fanatical and try to make everyone get into the mold that I am in. We are just to love everyone and follow Jesus. Unto God be praise, unto Jesus be honor and to the Holy Spirit thanksgiving.

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If you have not made family prayer first, or if you have not read your Bible faithfully or if you have not witnessed, then you can pray and repent of all neglect. Jesus is waiting and gives you the opportunity to repent for all of the hours you have not denied self, of all the days you have not been inwardly crucified by the Holy Spirit and the blood of Jesus. Just do as God would have you to do. Remember, He loves you very much and He has been seeking men and women who would truly follow Him and do His will and not their own. Lord, help this message to stay in our heart, and let us be at rest as we are faithful and obedient to you. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

May you be encouraged. I am so thankful for the privilege of sharing this message with you. Thank you for praying for me and for each prayer, petition, supplication and sacrifice on my behalf. May it all be sanctified in Jesus' name and for His glory. Thank you again for praying for me.

In Jesus name,

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# Revival For Our Day

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Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. We give you praise, blessed Jesus, for the blood that you shed on Calvary and for the work of the Holy Spirit in the kingdom of God. Even though the battle has been severe, you have helped us so sweetly and we give you the praise.

We are thankful to the Lord for the way he leads, guides, blesses, directs, reveals, lifts, heals, restores and brings forth in light just what we always need. Hallelujah! It is a joy to walk in the light as he is in the light, to have fellowship with one another as the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. I pray that as this letter goes out it will be sanctified. We need the power of the Holy Spirit, the fire of thy grace and holiness. It is urgent; for he told us there would be a famine of the word of the Lord and the work of the Holy Spirit. Our world is so lost and we are in such upheaval in society, unless we have a revival there will be calamity and collapse. So we are trusting for the work of the Holy Spirit in these days.

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The message I want to share with you is found in the fourteenth chapter of Matthew, beginning with verse twelve. *“And his disciples (of John the Baptist) came, and took up the body, and buried it, and went and told Jesus.”* When Jesus heard of it, He departed.” How would you feel? One of the great prophets of all time beheaded. When Jesus heard of it, what was he feeling and thinking in his heart and mind? It says, “When he heard it, he departed.” There is a lot in Jesus’ hearing and departing in this verse. If I could get it all out, it would help each of us a great deal. Would you have been pretty devastated if you had heard it? You who are on our mailing list, would you have been devastated when you heard that one of your loved ones was beheaded? When Jesus heard about it, he departed. When you depart, you have to be going somewhere. Where was he going? What was his destination? What would have been yours and mine? (That operates in my heart and kind of hurts a little.) The first thing he did was to get into a ship to cross over into a desert place. Verse thirteen says, *“When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart.”* It says that he is going to a desert place apart. He has been on the sea and he is now come to a desert place that is along the seashore.

Verse thirteen goes on to say, *“And when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.”* They all heard that Jesus was in a desert place. It is a marvel to me how they heard about that without television or radio. It says it was a great multitude, not a small one, who followed Jesus on foot out of all these cities. Verse fourteen says, *“and Jesus went forth, and saw a*

*great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.”* Remember, he is in a desert place and they have come out of many cities to be with him. When he saw them, he was moved with compassion.

May I ask you, as you read this letter, how much compassion do you have? Are you compassionate? What is compassion? How do we get it? I try to teach people about visiting hospitals. A lot of people visit in hospitals when they shouldn’t go. When we go, we should go softly and quietly. When I was in the hospital in 1954 I was in such suffering that, if someone would open the front door all the way downstairs, it would go right through me. You have to suffer to have compassion. Compassion comes out of great love as well as great suffering. If we haven’t suffered, we are not very compassionate. We are compassionate in proportion to our suffering. Often, suffering teaches us more than about anything else. Is that surprising? It is amazing. When we go into where sick people are, we should talk at a whisper because there may be people in the rooms we pass that are in such suffering that our words will pierce them like an arrow. But if you haven’t suffered, you won’t know anything about that. I never enjoyed suffering very much, but it is through this that we get to compassion and love those that are sick, by quietness, few words, tenderness and gentleness.

So Jesus saw the great multitude and was moved with compassion. How does compassion move you? How does it stir you? How does it help you? How does compassion lift you, or teach you? What does compassion convey to you, dear one? Are you taught by suffering? Are you taught by insights that Jesus gives you through the Holy Spirit working in you in inner agony and travail and burden? It is interesting that Jesus was moved with compassion. He is moved toward the great multitude and they are moved when Jesus speaks because, when Jesus speaks, the tempter’s power is broken. The night is turned into day. The heaviness in our hearts melts away and he brings in such rest.

*“And Jesus healed their sick.”* How long did that take? There were five thousand men besides women and children. Wouldn’t you loved to have been there? It would be so wonderful if all that Jesus has done could be written down – all the diseases, sicknesses, hurts, growths, troubles in all parts of the body. You take a group of several thousand people and there are generally a lot of people with all types of things wrong with them, nearly everything that is in the body. *“And he healed their sick.”* Well, here we see Jesus and the multitude. I don’t know how long the service lasted with this multitude. There is one account in the Synoptic writings that says it lasted all day. And in

one account it lasted three days. This all happened because Jesus departed, because he heard something and responded. No doubt, he spoke, he preached and he healed.

There wasn't any running water there or bathrooms. There were thousands of people but no buildings nearby, for they were in a desert place. There weren't any chairs or couches or mattresses to rest on. "And Jesus healed their sick." Then evening came. Hours had come and gone. Verse fifteen says, "And when it was evening, his disciples came to him." After all these hours, his disciples came to him. They had a request to make, didn't they? They asked Jesus to do something. Have you ever asked Jesus to do something? What do you think about it, you and I telling Jesus what to do? Do you think it is good? Do you think it is wise?

In the fifteenth verse, they said to Jesus, "*This is a desert place, and the time is now past: send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.*" Send the multitude away. Dear ones, what is happening here? The disciples told Jesus to send the multitude, these thousands, away. And they were in a desert place. They are requesting that the multitude be sent away. Where is away? Where is that dear ones? The disciples said, "The time is NOW past." How far was it to the town where they were being sent? This is what they requested and wanted Jesus to do. What did Jesus do when they suggested that he send the people away?

Jesus said to his disciples in verse sixteen, "*They need not depart; give ye them to eat.*" Oh my, that is so great! He said it was not necessary for them to depart from there, even though they were in a desert place and had been there for hours. They had nowhere to lie down, nowhere to rest, no running water, no dining room and no food. Yet Jesus tells them, "They need not depart; YOU give them something to eat." (Jesus was trying to show them that the followers of Jesus are to feed the flock. Yet, he is also trying to show them that the ability to do that is supernatural; for he has commanded them to do something here that in the natural they do not have the ability or resources to fulfill. Can you see that?)

The disciples said in verse seventeen, "*We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.*" Jesus told them to bring them to him, and to just have the multitude to sit down. And they sat down. It's a marvel to me how they got them all to sit down. Have you ever sat down in a desert place? He commanded them to sit down on the grass. Praise the Lord for the grass in this desert place. Isn't that unusual? Not chairs, not pews, not couches, but they sat on the grass. And then verse nineteen says, "*Jesus took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and*

*gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.*" This would have taken quite a bit of organization, to distribute all of this to five thousand men, besides women and children. Have you thought about the discomfort and the stress involved here, being in a desert place. It was probably hot. It is something to consider, isn't it?

Verse twenty says, "*And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.*" The Hebrew in this verse means that they gorged. Imagine this feast that they had with Jesus and the taste that he would have put in that bread and fish. It would have been an adventure in flavor and tastiness. And after they ate they gathered up twelve baskets. They had everything they wanted and still had twelve baskets left over.

Verse twenty-one says, "*And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.*" We are in the midst of a miracle, a marvel of the supernatural. Jesus did it for his glory and praise and the multitude was satisfied. So here is the multitude. They are filled and satisfied. Where are Jesus and the disciples going now? The multitude will return home, but as they go they will be inspired. They will be happy and light. Strength, delight and blessing will be theirs on their way, for they have been with Jesus and he has made them every whit whole; well in mind, body and spirit. It was truly a great experience, wasn't it? Praise the Lord. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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I Peter 4:12 says, "*Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you.*" In Acts 14:22, the apostles confirmed the souls of the disciples and told them that, "We must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God." I looked in the dictionary to see what the word tribulation meant. Tribulation is: "severe affliction, distress, trial and hardship." Yet, I hear programs on television and they say that all we must do is confess Jesus and we have eternal life. This has been quite a concern to me. So I pray that the Holy Spirit will deal with every heart on the mailing list that they will be aware that we need to seek first the kingdom of God. For the Bible tells us that in the last days there will be a falling away. I have never met very many people who want to tell how Jesus has helped them today, this week, last week, last month or last year. There are not many in the church world what are balanced spiritually, who tell about the sweetness of Jesus, the glory of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and how the Spirit leads. "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." (Romans 8:14) Not many people have much victory. This is a concern because if we don't have the victory we are not

going to witness on our own. We will have to be prompted to witness. This is important because Revelation 12:11 tells us that we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony. If we don't have the victory, we aren't testifying, we aren't overcoming. I pray that everyone will be encouraged to be obedient. I know I have failed many times, so I ask for forgiveness. Thank you Jesus for the victory and the light that you give us as we trust and obey.

I also wanted to mention that the old-time preachers used to preach that we should never go by feeling because feelings will fool us. It is not wise to go by any physical operation because the enemy can copy it and repeat it. It is best to go by faith and by the work of the Holy Spirit and by the word of God.

Thank you for helping and praying for me, for lifting me to the throne and sacrificing and waiting upon the Lord. May you be blessed, helped, encouraged and lifted.

In Jesus' name,

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