

## LISTENER GUIDE

### A Call to Revival

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Text: Psalm 85

There is something important that we desperately need to know or remember.

- Something that we should believe and respond to.
- Something that could make all the difference.
- Something that could result in the deliverance of perhaps millions of people and rapid expansion of the gospel.

We need to know and believe that God can still send mighty nationwide, worldwide \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

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Why do we need to cry out with the psalmist for revival?

**1. We cry out for revival because only \_\_\_\_\_ can save us.**

*Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you? (v. 6)*

We are in trouble.

- Thousands of churches declining, dying
- 1500 pastors a month, fifty a day leaving the ministry.

There are many great churches doing great things, but it's not changing the spiritual and moral free-fall of our nation.

**We need a course correction that can come only by the divine intervention of what the Bible calls and history understands as real genuine revival and awakening.**

One of the most common patterns in the Scriptures is the \_\_\_\_\_ of revival and awakening.

- The church of God is in a time of \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's followed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Which is followed by a time of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The people \_\_\_\_\_.
- Then \_\_\_\_\_ comes.

People only cry out when they're desperate and have exhausted other possibilities.



They only cry out when they know that nothing else can save them.

## **2. We cry out for revival because He \_\_\_\_\_ save us.**

The psalmist prayed for revival so that *“glory may dwell in our land”* (v. 9).

- God’s glory is HIM—His presence, nature, and character.

What happens when God chooses to manifest Himself and the people cry out for Him?

- It revives the \_\_\_\_\_.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ the lost.
- It transforms the \_\_\_\_\_.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ the mission.

The purpose of revival is to get the church back in its rightful position, sharing Christ with a needy world so that God’s kingdom could come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

## **3. We cry out for revival because He is \_\_\_\_\_!**

*Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him* (v. 9).

- If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chron. 7:14).
- Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you (James 4:8).

### **What can we do?**

- We can \_\_\_\_\_—turn and repent and return to the Lord with all of your heart.
- We can \_\_\_\_\_.
- We can \_\_\_\_\_ together—purpose of the OneCry movement is to create a highway across nation to join together to cry out to the Lord for nation-wide revival and spiritual awakening.

*We often feel as if we’re waiting on God, but I wonder if God is waiting on us. “I’ve told you what to do. Why don’t you turn? Why don’t you pray? Why don’t you cry out to Me?” And then see what only God can do.*



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One of the most common patterns in the Scriptures is the cycle of revival and awakening.

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- Which is followed by a time of judgment.
- The people cry out.
- Then revival comes.

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## 2. We cry out for revival because He CAN save us.

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What happens when God chooses to manifest Himself and the people cry out for Him?

- It revives the church.
- It awakens the lost.
- It transforms the culture.
- It advances the mission.

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### What can we do?

- We can TURN—turn and repent and return to the Lord with all of your heart.
- We can PRAY.
- We can UNITE together—purpose of the OneCry movement is to create a high-way across nation to join together to cry out to the Lord for nationwide revival and spiritual awakening.

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