

# REBUILDING PRACTICES FOR RENEWAL AND REVIVAL

## A ONE-HOUR PRAYER GUIDE -- NOVEMBER 2020

### FIRST TEN MINUTES

#### “B” Be Still

**READ:** Psalm 46:1-10

**REVIVE QUESTIONS:** Being still is more than being quiet. It is the stillness of heart that comes from the ceasing of striving. It comes when we surrender control. Where do I need to surrender control? What worry or anxiety, what fear, what burden or battle do I need to give to God?

**PONDER REVIVAL QUOTE:** *I've always felt that every encounter with God is a moment of judgment. Because the moment God encounters you, you either say yes or no...and nothing is the same. It either moves you into the will of God and the excitement of His presence because you said yes, or it moves you away from the withdrawal of the activity and the presence and blessing of God because you said no.* Henry Blackaby

**PRAY:** This is where it all starts. “Be still and know that I am God.” Ask the Spirit to bring to mind anything placed above Christ in your heart. Surrender it. Release every worry, every battle and barrier. Give it to God. Give Him the election, acknowledge that He is your King!

**MEDITATE:** Exodus 14:13-14 Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today... The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

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### SECOND TEN MINUTES

#### “L” Look for the Rubble

**READ:** Nehemiah 1:1-11, Colossians 3:1-17,

**REVIVE QUESTIONS:** What sins, what brokenness, what rubble do I need to confess to God today? On what is my heart set? What is keeping me from laying hold of Christ? What brokenness is breaking my heart?

**PONDER REVIVAL QUOTE:** *Revival begins when you draw a circle around yourself and make sure everything in that circle is right with God.* Anne Graham Lotz

**PRAY:** Ask the Spirit of God to use the Word of God to reveal your heart. Draw a circle around your life and make sure that everything in the circle is right with God. Confess all your own sin, every heart-distraction, every word spoken that demeaned another. Then ask God to show you the brokenness, rubble and sin around you; in our country, our community, and our families. Ask God to forgive and revive.

**SING OR MEDITATE: SING OR MEDITATE: *Come Alive* by Lauren Daigle**

*Through the eyes of men it seems there's so much we have lost.  
As we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked.  
One by one the enemy has whispered lies, and led them off as slaves.  
But we know that you are God, yours is the victory. We know there is more to come,  
That we may not yet see. So with the faith you've given us, we'll step into the valley unafraid.  
As we call out to dry bones come alive, come alive. We call out to dead hearts come alive, come alive.  
Up out of the ashes let us see an army rise. We call out to dry bones, come alive  
God of endless mercy god of unrelenting love, rescue every daughter bring us back the wayward son  
And by your spirit breathe upon them show the world that you alone can save. You alone can save.  
So breathe, oh breath of God. Now breathe, oh breath of God.*

## THIRD TEN MINUTES

### “E” Engage with Expectancy

**READ:** Nehemiah 2:8 Ephesians 3:13-21, Romans 8:18-27

**REVIVE QUESTIONS:** What impossible prayer am I praying? Where am I groaning in expectancy for glory in our story? Am I asking God to do more than I can imagine? Where do I need God’s gracious hand upon me?

**PONDER:** *No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere.* Leonard Ravenhill

**PRAY:** Ask God give you hope for an impossible battle, or a beyond-imagination answer. Spend time praying about some of the bigger national issues. Ask the Spirit of God to give you a spirit of travailing prayer that would give birth to revival. Imagine, actually stop for a moment and develop a picture in your mind of what could happen in your neighborhood, in our church, in your family, in our country, when revival comes. Pray for God to bring that picture to reality! God is daring you to out-dream Him!

**SING OR MEDITATE:** *Do it Again*, by Elevation Worship

*Walking around these walls, I thought by now they'd fall, but You have never failed me yet.  
Waiting for change to come, knowing the battle's won, for You have never failed me yet.*

*Your promise still stands, great is Your faithfulness, faithfulness.  
I'm still in Your hands, This is my confidence, You've never failed me yet.*

*I know the night won't last, Your Word will come to pass, my heart will sing Your praise again.  
Jesus, You're still enough, keep me within Your love, my heart will sing Your praise again.*

*I've seen You move, come move the mountains, and I believe, I'll see You do it again.  
You made a way, where there was no way and I believe, I'll see You do it again*

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## FOURTH TEN MINUTES

### “S” – Share Your Life

**READ:** Luke 10:1-37

**QUESTION:** Two moments in Jesus’ life, sending out of His apprentices to prepare the neighborhoods to which He was about to come, and a story about loving our neighbors. Who is on your hashtag list? Who is in your front-yard mission? Are you loving your neighbors, asking God to transform them into Jesus-apprentices?

**PONDER REVIVAL QUOTES:** *Often our idea of revival is extremely self-serving, and thus, unbiblical. A revival that fails to bring the lost to Jesus is a self-serving revival, centered on man's needs and wants, and not on God's glory. Many times our cry for revival has the implicit hope that if revival comes, our pews will fill up, finances will abound, counseling will no longer be so demanding and the ministry in general will be more enjoyable. We tend to confine the "healing of the land" promised in 2 Chronicles 7:14 to the healing of the Church. But the healing of the land requires primarily the healing of the lost...The greater number of them who come to Christ and live the Christian life in all godliness and dignity, the greater the scope of the healing of the land. The ultimate expression of revival is the conversion of the unsaved.* Ed Siloso

**PRAY:** For those on your hashtag list. Pray specifically for each one by name. Pray for the needs that have shared with you. Ask to God to give you an opportunity to love someone who is an enemy, an opportunity to serve them and show them how very much God loves them.

## FIFTH TEN MINUTES

### “S” – Stand and Cheer

**READ:** Psalm 139

**QUESTION:** The practice of standing and cheering has two dimensions, vertical and horizontal. The vertical dimension is to give God a standing ovation for all the good He has and is doing. The horizontal dimension is to encourage someone else by letting them know you believe in them, cheering them on. What is the Psalmist cheering in Psalm 139? What can you use from Psalm 139 to cheer on someone else?

**PONDER REVIVAL QUOTE:** *A revival, then, really means days of heaven upon earth.* D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

**PRAY:** Spend time cheering God for all the good He has done and is doing in and through your life, your family, your church and neighborhood. Ask Him to give you a word of encouragement, a word of hope for someone else, a specific person. It might be a verse, or a promise, or a story, or something you see in them. Share that.

**SING OR MEDITATE:** *To God be the Glory*, by Fanny Crosby

*To God be the glory, great things He hath done; so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the life gate that all may go in.*

*Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done & great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be, our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.*

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## SIXTH TEN MINUTES

### A Closing Time of Prayer

- 1. Read through the 10 Voting Guides (next pages) and choose one or two to pray through. Pray it for yourself, but also more broadly for the church.**
- 2. Close by praying through the “Do It Again” prayer and realize that you are joining hundreds of people in prayer.**

#### The Do-It Again Prayer

God of revival, would you do it again? See us in the midst of our rubble and hear our cries to do it again. We confess our sins, the dryness of our bones, the rubble of our church, and the brokenness of our families and neighborhoods. O God, we need your gracious hand upon us, please do it again.

Like the amazing rebuilding of Nehemiah’s day...

Like your promise to Ezekiel to breathe life into dry bones...

Like the power of your Spirit that turned a ragtag group of Jesus-apprentices into those who turned the world upside down...would you do it again!

What you have done throughout history, would you do now?

What you are doing globally, would you do here?

What you have done through others, would you do through us? Lord, do it again.

Stir our hearts with holy fire. Breathe new life into dry bones. Fill our valleys with the knowledge of your glory. Revive your church and renew your people. Pour out your fierce, sacrificial love through us. We are your family and one day we will sit around your table, but for now, we are desperate for your hand upon us. We surrender to chase you with all our hearts. Hear our prayers Lord. Do it again and do it through us. Amen.