

## Prepping for Revival



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We are gearing up for revival at Fitzpatrick; it starts this weekend. Of course, we know that the dynamic evangelist and amazing guy who will lead the music are not packing revival with them. They are tools in the mighty Hand

of a mighty God. But before they come, we are tilling the soil and readying the ground for the gospel to be sowed.

It started with a fast. I'm serious. To jump start the 30 days leading up to revival, our sheep went without food for 24 hours-unless medically necessary. When we got hungry, and we did, we prayed for God to draw us closer to Him and begin to stir the hearts of the lost in our area. It was the very first time some of our peeps had fasted and it was AWESOME! (You may be judging me thinking I shouldn't talk about it but you didn't know when it happened. AND...we didn't mope around during it, either.) Let me tell you, nothing stirs the heart, belly and emotions more than being hungry! It was a good sacrifice and showed that we were serious about revival! I mean, don't YOU want your

neighbors to be saved, too?! Next, we began "Who's Your ONE?" ("Who's Your One" is an evangelism campaign of the North American Mission Board. Google it!) We selected one person in our life to pray for specifically to be saved during the revival and made plans to put feet on our prayers.

At the end of our Who's Your One kick-off service, we wrote their names on small cards, walked up front and hung them on a cross in the center of the sanctuary. (The cards were turned over so names could not be seen.) The cross was covered! It was very emotional. We were publicly committing these people to the Lord. Then, we began 30 days of prayer for our ONE and all read the same Scriptures in a 30-Day WYO Prayer Guide. We were to do a kind deed for them and invite them

to revival services. I have been wooing my ONE with baked goods. (If you have gotten anything baked from me lately it doesn't necessarily mean you are my ONE.)

We PRAY for our ONE. We talk about our ONE's to our church friends. And it's been... how do I describe it...very exciting! We all have chosen a ONE. We are all aware of our ONE and their need for a relationship with Jesus. We are looking for ways to be kind to our ONE. (In reality, followers of Christ are SUPPOSED to be telling people about Him and should already be turning the world upside down with the Good News! So, now ONE doesn't seem like too many, does it?)

My beloved and I are hearing some awesome stories!

In further prep for our revival, we have had cottage prayer meetings. Old school!

Six homes have welcomed members and friends of Fitzpatrick to pray together for our revival, our evangelist, guest music leader and our ONE's and then to eat some mighty tasty snacks. (The mini chicken salad croissants are my favorite!)

Let's be honest, we all need revived from time to time. Life is busy and often hard, so we need the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with fresh wind and fresh fire! Like the mountains have yearned for much needed rain, we yearn for God to energize us with His Word and His presence!

As revival begins this Sunday, we pray for our people to be refreshed and renewed! We pray for our ONE's to be saved! We can't wait to see what God does! He's famous, absolutely FAMOUS, for breathing new life into people! If you don't believe me, just ask Adam!

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

MARK 10:43-45

Not so with you. **Instead**, whoever wants to become **great among** you must be your **servant**, and **whoever** wants to be **first** must be **slave** of all. **For** even the **Son of Man** did not **come** to be **servd**, but to serve, **and** to **give** his **life** as a **ransom** for **many**.

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Find the **bolded/underlined** words in the diagram. They run in all directions — forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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## Living With Uncertainty?

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In 1 Corinthians 9:26-27, Paul wrote, "I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: <sup>27</sup>But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway."

In this article, I want to isolate and deal with the word, "uncertainty." In the best dictionary, it has a host of connotations; so, we will only use the more prominent ones, "not sure, questionable, doubtful, not reliable, a lack of absoluteness" and others.

All these may have a part in our lives at one time or another, but this one thing I do know, that they should not be a part one's faith in the promises made by our Lord.

This may be one of the few times I have mentioned it in my life, but an elderly brother -- and all of his life a preacher -- said this unto me shortly before he died. I was trying to reassure him of his reward that was awaiting the faithful. So, during our talk he said unto me, "Can we really be assured of his promise until we hear it from him?" Now, if we were dealing with this in the form of logic, we might tend to argue with him, but our Lord in his Word does not deal in logical reasoning. This word in his scripture is defined as things necessary or to be expected because of what has gone before.

This I also know, that our Lord does not want us to doubt anything he has said or done. In **Matthew 14:22-33**, Jesus bid Peter to come to him and in doing this he had to walk upon the same water in the which our Lord was standing upon. And he did! His faith in the Master's voice led him also to walk on the water as well. Now logic will say this is impossible to do, but the Lord says to come, and he did walk on the water as well. But, alas! He took his eyes off Jesus and he began to sink, far from the boat. Then he cried, "Lord, save me!" and immediately Jesus put forth his hand and caught him. But, not without admonishment, saying to Peter, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" (**Matthew 14:31**) Then in Mark 11:23 is one of the strangest passages that deal with great obstacles in our lives. This passage calls these obstacles, mountains. Jesus is saying, if at any time these appear by faith and no doubt with our hearts, these cannot be removed. But he wants us to believe in that which he has said will come to pass.

The strongest of tests of faith will come when we approach our hour of death; as I did with this brother. In **Luke 12:29**, the Lord says that we should "neither be ye of doubtful mind" of anything. Remember, Doubtful Thomas, in **John 20:24-29**. After he had seen the wounds of the crucifixion of Jesus, he confessed, "My Lord and my God." Then again in **John 11:25-26**, Mary and Martha were very distraught at the death of their brother, but our Lord assures them and us in these words, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?" Twenty-five times within the New Testament, the Lord promises the faithful, eternal life. In **John 2:24-25**, if we continue and remain in Jesus, we have the promise of eternal life.

Then, in **1 John 5:11-13**, the record of God says he hath given unto us eternal life in His Son. Then, he concludes by saying, "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." Hallelujah! Amen! This is consolidated with **Hebrews 5:8-9**, "eternal salvation unto all them that obey him" unto death, in Revelations 2:10. Read what Paul said in 2 Timothy 4:6-8. He was not a doubter, and neither should we be, for He is faithful that promised.

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## Seeds of Hope



We pray and we persevere. We watch and we wonder. We wait and we become weary. We know that God is there - somewhere. He responded before. But where is He now? We stand before Him with great expectations and outstretched hands yet nothing is happening. We cannot help but ask why. He promised us that He would never leave us nor forsake us. Where is He when we need Him?

What happens when we pray and there is no answer? Listen to our Psalmist: "Why, O Lord, do You reject me and hide Your face from me?" He seems to have turned from confidence to confusion. This God whom he called upon constantly with outstretched arms and unflinching faith is no-

where to be found.

This happened to Jesus. In the Garden He cried, "If there is any other way than my death on the cross to save mankind, please make it known. Why, Father, can't You come up with plan 'B'?" And God was silent.

On the cross He said, "My God, my God, where are You? Why have You abandoned me? I am alone, suffering for something I didn't do and You left me to be humiliated and suffer and die." And God was silent.

The prayer of the Psalmist, much like the prayer of Jesus on the cross, does not end in resolution - like many of our prayers. But that does not mean that God does not hear or does not care and will never answer our requests.

Often when we pray and do not get the results we ask for, God is saying: "You may not get what you asked for. Just trust me. What I have planned for you is far better."

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1. Is the book of Romans in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. What Moabit woman became ancestress of King David through her marriage to Boaz? Sarah, Jezebel, Ruth, Leah

3. From biblical times, what was a rough, coarse cloth worn as a mourn-

ing symbol? Sackcloth, Shadrach, Shiloh, Sling

4. Who was the father of the apostles James and John? Zechariah, Zephaniah, Zebedee, Zebulun

5. What was the site for Moses' burial place? Paphos, Beth-peor, Petra, Beth-shan

6. From 2 Samuel 12, who said, "Thou art the man"? Boaz, Samson, Isaac, Nathan

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