

Supernatural Breakthrough

Part 6 – Revival Harvest

What is it God has been doing in your life? How have the priorities of your life changed so that you share a deeper intimacy with God? I believe we are only at the beginning of a great and mighty move of God at work in us and we must continue to fix our gaze on Him and call out in earnest prayer for Him to continue to bring revival.

God has heard our cries and He sees our need – and I believe the good news is there's a season where we will not just cry out about what we have heard. We won't be living off the testimony of what God has done in great and mighty revivals, but we will experience the miraculous wonder working power of God first-hand as He pours out His Spirit.

A Cry Amongst the Crowd - (Luke 18:35-42)

Bartimaeus calls out on the name of the One who can deliver him, save him, heal him.

Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus but now he experiences seeing God breakthrough.

Many of us have heard of revival stories but now is the time we will experience the breakthrough for ourselves.

Amongst all the noise and commotion of the crowd, Jesus hears the desperate cry of Bartimaeus. Jesus never has a deaf ear to the cry of a need that He can remedy.

God hears and sees you in the crowd – you're not just another nameless face in the sea of humanity.

Jesus 'Saw' the Crowds – (Matthew 9:35-36)

Jesus did not resent the crowds, instead he saw them as individuals rather than a mass. His seeing caused him to feel something – compassion.

To be moved to compassion = literally moved in his bowels. It sickened him. He was moved to physical pain by the plight of their spiritual condition.

Jesus Felt Their Pain - (Matthew 9:36)

Jesus wasn't repulsed by their need, He saw all these things and He felt their pain as He was moved with compassion.

Jesus did practical things to help people with their felt needs and their immediate needs. As He went throughout the villages the good news of the Kingdom became evident in a supernatural breakthrough of healing every disease and sickness.

He also addressed their ultimate need as He then proclaimed the Gospel. The good news is the same today: God's rule has broken into this world in the coming of the Lord Jesus. That people need to turn around and put their trust in Jesus to receive the life of God.

Jesus Was Moved to Action - (Matthew 9:37-38)

His compassion and love for humanity moved Him to action, the ultimate action was to die on the cross to take our sin and diseases upon Himself so that we can be healed and have life.

A harvest can be:

- + Positive – people ready to turn to God (John 4:35-36). Which is right and good.
- + But in the Old Testament the metaphor for the harvest mostly referred to judgment and the wrath of God (Isaiah 17:10-11; Joel 3:13)

Jesus had compassion on the crowds not only because of their immediate problems but because He saw the reality of the eternal punishment that we all face apart from a saving relationship with God. He saw their desperate need to be saved. People have the same desperate need today!

Revival Harvest - (Matthew 9:37-38)

God's chosen means of bringing and reaching people is to use other people and He needs workers, labourers because the harvest is ready.

We need to grasp the gravity of the situation and not be indifferent to the great need before us. You cannot say you love Jesus and be indifferent to the plight of people. Like God we need a passion for compassion!

Our priority is to pray!

- + We need to pray to God to send out workers! Essentially this is a prayer for revival!
- + Our first prayer priority in praying for workers for the harvest should be that God changes us! That we will see and feel what Jesus does for the crowds.
- + As God changes us, we become the answer to our prayers!

Jesus saw with His eyes, was moved in His heart and He calls us to our knees so that our hands can join His mission.

Discussion Questions

1. What is it God has been doing in your life during our 21 days of prayer and fasting?
2. How have the priorities of your life changed so that you share a deeper intimacy with God?
3. What will you now continue to do to maintain this level of hunger for the things of God?
4. What is the cry of your heart that you are calling on the name of Jesus to come and bring change to?
5. How do you see the crowds in your life? What needs to change in you to see them with the compassion Jesus saw them with?
6. Spend time in prayer asking the 'Lord of the harvest' to change your heart and for fellow workers to be sent into His harvest.