

## Seeking Revival through Humility and Honesty

“...you who seek God, let your hearts revive.”

Psalm 69:32b

**Question:** Why do you need revival?

### A Little Background:

Revival- to bring back to life. Revival is what happens when God’s people individually and corporately are restored to a right relationship with Him.

Revival is not...

- An \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Main Point:** Revival will not happen until we \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves and look \_\_\_\_\_ at our sin.

**Point One:** Bringing back spiritual life requires the tough road of \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Chronicles 7:14- The Four Components of Revival

1. Humility- “...if my people...humble themselves”
2. Prayer- “...and pray”
3. Heartfelt searching for God- “...and seek my face”
4. Repentance and change- “...and turn from their wicked ways.”

The way we respond when we are confronted with our sin reveals the condition of our heart.

**Point Two:** To experience revival, we must look \_\_\_\_\_ at our sin.

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

Confession- to fully acknowledge our sin and guilt and to agree with God about our sin.

Confession is *not* a general, “forgive me for I have sinned,” but a mourning and brokenness over specific sins that are separating us from God.

When we confess our sin and break the silence and games we play with God, He will usher in forgiveness and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

### Wrap Up:

Why hide the fact that we have sinned? Why remain silent?

Why continue to think God is actually ignorant of our sin?

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:9

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