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Revival Doesn't Just Happen! We MUST Prepare for It to Happen!

Dear Ivy Family and Friends,

Revival is not an event, dates on a calendar or more church services. Revival is a **spiritual** awakening and renewal that begins within each of us and spreads throughout our church family and community. **Revival doesn't come with the guest preacher; Revival begins in the HEARTS of each of us. We must prepare for it.**

Here are five key points to help us prepare for our upcoming revival (Services: June 12, 18 and 26):

1. **Repentance: Revival starts with repentance.** Let us take a sincere inventory of our lives and hearts, confessing any sins or areas of disobedience to God. As we turn away from sin and toward God, He promises to forgive us and bring about times of refreshing. (**Acts 3:19: "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord."**)
2. **Humility:** Let us prepare with humility, recognizing our need for God's presence and intervention in our lives. May we humble ourselves before Him, acknowledging our weaknesses and shortcomings and surrendering fully to His will. (**James 4:10: "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up."**)
3. **Prayer: Prayer is the lifeline of revival.** Let us commit to fervent and persistent prayer, both individually and corporately, seeking God's face and inviting His Spirit to move among us. May our prayers be filled with faith, expectation, and a hunger for God's presence. (**James 5:16: "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."**)
4. **Seeking God: Above all else, let us seek after God with all our hearts.** Let us set aside distractions and busyness, prioritizing time in His presence through prayer, worship, and meditation on His Word. As we seek Him wholeheartedly, He promises to reveal Himself to us in powerful ways. (**Jeremiah 29:13: "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."**)
5. **Unity: Revival thrives in an atmosphere of unity and harmony.** Let us cultivate a spirit of love, grace, and reconciliation toward one another, setting aside differences and offenses. May we come together in agreement, standing as one body in Christ, and welcoming His presence among us. (**Psalms 133:1 - "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"**)

I'm VERY excited about what God will do as we FIRST commit ourselves to these five keys for our Revival!

In His Service,

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