

**What People Are Saying About James W. Goll and
*Revival Breakthrough...***

Many of the predictions of the coming revival ring hollow and do not stir us with fire. This is because the predictor seems shallow and Johnny-come-lately. However, James Goll hits us with the certainty and force of a life spent seeking, contending, and verifying his conviction that a global glory is coming. If you read *Revival Breakthrough*, you too will not only believe revival is at the door, but you will also be prepared to embrace it.

—Mario Murillo
Evangelist

Revival is coming...are you ready for it? We all long to see true revival come to our nation and the world. What brings revival? Is it all due to a sovereign move of God, or is our participation a necessary ingredient? I say it is both. In his new book, *Revival Breakthrough*, James Goll reveals God's clear pattern of revival and awakening through biblical principles, examples from Scripture and church history, and prophetic words from our own time. Enter into the fires of revival and be part of the next Great Awakening! James clearly shows what you as an individual—and in concert with other believers—can do to prepare your heart and life. Then you can work in partnership with God to bring revival that will lead to widespread awakening and the greatest harvest of souls that the world has ever witnessed!

—Mike Bickle
International House of Prayer of Kansas City

James Goll's book *Revival Breakthrough: Preparing for Seasons of Glory, Awakening, and Great Harvest* is indeed a timely message and is, in fact, a true prophetic call to both convict and encourage the body of Christ. As I read this book, the Holy Spirit blew with His sweet wind on the embers of my heart and brought my passionate longing for God's manifest presence to a whole new level. James Goll introduces the reader to profound revelatory insights for this hour, historical accounts of revival, and biblical instruction and positioning for revival. This book built my vision, faith, and expectation for a sovereign move of His Spirit, and I am fully confident it will powerfully influence all who read it.

—Patricia King
Minister, author, media producer, and host

James Goll has done it again! This is teaching you can trust and revelation that gets results. The truths presented in *Revival Breakthrough* are the beginning of new breakthroughs for you!

—Tony Kemp
Founder, the ACTS Group
President, Tony Kemp Ministries

James Goll's book *Revival Breakthrough* is an excellent and timely overview of the roles of both man and God in fulfilling God's dreams. For decades, James Goll has been in the forefront of many of the movements that have been preparing the way for the next season of God's glory, such as the global prayer movement, personal and national repentance for sin, and the prophetic/apostolic reformation. You will find this book an enlightening, theologically balanced, and passionate guide to the next great awakening. I highly recommend it.

—Joan Hunter
Author and evangelist
TV Host, *Miracles Happen!*

Revival is on God's agenda. At this critical moment in time, my dear friend James Goll has released a compelling call for believers to partner with God's breathtaking promises for this generation. With biblical insights and a prophetic edge, *Revival Breakthrough* carries a message that will ignite breakthrough in your life and lead to transformation. I believe we are on the verge of the greatest move of God in history, and this will be the church's finest hour. Take this book to heart and join the movement to spark revival that will last a lifetime!

—Dr. Ché Abn
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Senior Pastor, Harvest Rock Church, Pasadena, CA
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In his new book *Revival Breakthrough: Preparing for Seasons of Glory, Awakening, and Great Harvest*, James W. Goll describes a dream that God has—a dream that we can all have a special role in. I want to be a part of His dream, and you will want to be also. This dream is for a great outpouring of God's Spirit to be spread throughout the world with revival and glory! It will be fulfilled as God's people, true believers, fall deeply in love with Him, seeking Him first with complete devotion and pursuing His purposes for their lives. God's glory-dream is that the earth will be filled with people who are reconciled to Him and who intimately know Him—and to whom He can pour out His Spirit and love. This book will provide you with biblical and spiritual guidance for moving forward and seeking the God of the Bible. I especially appreciate the chapter entitled "Revival Manifestations and Phenomena" because I have experienced numerous unusual and extraordinary manifestations over the years. Let's prepare for seasons of glory, awakening, and great harvest throughout the world as we seek *Revival Breakthrough!*

—Joshua Mills
Recording artist, keynote conference speaker, and author of more than thirty books,
including *Creative Glory*, *Power Portals*, and *Moving in Glory Realms*
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What an exciting time it is right now! The greatest harvest of souls that has ever been known is upon us, and the Lord's glory and presence are flooding the nations! I remember listening to James Goll share with a small group of us about past moves of God—how they grew, what sustained them, and what God birthed out of them—and I felt on fire and excited to be part of this next move. James has always been a forerunner as he hears God's instructions and then plows and lays foundations for us to navigate what is coming next. *Revival Breakthrough* is a guide and a vessel of wisdom for this season we are about to be thrust into. I am so grateful he wrote this book!

—Ana Werner

Seer Prophet

Founder and President, Eagles Network

Author, *The Seer's Path*

We all need God's breakthroughs in our lives to fulfill His purposes for us. This is certainly the case with regard to the realm of revival. In his new book *Revival Breakthrough*, James W. Goll writes, "Breakthrough is required for revival because, often, the church has grown dry or cold and is in desperate need of...renewal." God is not content to leave us in that dry state. He wants us to reach out to Him for a new anointing. As James says, "Such a breakthrough begins as we create an opening for God to intervene in our lives and the lives of others." As you read this book, create that opening while you prepare your life for powerful breakthrough in revival and awakening. Then, see what God will do!

—Matt Sorger

Prophetic healing revivalist

Author, *God's Unstoppable Breakthrough*

Founder, Glory Life Church

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Revival Breakthrough gives voice to the multifaceted study of revival. It will certainly be a foundation that the next generation can learn from to accelerate God's using them to see the end-time harvest of God. James Goll is the real deal. He pulls from wisdom gained through decades of intimacy with God.

—Cindy Jacobs

Generals International

James Goll is a father of revival, a pioneer of prayer, and a general in the prophetic. Who better than he to pen in-depth strategies for breakthrough and personally guide us through seasons of glory and awakening? With unparalleled teaching throughout, this book will equip you for the days ahead. *Revival Breakthrough* is a field guide that needs to be in the hands of every believer who is ready for transformation in their own life, family, city, and region.

—Prophet Charlie Shamp
Cofounder and President, Destiny Encounters International
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I have known, received from, and ministered with my friend and spiritual papa, Dr. James Goll, for decades. He has been a voice for the church prophetically, calling her into alignment with the times and seasons of the Lord. In his new book, *Revival Breakthrough*, James reveals God's call for revival and awakening through biblical principles, examples from Scripture and church history, and prophetic words from our own time. Get ready for an adventure into the fires of revival—you get to be part of the next Great Awakening!

—Steven Springer
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We are living in unprecedented times! In the midst of encroaching darkness and a prevailing shaking in the earth, God is ramping up for the greatest season of revival and awakening the world has ever seen. In *Revival Breakthrough*, James Goll sets a course for the church to prepare for history's greatest harvest and manifestation of the glory of God. Come, Lord Jesus, come!

—Tom and Jane Hamon
Apostles, Vision Church @ Christian International
Authors of 7 *Anointings for Kingdom Transformation*, *Dreams and Visions*,
Discernment, and *Declarations for Breakthrough*

James Goll has written a prophetic blueprint for an emerging generation of pioneers and reformers. With years of experience and a tender father's heart, he brings us into the plans and purposes of God for this generation. I highly recommend this book to all who are hungry and humble of heart.

—Jeremiah Johnson
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PREPARING FOR
SEASONS OF GLORY, AWAKENING,
AND GREAT HARVEST

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CREATING AN OPENING

*“When Jesus came back to Capernaum a few days later, it was heard that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer space, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. And some people came, bringing to Him a man who was paralyzed, carried by four men. And when they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and after **digging an opening**, they let down the pallet on which the paralyzed man was lying. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralyzed man, ‘Son, your sins are forgiven.’”*

—Mark 2:1–5

What is *revival*?

And why do we need *breakthrough* to experience it?

“Revival” may be defined in a variety of ways, and we will explore the meanings and characteristics of revival throughout the coming chapters. Essentially, revival is a season of powerful visitation from God that includes the presence of the Holy Spirit made manifest: the God of heaven is felt and recognized in a tangible way on earth.

When the Lord shows up in this way, His church is restored to life, and believers have a renewed love for the Lord Jesus Christ. God’s people

become true salt and light, demonstrating His love and power to a spiritually needy world, serving as carriers of His glory throughout the earth.

Breakthrough is required for revival because, often, the church has grown dry or cold and is in desperate need of the renewal I described above. Such a breakthrough begins as we create an opening for God to intervene in our lives and the lives of others.

In each chapter of this book, we will look at a theme verse or passage from Scripture that helps us to focus on God's dream of revival among His people, a great harvest of souls, and a world filled with His glory. Our theme Scripture for this first chapter of *Revival Breakthrough* is a gospel lesson, but I will be unwrapping it for us in the manner of a parable.

As we will do at the start of every chapter in order to prepare our hearts to be touched by God's Spirit for revival, let's begin with prayer:

Father, thank You so much for the Word of God and for the example of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask You to illuminate for us this entire event from the second chapter of Mark that took place at Jesus's home in Capernaum, as well as the parable it becomes for us. Holy Spirit, please take us into these words, into this event, and help us to see things we've never seen before about creating open heavens on behalf of others. We are grateful that You are more than willing and able to reveal Yourself to us through Your Word—even to the point of blowing the roofs off our spiritual houses to make Jesus not only a welcome Guest in our lives but also our Homeowner. Amen!

JESUS AT HOME WITH US

To unfold the meaning of our theme passage, let's examine the above five verses from Mark 2 one at a time so we can glean as much insight into the event as possible.

YEARNING FOR GOD'S "HOUSE"

When Jesus came back to Capernaum a few days later, it was heard that He was at home. (Mark 2:1)

Jesus was at home. Don't you just love that phrase? And isn't that what our goal is to be—for Jesus to feel at home in our lives? Yes! Is Jesus at home in your house, your family, your congregation, your city? He said, “*Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and **make our home** with them*” (John 14:23 NIV).

I believe many churches and individual believers have set the bar too low when it comes to experiencing the manifest presence of God—or whatever phraseology you prefer to use to describe when the Lord “shows up” in glory and power. Unfortunately, for many believers, when He does show up, it's more of an exception than a regular occurrence in which they joyfully exclaim, “Wow, it's God again!” I think that's an unnatural state of affairs for God's sons and daughters. Too often, we treat Him like He's only a Guest in our home rather than the Homeowner that He truly is. What might you need to do to have Him be more than just an honored Guest who occasionally shows up in your life?

Note also that as children of God the Father, we are invited to His house—*His* house. For too long, many believers and their leaders have made church and ministry all about themselves. At those times when Jesus manifests His presence, most people don't know what to do or even how to acknowledge Him. It's no wonder He doesn't tend to show up very often. Do you like showing up at homes where you don't feel welcome? Nope, neither do I.

Not long ago, I was inside my house, and I went to open the front door. No one had knocked on the door or rung the doorbell, but I intentionally opened the door as a prayerful act of inviting Jesus to come into my home. Have you actively, physically, verbally, and prayerfully invited Jesus into your house? Have you invited Jesus into your kitchen, your living room, your dining room, your bedroom? I have invited Jesus to come into every room in my house. If you haven't done the same, I encourage you to do so today. Welcome Him to come and stay as your Homeowner.

HUNGRY FOR REVELATION

And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer space, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them.

(Mark 2:2)

When Jesus is in His “temple,” feeling at home, people gather, and revelation rests on the Word of God. In this particular event, God’s house overflowed with crowds to such an extent that people could not find a place to sit; they congregated around the doors and around the windows outside to hear what Jesus was saying. There are other places in the Gospels that speak of similar gatherings. The people in attendance at such meetings hung on His every word. I need to return to that kind of hunger, to that point of wanting to—needing to—hang on Jesus’s every word, to every word I read in the Bible. How about you?

DESPERATE FOR CHANGE

And some people came, bringing to Him a man who was paralyzed, carried by four men. (Mark 2:3)

Four men became desperate for a physical breakthrough for their friend who was paralyzed. They carried the man, perhaps a great distance, to see the Healer. Their compassion led them to sacrifice their time and effort to give their friend hope—putting faith to work.

What are you desperate for? What stirs your compassion? Are you putting your faith to work in that situation?

DETERMINED TO SEE GOD WORK

And when they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and after digging an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralyzed man was lying. (Mark 2:4)

The five men must have been disappointed and frustrated when they first arrived and realized they could not get close to Jesus. The four who had been carrying their friend were probably also hot, sweaty, tired, thirsty, and hungry. Seeing the crowd, they could have given up in discouragement. I understand such a feeling. Sometimes, I am really tempted to give up during my journey of believing for the great harvest. But they didn’t, and I don’t either.

Although weary from their journey, and seeing the obstacles before them, the men moved from the natural to the supernatural to find the

solution they needed: “We’ll tear the roof off the house!” While the meeting was going on, the men went up to the roof to break open a portion of it, probably with their bare hands. I can imagine the dust and dirt flying through the air and sifting down to the ground as they dug the opening. With great effort and determination, they made progress toward creating the hole. It was like opening up the heavens.

Of course, they couldn’t just drop their friend down through a small hole; they had to make quite a large opening, maybe about six feet long and four feet wide, to accommodate both the stretcher and the ropes. No doubt, their digging caused some commotion among the people gathered below. Then they lowered their friend in front of Jesus. This was an actual *physical* revival breakthrough! Even though it meant disrupting the whole meeting, the men were determined to bring their friend into the presence of the living Messiah.

How much determination do you have to bring your friends and loved ones into the presence of Jesus for healing or deliverance?

FULL OF FAITH FOR BREAKTHROUGH

And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”
(Mark 2:5)

This verse *doesn’t* say that Jesus saw the faith of the paralytic. Neither does it say that Jesus *didn’t* see faith of the paralytic. It says that Jesus saw “*their faith*.” Sometimes, that’s all it takes. Not *one* person’s faith but our *combined* faith. Jesus saw *all their faith together*.

Then Jesus spoke to the paralytic. But He didn’t say, “Arise and be healed.” (How dare You, Jesus, after all their efforts!) Instead, He spoke a deeper word, a revival breakthrough word. He spoke to the man’s heart and soul. Jesus saw *their* faith, and now He spoke to the paralytic man, saying, “*Son, your sins are forgiven*”—and the man’s body was healed at the same time. May these words echo through our lives today and heal the sick body of Christ to be raised to wholeness.

Now that’s a parable for us to ingest and digest!

OPEN HEAVENS

I have written extensively about “open heavens” in my book *The Seer*.¹ I am gratified that many people consider this book to be the standard on the topic and a contemporary classic. When speaking about open heavens, I always turn to three specific Scripture passages: Genesis 28:12–17, Matthew 3:16–17, and Mark 2:1–5, which we just examined. Let’s now look at the other two passages.

And [Jacob] had a dream, and behold, a ladder was set up on the earth with its top reaching to heaven; and behold, the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. Then behold, the LORD was standing above it and said, “I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will also be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, and to the north and to the south; and in you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed. Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, “The LORD is certainly in this place, and I did not know it!” And he was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!” (Genesis 28:12–17)

As Jacob experienced in his life, we need the gate of heaven to open over our lives, families, churches, cities, and nations.

After He was baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove and settling on Him, and behold, a voice from the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:16–17)

The heavens were opened over Jesus when He was baptized in water by John the Baptist. The voice of the Father came from the heavens, acknowledging how pleased He was with His Son.

1. James W. Goll, *The Seer* (Shippensburg, PA: Destiny Image Publishers, 2012).

One time, the Holy Spirit inwardly spoke to me, asking, “What does My Word say happens when an open heaven occurs?” I did a quick Holy Spirit Bible study as I anticipated His answer. I realized that one of the things that happens when an open heaven occurs is that the Father speaks. It happened in Matthew 3, and it also occurred in Genesis 28. In Jacob’s dream, God stood at the top of the ladder and spoke to the patriarch, saying, “*In you and in your descendants shall all the families of the earth be blessed.*” At Jesus’s baptism, the Father spoke from heaven and said, “*This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.*” What happened in that event? *The Father spoke His approval.* His blessings are released in an open heaven.

As in Mark 2:1–5, we need to “blow the roof off” of our limited mind-sets and thinking so we can believe the Lord for extraordinary works of grace in our world. Desperate times require desperate measures. We need desperate laborers to arise—those who are not content with the status quo but are willing to expend themselves in order to lower other people into the presence of the same dear Lord Jesus Christ.

THREE KEYS TO OPEN HEAVENS, MINDS, AND DOORS

At least three keys are needed to open heavens, minds, and doors for revival breakthrough: (1) *prayer and fasting*, (2) *God’s presence*, and (3) *prophetic revelation*. I believe each of these aspects can be demonstrated biblically and historically with regard to the elements that precede revival. Let’s briefly look at all three elements, which we will explore in greater detail as we progress through this book.

KEY #1: PRAYER AND FASTING

Prayer with fasting is a powerful key to making an opening for breakthrough. One of my favorite revival testimonies comes from the 1949–52 Hebrides Revival. The Hebrides is a set of islands off the northwest coast of Scotland. Two sisters, Peggy and Christine Smith, eighty-four and eighty-two years old, respectively, were desperate for revival on Isle of Lewis, where they lived. They had actually experienced historic revival previously, so they knew how to pray according to the Scriptures. They reminded God of His word from Isaiah 44:3: “*For I will pour water on the thirsty land and*

streams on the dry ground; I will pour out My Spirit on your offspring, and My blessing on your descendants.”

Every day, Peggy and Christine prayed the promises of God for the residents of their village of Barvas. They interceded for an open heaven and revival. As they prayed the Word, they began to claim another open-heaven verse, Isaiah 64:1: *“Oh, that You would tear open the heavens and come down, that the mountains would quake at Your presence.”*

One morning, Peggy, who was blind, received a vision from God of “the churches crowded with people, including many young people, and hundreds being swept into the kingdom. She saw the Lamb in the midst of the throne with the keys of heaven in his hand (Rev. 5:6; Matt. 16:18).”² That evening, the Spirit of God fell on seven young men gathered in a barn who had asked God to purify their lives and who had been praying for months from Isaiah 62:6–7, which says, *“On your walls, Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen; all day and all night they will never keep silent. You who profess the LORD, take no rest for yourselves; and give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem an object of praise on the earth.”*

So, while Peggy and Christine were praying, and Peggy had a visitation, and while a little band of young men was in a barn offering prayers according to Isaiah 62, the Spirit fell on those young men. Sure enough, God came. It was the joining of generations to such an extent that Peggy “sent word to Rev. MacKay [her pastor] that God had shown her He was going to send a mighty revival. She asked him to call together the elders and deacons of the church for special times of waiting on God for revival.” Rev. MacKay sought someone who could lead revival meetings. Soon, evangelist Duncan Campbell was called to come help with the revival.³ Campbell would stay for three years.⁴

This ingredient of revival—a prayerful desperation to see God move in our midst—is always within me, and it can be within you too. Our hearts are God’s altar, and, like the fire for the burnt offering at the tabernacle, His fire is supposed to be kept continually burning on the altar; it should never go out. (See Leviticus 6:8–13.) Those two elderly women

2. Wesley Duewel, *Revival Fire* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1995), chap. 40, Kindle.

3. Duewel, *Revival Fire*, chap. 40.

4. Duncan Campbell, “The Revival on the Isle of Lewis,” SermonIndex.net, audio recording.

on the Isle of Lewis knew God's Word and prayed God's Word; likewise, we should know and pray the Word. That group of young men in the barn knew the Word and prayed the Word, and all who gathered there were blessed beyond measure. The Holy Spirit fell on them personally and on the Hebrides Islands as well.

Duncan Campbell is known as the revival breakthrough pastor of the Hebrides Revival. However, he emphatically stated that he took no personal credit for the revival, insisting that it was fully a work of God in which he was merely grateful to participate, saying, "I don't carry revival about with me in my pocket. Revival broke out in Lewis some time before I went to the island. I thank God for the privilege of being in its midst for over three years.... And I am thankful to God for the privilege of, perhaps in some small way, leading that movement and teaching the young converts in the deep things of God."⁵

It is said that, in the Hebrides Islands Revival, a type of "spiritual radiation zone" was created. When people walked into that zone, they would come under experiential conviction of sin, and many souls were saved. *That* is revival breakthrough—and it was preceded by prayer.

To understand more about the power of prayer for revival, let's look next at the testimony of Evan Roberts and the great Welsh Revival of 1904–05. That revival was different from the Hebrides Revival, yet, in some respects, it was quite similar. At the age of thirteen, Evan Roberts began to seek the Lord,⁶ and when he was twenty-six, revival came to his hometown. He taught the people to pray two simple prayers: (1) "Send the Spirit now, for Jesus Christ's sake";⁷ and (2) "Send the Spirit now more powerfully for Jesus Christ's sake."⁸ Indeed, God's Spirit came down, and more than a hundred thousand souls were swept up into God's kingdom.⁹

As a teenager, Roberts worked in the coal mines. He asked an elder in the church, "When God first comes, where does God come?" The elder replied, "Well, when God first shows up, He shows up at a prayer meeting." Roberts said, "I want to be where God's going to be," so he started

5. Campbell, "The Revival on the Isle of Lewis."

6. Duewel, *Revival Fire*, chap. 23.

7. Duewel, chap. 25.

8. Duewel, chap. 25.

9. Duewel, chaps. 24 and 25.

attending prayer meetings. No matter the church or denomination, if there was a prayer meeting, he was present.

Roberts briefly moved to the northern part of Wales to attend Bible college. While he was there, Seth Joshua, a minister and evangelist, spoke at a meeting that Roberts attended. Joshua released a prayer that went out in the Spirit and, like an arrow, struck Evan Roberts. Roberts came under conviction and returned to his hometown particularly to seek the salvation of his siblings. Roberts's continual, intense prayers and seeking of God helped to pave the way for a powerful outbreak of revival in Wales.

How do I know these things? I enjoy reading testimonies and biographies of revivalists and others who have greatly impacted people for the advancement of God's kingdom.¹⁰ I've been to Moriah Chapel, known throughout the globe as the birthplace of the Welsh Revival. I have traveled the world re-digging the spiritual wells that were dug before me, and I have earnestly prayed for revival.

In the church today, this cry is rising: "More, Lord!" There must be a spiritual revolution among the youth as there was with Evan Roberts in Wales and the young men gathered in the barn on the Isle of Lewis. We must have a *transgenerational* anointing. It's time for prayer to arise that will blow the roofs off houses worldwide with God's glory.

KEY #2: GOD'S PRESENCE

The one outstanding and distinguishing characteristic of God's people is His presence among us. After Moses asked God, "*Please, show me Your glory!*" (Exodus 33:18), God revealed His glorious presence to him. Just as Moses did, let us ask God for a manifestation of His presence:

Then [Moses] said to [the Lord], "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here."... The LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing of which you have spoken; for you have found favor in My sight and I have known you by name." Then Moses said, "Please,

10. I highly recommend the following resources on revival: Duncan Campbell, *Fire on the Altar* (Destiny Image, 2000), audio cassette; Wesley Duewel, *Revival Fire* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan, 1995); Winkie Pratney, *Revival: Principles to Change the World* (Lindale, TX: Ministry of Helps, 2010); Leonard Ravenhill, *Why Revival Tarries* (Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House, 2004); and Robert Backhouse, ed., *The Classics of Revival* (London: Hodder & Stoughton, 1996).

show me Your glory!" And He said, "I Myself will make all My goodness pass before you, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before you; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show compassion to whom I will show compassion."

(Exodus 33:15, 17–19)

In the tabernacle, the bread of God's presence, also called the "show-bread," was used by the priest in ministering to the Lord. "*And you shall set the bread of the Presence on the table before Me continually*" (Exodus 25:30). Jesus is the Bread of Life, and we are to partake of His life daily if we want the presence of God continually in our midst.

We need the presence of God more than anything in this life. Let me share a significant event I experienced that enabled me to better understand how we are to invite His presence. In January 1999, while I was having a special time of rest, the Lord visited me in a remarkable, piercing dream that gripped my soul and helped to set the course of my life from that day forward. I believe that the message of this dream is still a very clear word to all God's people today.

In the dream, I was holding three long loaves of bread, each wrapped in its own little napkin at one end. I was holding these loaves of bread close to my chest, right over my heart. I then reached for my daughter Rachel's aqua baby blanket, which she'd had since birth. She loved that blanket. It was warm and fuzzy, and she carried it with her everywhere. My wife, Michal Ann, and I allowed Rachel, our youngest daughter, to carry this "security blanket"; even though she was no longer a baby, seeing her toting it around was very endearing to us. Through this symbol, the Lord was communicating to me in a way He knew would enable me to best understand His message.

In the dream, I wrapped the three loaves of bread in this special blanket. The napkin around the bottom portion of each loaf was similar to a diaper. I was holding the bundle of loaves over my heart, cuddling it, and rocking gently side to side, as a parent does with a newborn child.

Then I heard the words, "When My people will care for, cherish, nurture, and love the bread of My presence like a parent does their newborn child, then revival will come." I repeated these words.

Following this, I awakened from the dream. My arms were positioned as if I was holding or cradling something, and I was rocking gently. The manifest presence of God was there with me in my bedroom. Then I heard myself prophesying what I had just heard myself prophesy in the dream. I was repeating, “When My people will care for, cherish, nurture, and love the bread of My presence like a parent does their newborn child, then revival will come.”

As I heard myself repeat those words, just as I had done in the dream, the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit lingered, saturating my whole being. The Lord was emphasizing these words by having me repeat them twice and possibly three times. This I know: He wants us to cherish and care for His presence, pray for His presence, love His presence, and nurture His presence. After all, isn’t that what we have longed for all our lives? Isn’t that what we were created for—to be carriers of His most brilliant presence? Isn’t this the answer to what the church is really crying out for?

Revival will come when we get up in the middle of the night for the night feedings and hold the “child of new beginnings” close to our heart and wash this child with love and compassion. I pray, “Let the cry arise, and let His presence come forth!” We must pray earnestly, in full submission to God’s purposes, as Jesus did:

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

(Hebrews 5:7 NIV)

KEY #3: PROPHETIC REVELATION

The prophetic dimension is a powerful tool to open closed minds, closed doors, and closed situations to the reality and power of God. Seek the Lord through reading His Word, and you will receive this key. Then, insert the key into the keyhole, turn it, and open wide the door. The following Scriptures will help us to understand this aspect of revival breakthrough.

Man shall not live on bread alone, but man shall live on everything that comes out of the mouth of the LORD. (Deuteronomy 8:3)

In Matthew 4:4, Jesus spoke the same words: *“But He answered and said, ‘It is written: “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes out of the mouth of God.””* We need to live on the ever-proceeding Word of God. We can live abundantly and purposefully only as we receive what God has already said to us in His Word and what He is saying to us particularly today through prophecy, words of wisdom, words of knowledge, and other spiritual gifts.

And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (Ephesians 6:17)

The *“two-edged sword”* of the Spirit (see Hebrews 4:12) is the Word of God. We must use this key to open the door to God’s presence and not prevent others from entering in, as was the custom of some religious gatekeepers during the time of Jesus. Jesus said, *“But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut the kingdom of heaven in front of people; for you do not enter it yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in”* (Matthew 23:13). The scribes and Pharisees had the keys, but they used them only so they themselves could enter, while they hindered others. Instead, in the name of Jesus, let us use the keys of revelation to enter in and open the doors wide so that many others may enter in also.

STEPS TO VISITATION

Bringing this all together, let us now consider steps to experiencing a visitation from God by looking at a *“Pool of Bethesda parable”* based on this significant passage from John’s gospel:

Now in Jerusalem, by the Sheep Gate, there is a pool which in Hebrew is called Bethesda, having five porticoes. In these porticoes lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, limping, or paralyzed. Now a man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. Jesus, upon seeing this man lying there and knowing that he had already been in that condition for a long time, said to him, “Do you want to get well?” The sick man answered Him, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” Jesus said to him, “Get up, pick up your pallet and walk.”

Immediately the man became well, and picked up his pallet and began to walk. Now it was a Sabbath on that day. (John 5:2–9)

Jesus personally visited an infirm man who was lying by the Pool of Bethesda and asked him what seems to be an obvious question: “Do you want to get well?” The man didn’t immediately say yes; rather, he answered out of disappointment, “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me.” The man explained why he thought he couldn’t be healed, not fully accepting the fact that Jesus, the Healer, was visiting him. The very One who had come down from heaven to bring wholeness to all who would believe was standing before him.

Often, when individuals have been sick for a long period of time, they become identified with their illnesses. Other people see them primarily in light of their sicknesses, and sometimes even those who are ill see themselves as their maladies or as perpetually in that infirm condition with no hope of recovery.

That was this man’s mindset. However, just as he experienced, we can encounter the One who came to give us life and wholeness. We can see demonstrations of His glory in revivals and great harvests. A visitation from the Lord, or from one of the Lord’s angels on His mission, encompasses four steps:

1. Waiting (in this case, the man was waiting for the water to stir)
2. Expecting (anticipating the visitation)
3. Accepting the Holy Spirit’s presence already with us (in our hearts and spirits)
4. Knowing that God can and will visit us again and again; all we have to do is ask

When we wait, expect, and accept—and when we know that the Lord will visit us—our prayer must be that His presence would be released in the greatest measure in the pool of our hearts and spirits. We pray this so that He will bring forth mighty visitations that will fulfill His purposes in us and bring Him the greatest glory.

The man at the Pool of Bethesda said there was no one to help him get into the pool. Again, he was unaware of the identity of the Man who stood before him, ready and more than able to heal him by the living water that flowed within Him. We know that the Man is Jesus. The Son of God has already come, and sometimes we miss the day of His visitation because we don't recognize He is already with us. Our great gifted One has come and now lives within every believer.

There's much more to glean from this passage of Scripture, but those are a few steps to visitation for us to consider along our journey toward revival breakthrough. Will you create an opening for God to move in your life by following these steps to visitation and by activating the keys of prayer and fasting, God's presence, and prophetic revelation?

LET'S PRAY TOGETHER

Father God, we want Jesus to be at home in our lives, and we believe that authentic revival can start in us—right here, right now. We open the door of our hearts. Jesus, please come in and be our Homeowner, Restorer, and Lord. Our hearts are no longer our homes; they are Yours. As we yearn for revival, we look to precedents in Scripture and in human history, such as the Hebrides Revival, the Welsh Revival, and many other outpourings of Your Spirit. We lift our cry to You: what You did before, we pray, "Do it again!" We want to partner with the Holy Spirit to create open heavens for our lives, our families, our churches, our cities, and our nations. We desire to be a people of Your presence. We want to love, cherish, and care for the bread of Your presence, just as loving parents care for their newborn child. We wait for You, we expect You, we accept Your indwelling presence, and we know that You can and will visit us again...and again. Amen!