

# Introduction

## Revival-A Balanced Approach

*There is need of a great revival of spiritual life, of truly fervent devotion to our Lord Jesus, of entire consecration to His service. It is only in a church in which this spirit of revival has at least begun, that there is any hope of radical change in the relation of the majority of our Christian people to mission work.*

– Andrew Murray

*Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in You?*

*Psalm 85:6*

As you go through this book, one theme will continue to surface, THIS BOOK IS ALL ABOUT REVIVAL. Revival is more than just a getting a feeling, more than just a time of renewal. It cannot be created by some man-made formula or program. It is not about signs and wonders nor is it about getting people “pumped up”. It *is* about God moving through people in such a way that transformation takes place in both Christians and unbelievers. True revival gives the Holy Spirit reign. When true revival breaks out, not only are people changed, but entire churches and communities are transformed. It only takes a small group of people obeying the Holy Spirit and allowing Him to rule and reign and revival will spread like wildfire through communities, our nation and even the world.

If you are here because you want a quick guide to create revival, you’ve come to the wrong place. However, this book will help you understand how revivals start and it will light a fire in your heart for revival. If you use the lessons in this book and open your heart to the Holy Spirit, I pray that you too will experience revival by sharing what you’ve learned with others.

### **Audience**

This book is written for the following types of individuals:

- Those who are new to Christianity and have no idea what spiritual revival is or what it looks like.
- Those who come from a Christian background where spiritual revival was seen in a more negative aspect than a positive aspect.
- Those who come from a background where everything is called a revival.
- Those who have been a part of man-made revivals instead of those led by the Holy Spirit.

Even if you do not fall into any of these categories, every Christian will benefit from reading this book by gaining a hunger for revival.

### **Purpose**

This book will provide a clear and balanced perspective to the concept of revival. It will challenge those who have struggled with the concept of a spiritual revival to be more open to a true move of God. It will expose emotionalism and chasing after signs and wonders in revivals where God is not being glorified.

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Hopefully this book will stir up a greater interest on the topic of spiritual revival and create a hunger in your heart to want a Spirit led revival in your life, your church, your community, your nation and even in the world. If it also generates more than just a hunger, but it initiates renewal and revival in your heart, praise God. All it takes is for you to share what you have learned and experienced as you read this book to one other person and a spark can be started, igniting a Spirit led revival.

The topic of revival has been presented in a balanced and biblical approach. Though the author is prone to mistakes as we all are, he has presented the contents of this book through the leading of the Holy Spirit. By faith, he is trusting he has presented the subject of revival in a clear and concise manner. He challenges you to examine the Scriptures to see how this book lines up with the Word of God.

So let's go on a journey to learn more about spiritual revival starting with the prayer below.

*God I pray that I will have my ears, eyes, mind, and most importantly my heart open to the concept of spiritual revival. I pray that I will let go of any preconceived ideas, and remove you out of my God Box. I pray that I will be totally receptive to whatever your Holy Spirit wants to do in my life. I truly want You to be the potter as I be the clay that you can mold.*

*I pray Almighty God that you will bring revival in my heart, in my church, in my community, in my nation, and throughout the world. May I be open for You to use me to bring this to pass.*

*In Jesus Mighty Name*