

FACING THE GIANTS STUDY SERIES



“Pray for Revival”

Clip No. 7 ... Study by Michael Catt



THE BIG QUESTION: What does it mean to ask God to send revival?

SCENE: Coach Grant Taylor discovers that a spiritual revival has hit the Shiloh Christian Academy campus. Multiple students have simultaneously made decisions to follow Christ, confess their problems, and forgive one another. A man who has been asking God to send revival continues to pray for the students while the revival goes on.

SCENE LENGTH: 1 minute, 45 seconds

TOPICS DISCUSSED: Prayer. Revival. Endurance. Forgiveness. Intercession. Salvation.

BACKGROUND INFO: The attitudes and actions of the students at Shiloh Christian Academy are foolish and apathetic. For years, however, an elderly man named Mr. Bridges has been quietly walking the halls of the school, asking God to send a spiritual revival to the students as he passes their lockers.

KEY STUDY SCRIPTURES: 2 Chronicles 7:14; Matthew 7:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:17

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean for the Lord to send revival? What does revival mean to you?
2. Why is it important for Mr. Bridges to see the Lord send revival to Shiloh?
3. How does Mr. Bridges pray for the students at Shiloh?
4. What causes the change in the student body at Shiloh?

If My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

TACKLING THE BIG QUESTION: So, what does it mean to ask God to send revival?

Iain H. Murray wrote, “The characteristic of revival is that a profound consciousness of sin is produced in many persons at the same time by an awareness of God.” We must be desperate in our pursuit of God, not just in our pursuit of revival. If we don’t come away changed as a result of our importunate praying, then we are pleading in vain. God wants to send revival. Persevere in prayer until you see God send a fresh movement on our land. Are you willing to pray for revival in your home, church, and world?

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One of the quiet but key characters in the movie is Mr. Bridges. He's the man who walks the halls of Shiloh Christian Academy, praying for the students. He is seen asking God to raise up a generation that will follow Jesus passionately and unashamedly.

We read statistics that say 92 percent of students in America are not identified with any church, synagogue, or religious organization. Of the 8 percent that are, most of them will drop out of church altogether after high school. Josh McDowell says, “The crisis is real. The responsibility is ours.”

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While older generations may remember words like “revival” and “awakening,” these terms have almost become extinct. We've limited revival to a meeting at the church with a pizza party. We need God to raise up a generation who will seek God until He sends a fresh wind of His Spirit on this land. We need Him to touch the campuses where the name of Jesus is no longer heard. We are desperate to see God work in the hearts of Christians who are settling for less than His best.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

- Will you begin to pray that God will send revival to you personally?
- Will you ask God to send revival to your home, school, workplace, community, our nation, and the world?
- Who will you ask to join you?
- Are you willing to desperately seek the Lord and continue to pray until you see an answer? (see Matthew 7:7-8)

UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANCE

Revival is a sovereign work of God, a divine interruption in the status quo. It confronts pride and ego and puts to death superficial spirituality. Revival is the work of God and begins first with the people of God.

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We need God to visit us again like He did in the days of old.