



Family: *Revival Looks Like A Healthy Family*

- Our Journey

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- The Definition of Revival

The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. **I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.** (Is 57:15 NLT-SE)

- **General**...An **improvement** in the condition or strength of something. The **growth** of something or an **increase** in the activity of something after a long period of no growth or activity.
- **Personal**...Personal spiritual awakening, especially after "**backsliding**."
 - *Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me. (Psa 51:10 NLT-SE)*
 - *Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine. Test yourselves. Surely you know that Jesus Christ is among you; if not, you have failed the test of genuine faith. (2 Cor 13:5 NLT-SE)*
- **Corporate**...A spontaneous spiritual event that affects a **congregation** (think Jonathan Edwards's Northampton church in 1734–35), or a **city or region** (think the Welsh Revival of 1904–05), resulting in greater spiritual vitality and conversions.
- **Cultural**...A spiritual movement that affects **culture** at large, **spreads** to other regions, and **lasts** for a more extended period of time (think the First and Second Great Awakenings of 1739–48 and 1857–1861).

- **Revival Hubs...** These are **Regional Hubs** that God is raising up birth and establish spiritual sons and daughters. As the move of God continues, training is key to **raise up a generation that releases the Kingdom**.

- Family as a Context for Releasing Courage

- **Eight Characteristics of a Healthy Family**

1. **Commitment...** The members of the household are committed to one another. ***In Revival**, our commitment to the Lord and to each other not only binds us together, but is like a magnet to others who are seeking the very thing we have.*
2. **Time...** A healthy family spends time together. ***In Revival**, people see time as an investment into something greater to come. There's no such thing as "wasted time" when it comes to time in God's presence because that's where and when courage is often released.*
3. **Communication...** A healthy family enjoys open, frequent communication. ***In Revival**, everyone wants to talk about and hear about what the Lord is doing. Personal testimony is not just sharing "God stories," but a real opportunity to build each other up in the faith.*
4. **Support...** The healthy family turns inward during times of crisis. ***In Revival**, we turn inward for encouragement and faith and outward with courage to see what the Holy Spirit is willing to do to through us to advance the Kingdom.*
5. **Affirm...** Members of a healthy family express affirmation and encouragement often. ***In Revival**, people, even those who have not known each other long, tend to see and believe the very best in each other. "En-courage" means that courage is something we can stir up in each other.*
6. **God...** The members of a healthy family share a spiritual commitment. ***In Revival**, there is a determination to go as deep as you can with God and take as many people with you as you can!*
 - *Your leader will break out and lead you out of exile, out through the gates of the enemy cities, back to your own land. Your king will lead you; **the LORD himself will guide you.**" (Mic 2:13 NLT-SE)*
 - *And from the time John the Baptist began preaching until now, the Kingdom of Heaven has been **forcefully advancing**, and violent people are attacking it. (Matt 11:12 NLT-SE)*
7. **Trust...** Each person in a healthy household trusts the others and values the trust he has earned. ***In Revival**, people trust that what they see the Lord doing is only the beginning and there's plenty more to come. The key ingredient in spiritual courage is our trust in God's goodness and His desire to "seek and save the lost."*
8. **Grace...** The members of a healthy family enjoy freedom and grace. ***In Revival**, there is always someone who ahead of you and someone behind you, spiritually. We give each other the grace to pursue God at your own pace and the freedom to trust Him for things we've not yet experience.*