

We Cannot Ignore Our History Where United, Prevailing Prayer Awakened America

Now is the time for the entire church of Jesus Christ in this nation to unite in prevailing prayer for spiritual awakening. There is no greater need in America.

There is no great movement of God that has ever occurred that does not begin with the extraordinary prayer of God's people. The time is now for us to come together before God in clear agreement, visible union and in extraordinary prayer for the next Great Awakening and for the world to be reached for Christ. This must be the united, prevailing prayer.

We Cannot Ignore Our History

Jonathan Edwards was a man who believed in the absolute sovereignty of God. As a catalyst for America's first and second Great Awakenings, Edwards called upon God's people to act. He believed God would listen to the promptings of His people. Edwards called for prayer and fasting, both in secret and with one another.

George Whitfield was used by God to shake America. His powerful preaching of the need to be born again was used by the Lord to bring thousands to Christ. God used both Whitfield and Edwards in a supernatural way in the mid-1700s. In the early 1800s, the second Great Awakening occurred, and God used men like Charles Grandison Finney, Timothy Dwight and others, who became instrumental preachers of the gospel.

Then in 1857-1858, Jeremiah Lanphier was a layman who had a burden to pray. Eventually, thousands were praying daily for a mighty move of God in the land, and our God shook America. In a two-year period, 1 million Americans came to Christ, and

another 1 million converted to Christ in Great Britain and Ireland. The church was revived, and the fires of evangelism were burning brightly. Missions exploded with the Student Volunteer Movement, where 20,000 young people surrendered their lives to missions.

God used these great movements to further impact leaders like Charles Haddon Spurgeon, D.L. Moody and William Booth. These men and others were shaking the world for Christ.

Sadly, not since the Jesus Movement of the 1960s and early 1970s have we seen such a movement of God upon our land. Thousands were being saved as churches were exploding, and many were called into gospel ministry.

Interestingly, in each of these great movements of God, united, prevailing prayer was occurring.

We Must Prevail in United Prayer

It is time for congregations to unite as the church of Jesus Christ. If we cannot unite to pray in an ongoing way for God to bring spiritual awakening, we have far greater issues. It is time we stop ignoring our history, learn from it, then take action to pray for awakening in a compelling, united way.

James 5:16b says, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much." This is prevailing prayer. This is what the church must learn to do together. Regardless of what we see with our human eyes, we must be faithful to cry out to God in our desperation, appealing to Him with all we have. *God, we cry out to You with all we have and are; Give America a mighty spiritual awakening. Yes Lord, may You give us the third Great Spiritual Awakening in our nation's history.*

Let's take these three actions beginning today:

- **Pray Extraordinarily:** This means praying more now than

you have been for spiritual awakening. Create ways to unite with other people, leaders and churches in prevailing prayer for spiritual awakening in America.

- **Awakening Brings Evangelization:** Billy Graham asked the question, “Can revival come?” He believed firmly that “an awakening can bring about evangelization of the world in our generation.” While denominations and churches try to fix their lack of genuine evangelism, they need to realize that a true spiritual awakening is the ultimate answer to this problem. While we must equip others and practice evangelism personally, we need to believe that God can do more in a moment than we can do in a lifetime. This is why we must prevail in united prayer for spiritual awakening.
- **Maximize Prayer and Minimize the Rest:** As we maximize the need to unite in prevailing prayer for the next Great Awakening, we need to minimize the rest. This is not a call to dumb down politics or stop speaking to the issues in our world today, nor is it a call to make simple our uniting in prayer. It is a call to understand that only God is the One who can change the hearts of Americans from the inside out.

A Final Appeal

The church of America needs to unite humbly in prevailing prayer for spiritual awakening in America. As we come together in clear agreement, visible union and extraordinary prayer for the next Great Awakening and for the world to be reached for Christ, we need to believe our God is able to do it!

I believe God can do it. I am trusting God to do it.

Keep your perspective: Our greatest need is the next Great Spiritual Awakening in America. {eoa}