

Hoisting Our Sails for Revival

"Hoisting Our Sails for Revival – Part 3"

March 8, 2015

Our Sermon Series

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February 22	Hoisting Our Sails for Revival – Part 1
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March 15	Giving 101
March 22	The Glory of God is a Person Fully Alive
March 29-April 1	Thirst Revival Conference here @ Grace Fellowship

Definition of Revival

- Charles Finney: "Revival is the renewal of the first love of Christians, resulting in the awakening and conversion of sinners to God."
- G. Campbell Morgan: "We cannot organize revival, but we can set our sails to catch the winds of heaven when God chooses to blow upon His people once again."
- "Thirst Revival Services" – Grace Fellowship will be hosting Life Action Ministries for 4 days of revival services:
 - ☐ Sunday, March 29, 8:45am and 10:45am
 - ☐ Sunday, March 29, 6:00pm
 - ☐ Monday, March 30, 6:30pm
 - ☐ Tuesday, March 31, 6:30pm
 - ☐ Wednesday, April 1, 6:30pm
 - ☐ Also Special Ladies Luncheon on Tuesday, March 31, 11:30am (RSVP for Ladies luncheon by going to www.whatisgrace.org and clicking on "Events. Click on RSVP tab for Thirst Revival Ladies Luncheon.)

Hoisting Sails in the Book of Revelation (Revelation 12:11)

1. Revival comes as we cling to the **Blood** of Jesus Christ

- Some of the benefits of the shed blood of Jesus Christ:
 - o The blood of Jesus inaugurates the new covenant (Luke 22:19-20)
 - o The blood of Jesus purchases the church (Acts 20:28)
 - o The blood of Jesus atones for my sins (Romans 3:24-25)
 - o The blood of Jesus forgives my sins (Ephesians 1:7)
 - o The blood of Jesus brings peace (Colossians 1:19-20)
 - o The blood of Jesus cleanses my conscience (Hebrews 9:13-14)
 - o The blood of Jesus sanctifies me (Hebrews 13:12)
 - o The blood of Jesus grants me confidence (Hebrews 10:19)

- o The blood of Jesus overcomes the devil (Revelation 12:10-11)
- o The blood of Jesus heals (Isaiah 53:5)
- Charlie Whitlow: "Lord, may we never forget or lose appreciation for what Your blood accomplishes for us. One drop of Your divine blood is worth more than all the money in the world. It is more precious than the rarest pearl. It accomplishes what nothing else could do...nothing but the blood of Jesus."
- Application #1 – Spend some time thanking Jesus for His shed blood and claiming the benefits of His blood in your life and others'.

2. Revival comes as people **martyr** their lives for Christ's sake

- All of the original apostles were martyred for their faith (Source: David Barrett)

Ref.	Name in Mark's Gospel	Other names	Martyred	How died	Place	Country
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
a. The Twelve Apostles						
1	Simon Peter	Cephas (Rock)	AD 64	Crucified	Rome	Italy
2	James son of Zebedee	Boanerges (Son of Thunder)	44	Beheaded	Jerusalem	Palestine
3	John Boanerges	The Beloved Disciple	96	Boiled in oil	Ephesus	Turkey
4	Andrew	Andrea	69	Crucified	Patras	Greece
5	Philip	—	60	Hanged	Hierapolis	Turkey
6	Bartholomew	Nathanael, son of Ptolemy	68	Crucified	Albana	Armenia
7	Matthew	Levi	70	Stabbed	Nubia	Ethiopia
8	Thomas	Didymus (Twin)	82	Spear	Mylapore	India
9	James the Less	The Younger; son of Alphaeus	54	Stoned	Jerusalem	Palestine
10	Judas Thaddeus	Lebbaeus; son of James; Addai	66	Clubbed	Ardaze	Turkey
11	Simon Zelotes	The Zealot; the Canaanite	61	Crucified	Suair	Iran
12	Judas Iscariot	Man of Kerioth; Assassin	33	(Suicide)	Jerusalem	Palestine

- In the last 2000 years, over 70 million Christians have been martyred for their faith in Christ (Source: David Barrett)
- Christians are the most persecuted religious group worldwide. An average of at least 180 Christians around the world are killed each month for their faith. (Source: Open Doors USA)
- 100 million Christians in more than 60 countries face persecution from their governments or surrounding neighbors simply because of their belief in Christ. (Source: US Department of State; Open Doors)
- In 41 of the 50 worship nations for persecution, Christians are being persecuted by Islamic extremists. (Source: Open Doors)
- Video: "21 Martyrs"[2:28] can be found at 21martyrs.com
- The 2nd-century Church Father Tertullian wrote that "the blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church," implying that the martyrs' willing sacrifice of their lives leads to the conversion of others.
- Matthew 5:44** – *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*
- Application #2 – Pray for the persecuted church and pray for the salvation of those who are persecuting them.
- Adopt a Terrorist for Prayer: <https://atfp.org/>

3. Revival comes as we **testify** to what God has done

- A sampling of testimonies from Feb 15 for Original and North campuses
- Application #3 – Share your testimony with someone this week.