

# Facing the Giants In Marriage

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## Revival in Your Marriage

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.

### 2 Chronicles 7:14 My People, Their Prayer for Revival

...if my people, who are called by my name, will 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.

#### > THE BASICS

**MY PEOPLE:** You need to be saved and desiring to live for the Lord

**MY NAME:** You are identified as a Christian

**MY FACE:** The heart of God as reflected in his likeness.

The face of God is his likeness, his reflection. In answering the cry of David's heart *to have intimacy with him*, God said, "Seek ye my face."

David's response was, "Lord, when you said, 'Seek my face,' my heart leapt in response." "My heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek" (Psalm 27:8). D Wilkerson

> Marriage revival is not about feelings and happiness alone. It may start in brokenness and repentance.

**Ref book:** The Sacred Marriage, Gary Thomas

*"What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?"*

### Film Clip

#### Let's Talk About It: Does Revival Really Matter?

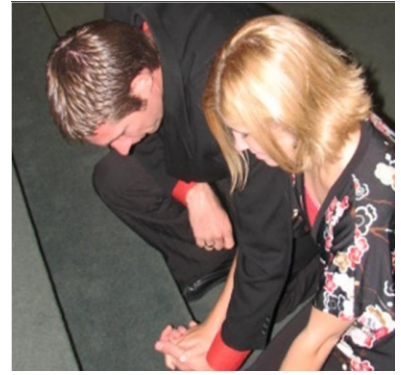
1. What does it feel like to discover something new and exciting?
2. What happens when you are bored?
3. What do you think were the "locker prayers" of Mr. Bridges?
4. Key: Why do you think Grant was "unaware" of the revival going on?

## Getting Ready for Revival

### Psalm 51:17

<sup>17</sup>The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

- > **Pride** can stop us from trying to do more.
- > **Comparison** keeps us complacent.
- > **Fear** holds us hostage to change.



### Phil 2:1ff

If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, <sup>2</sup> then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

- > Key is a unity of your hearts to move ahead...slow? fast? JUST MOVE!
- > Your desire to change and grow is a reflection of the work that God is already doing in Individual lives and in your marriage/family.
- > This is not about being better or more spiritual; this is about unity and revival.
- > Expecting change, expecting to be like minded, expecting to have one revived purpose.

## Game On: Steps to Revival in Your Marriage

From: Praying Through the Deeper Issues of Marriage, Stormy Omartian

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| 1. <b><i>Believe in God</i></b>                                      | John 7:38      |
| God has a plan for your life and marriage                            |                |
| 2. <b><i>Draw near to God with your whole heart</i></b>              | Matthew 15:8   |
| Relationship not religion  |                |
| 3. <b><i>Confess all sin before the Lord</i></b>                     | 1 John 3:20-21 |
| A clean heart before Him > Holy Spirit leading                       |                |
| 4. <b><i>Seek God with your whole heart</i></b>                      | Psalms 119:2   |
| Change the routine   |                |
| 5. <b><i>Pray about everything</i></b>                               | Luke 18:1      |
| EVERYTHING   |                |
| 6. <b><i>Trust in God more than your feelings</i></b>                | Proverbs 3:5   |
| Prayer changes your feeling/faith ratio                              |                |
| 7. <b><i>Value the Lord above all else</i></b>                       | Matthew 6:21   |
| Your core value must be Him  |                |
| 8. <b><i>Pour out your heart before the Lord</i></b>                 | Psalms 62:8    |
| Trust Him to hear you fully  |                |
| 9. <b><i>Praise God with your whole heart</i></b>                    | Psalms 9:1     |
| Release your heart in praise and worship 24/7                        |                |
| 10. <b><i>Tell God that you love Him with all that is in you</i></b> | Matthew 22:37  |
| The greatest commandment with a blessing                             |                |

