

When Revival Comes!

Back to the Future

World Outreach Church
Sermon Discussion Guide
Sunday Sermon: **July 03, 2022**



God is moving in the earth and restoring some things from our past. He is doing something new in our generation because we have strayed from the path—we have fallen far short of being salt and light in the earth. It is an expression of His grace and mercy, and it requires our action *now*. You see, God is going to move in remarkable and unexpected ways, and we are going to have to become comfortable with God doing what we can't imagine. And we are going to have to say yes the Lord in some new ways.

I. REVIEW

- A. Regathering the Jewish people
- B. Purifying His Church
- C. Unexpected, Routine Experience
- D. Powerful Expressions of Grace

2 Corinthians 6:1 *As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain.*

1. What demonstrations of God's grace are present in your own life? When have you taken God's grace for granted?

II. FOCUSED OBEDIENCE

Acts 20:22–24 (Ephesus) ²² *“And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. ²³ I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. ²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.”*

Combines Two Things We Seldom Combine...

- “Compelled by the Spirit” to go
- Repeated warnings of hardships & prison

Acts 21:8–15 ⁸ *Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. ⁹ He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied. ¹⁰ After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, “**The Holy Spirit says, ‘In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.’**” ¹² When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, “Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.” ¹⁴ When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, “The Lord's will be done.” ¹⁵ After this, we got ready and went up to Jerusalem.*

2. In what areas of your life have you avoided discipline because of difficulty?
3. How sensitive are you to the Holy Spirit's promptings? What things in your life can make you numb to such guidance?

III. GOD IS MOVING THROUGHOUT THE EARTH

- A. Abundance of Rain/The Sound of a Heavy Rain

1 Kings 18:41 *And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.”*

Psalm 65:9 *You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so you have ordained it.*

Joel 3:17–18 ¹⁷ *“Then you will know that I, the Lord your God, dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; never again will foreigners invade her. ¹⁸ “In that day the mountains will drip new wine, and the hills will flow with milk; all the ravines of Judah will run with water. A fountain will flow out of the Lord’s house and will water the valley of acacias.*

- ❖ Describes a series of outcomes all made possible by an abundance of water

B. In Our World... “I Hear the Sound of Abundant Rain”

Acts 2:17–19 ¹⁷ *“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below ...”*

- Prior to Pandemic, “A Church Asleep”—Unaware, Unconcerned, Uninvolved
 - ❖ Fog of deception has cleared, to some extent
 - ❖ Our churches were unprepared for the season
 - ❖ Propaganda & censorship
 - ❖ Economic fantasy
 - ❖ Lawlessness
- As We Awaken, We Can See God Moving
 - ❖ New hunger & thirsting
 - ❖ Greater awareness of true & false
 - ❖ Supernatural becoming “more natural”
 - ❖ Powerful expressions of truth
 - ❖ God’s grace: new protections for the children...reasserting our privileges to pray in public
- The Tools We Need are Available to Pursue God, Cooperate with Him, and be His Ambassadors
 - ❖ Choose God
 - ❖ Pray with your children, no matter their age
 - ❖ Talk about your faith with your friends. If it brings realignment, you’ll be in a healthier place
 - ❖ Take your faith to work & play

4. When you are confronted with differing viewpoints about God, what is your response?

5. How does God’s faithfulness in providing for creation help you trust God’s provisions for your own life?

Prayer

Almighty God, thank You for awakening me to Your purposes and delivering me from the strongholds of darkness. Establish me in Your righteousness, and grant me a boldness for Your truth. Holy Spirit, help me to see all the provision You have for my life. I choose to receive all which You have ordained for me. I do not want to neglect any gift which You afford. Forgive me for my indifference. I am listening. I choose obedience. May Jesus’ name be exalted throughout the earth. Amen.