Prayer that Brings Revival
Exodus 17:8-13

Introduction: Is glorious victory possible without pain?

When you step out spiritually in your workplace, your school, your family, or your nation, you will take some hits. There will be demonic opposition.

And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Jesus in Matthew 16:18

Will you be found faithful as a Christian? 1 Corinthians 3:13

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Philippians 4:13

- This is not a promise for health, wealth, or the American dream. It is a promise to claim as you seek the kingdom dream and put God first.

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Forces bigger than us

- The Amalekites were a fierce, violent nomadic tribe that plundered and killed for pleasure. They attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. Exodus 17:8

- Moses told Joshua to choose men and go out to fight the Amalekites, while he stood on top of the hill with the staff of God in his hands. Exodus 17:9

- As long as Moses held up his hands in prayer, the Israelite army would be winning. Whenever he would lower his hands because his arms grew tired, the Amalekites would start winning. Exodus 17:11

- They put a stone under Moses to sit on and Aaron and Hur held his hands up, one on one side, one on the other, so his hands remained steady until sunset. As a result, Joshua overcame the Amalekite army. Exodus 17:12-13

_____ can deliver your loved ones from disaster. _____ can even deliver your nation from disaster.

- Moses built an altar to give all the glory to God for the victory and called it, “The Lord is my banner.” Exodus 17:15-16

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Three observations about revival prayer:

1. Revival prayer is _____.

Most of us are not currently praying the kinds of prayers that change nations or shake the gates of hell.

The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. James 5:16b

Who is "the righteous person?"

1. The person who's believed in Christ's death for the forgiveness of their sins.
2. The believer who has confessed the sins they are aware of to maintain practical righteousness or relational righteousness.

17 Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. 18 Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

James 5:17-18

- One man prayed earnestly and changed both a nation's physical and spiritual climate, and the same power of prayer is available to you.

2. Revival prayer happens best in _____.

3. Revival prayer rises above earthly needs into _____ matters.

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 I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Discussion Questions:

1. What does it look like practically to shift our lifestyle so that seeking the Kingdom of God is the clear priority, and the "American dream" is just the U-Haul trailer tagging behind?

2. In Exodus 17, the fate of the nation hung on Moses' persistence in prayer, but he needed Aaron and Hur to hold his hands up when he grew tired. Who are the people in your life that you can link arms with to maintain persistent, urgent prayer for your family and community?

3. Reflecting on the 1:7 ratio in the Lord's Prayer, how much of your prayer life is dominated by temporary earthly needs versus eternal, supernatural matters? What is one eternal matter you will intentionally commit to praying for this week?

4. We are challenged to graduate our groups from spending most of our time sharing prayer requests to going straight into bold prayer. What is one specific, eternal matter (like a person's salvation or spiritual territory) your group can commit to praying for?

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