



REVIVE US AGAIN – April 8

Psalm 85:1–13 (ESV)

1 LORD, you were favorable to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

2 You forgave the iniquity of your people;
you covered all their sin. Selah

3 You withdrew all your wrath;
you turned from your hot anger.

4 Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us!

5 Will you be angry with us forever?
Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

6 Will you not revive us again,
that your people may rejoice in you?

7 Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,
and grant us your salvation.

8 Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

9 Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

11 Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.

12 Yes, the LORD will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness will go before him
and make his footsteps a way.

Read & Examine – As you read the passage together in its context, consider these questions:

- In your own words, what is the main idea of this *passage*?
- In your own words, what was the main idea of the *sermon*? The main points included: Remembrance, Longing, Peace, and Glory

Apply – Consider how God intends to use his Word to shape *your* heart and life now.

- What thoughts come to mind when you think of ‘revival’? How did Psalm 85 either affirm or challenge your conception of spiritual revival?
- Are there areas where you’ve conceived of revival as something you/we bring about? What things in your/our control have you thought may usher in revival?
- What great needs do you/we have that only God’s great provision can satisfy?
- When was the last time you were in awe of God’s glory? What did it do to you?
- What do you long for God to do for your community? For your neighbors?
- Do you pray for this? Will you? How could you do it together as a group?

Pray – We have been listening to God’s Word, now respond together to him in prayer.

- Pastor John argued that the first step of revival is listening to God. Read the Psalm again slowly and then spend time in stillness listening to God. What do you hear in your heart?
- Pray for God to help you imagine spiritual revival and to cultivate a yearning to experience it for his glory and for the good of your community and neighbors.