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In Bundang, South Korea.

Dear Friend,

Recently I stood looking out a large plate glass window from the twenty-second floor of my apartment in Bundang, South Korea. Bundang is home for half a million Koreans. From my apartment I could see a panoramic view of this beautiful, prosperous city nestled in the surrounding mountains of South Korea. I was on an eleven day ministry trip by invitation of Pastor Jinho Kim. Pastor Kim pastors a powerful church in downtown Bundang just blocks away from where I was staying.

My assignment was to teach class at the two year Bible school and hold a weekend conference that went from Friday to Sunday with two services a day and three on Sunday. The Tuesday and Thursday classes were each three and half hours long with a ten minute break in between. Counting these as two each, I would do fourteen services in nine days. What a wonderful experience!

At the Bible school, I taught on the subject of intimacy with God and private worship. Pastor Kim was particularly grateful sharing with me that this was the first time the students have been taught on this particular subject. The anointing really was quite strong in a straight forward classroom environment. The final class concluded with a powerful question and answer session with the students and then an unexpected gift from the class. The thing I treasured most was a card from the students committing to spend time doing the very things that they had been taught.

In the church conference many wonderful things took place as well. Great altar services with the entire church at times being slain in the spirit. One of the wives of one a Pastor Kim's three elders received a miraculous touch from God in her physical heart. She later shared privately how she could feel the tingle of God's spirit enter into her heart when she was prayed for. She had a history of heart problems and was so grateful for her healing.

Back in my apartment I pondered all the wonderful things that had occurred during the week knowing that it was all through His grace that everything had been accomplished. It was exciting and a privilege to know that I was sharing the same apartment that many of my close friends and fellow comrades in the ministry had also occupied in the past. Each one a pastor or teacher and some both and each one having a particular assignment but all sent from God. All sent to lay a specific part of the foundation for the revival in the church in Korea.

I know it's not safe to assume but as far as I could ascertain, Pastor Kim may have one of the only churches of its kind in South Korea. If not the only, at the least its one of the few that understands a true walk of the Spirit with a strong emphasis on praying in tongues. I was delighted to find out inadvertently that twelve women have been praying at the church from 10:00pm to 4:00am seven nights per week for the past four years. Revival must be enviable for this city and South Korea. God evidently is setting up a beach head in the spirit for revival in Asia.

Pastor Kim asked me to preach his Wednesday night service which was one I was not previously scheduled for. This was my last address to the general assembly and one I could tell Pastor particularly enjoyed. It was evident as the anointing captured him as the interpreter and he also became an exhorter, really explaining the things being said. It was obvious that he was himself being edified by what he was hearing and by certain questions being answered. The Holy Spirit seemed to take particular delight in answering an age old question. Something everyone on the road to revival will inevitably ask.

Pastor Kim stopped once while interpreting to tell me, “This is a question asked by our Bible school students.” The question is this. We who are on a quest seeking an outpouring or revival are employing every inroad possible for the purpose of revival. We teach that enduring prayer, fasting, worship, meditating and speaking His word will eventually bring revival first to us and then to our world. So why are things so different from the days of the apostles? Why does it seem to take so much more praying today than in the book of Acts and still we are not seeing the same results?

Friend, we who are contending for revival must also be students of revival. There are many varying opinions on what would be termed true restoration or revival. But remember our prototype is always the word of God. The best example we have in the word is the revival that occurred in Jerusalem after the ascension of Christ. We see a clear picture of everything that earmarks what the true heavenly definition of revival is. Nothing was left out in this outpouring.

First of all, you notice the number one objective of revival which is souls being saved. People were coming into the Kingdom in an unprecedented manner. Thousands were being saved almost on a weekly basis.

Then, there was a great demonstration of signs and wonders. All the major miracles that Jesus did were being accomplished by the apostles. There was also a tremendous emphasis on prayer and praying in tongues. Something that always measures a revival is the issue of money. This is really a strong test of how far things progress. Even the money was sanctified being laid in large quantities at the apostle’s feet.

Last of all but not least there was tremendous doctrine being given to the apostles for the sake of the foundation of the church. Nothing lacked. Everything was in order. It carried its own momentum. It seemed nothing would stop it. One scripture in Acts quotes, **“These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; (Acts 17:6)**

With all this happening there seemed to be no decades of prayer and fasting that preceded it. No seminars or conferences that taught all the inroads to revival. Just the initial spark on the day of Pentecost ignited a fire that blazed for centuries. So the question often asked in short is this. If they did not labor for this outpouring and saw all of these great results then why are we year after year and have not seen the same outpouring? On issues of this sort many people have docked on the doctrine of Sovereignty. Most have reconciled that if God wants another Acts 2 revival He will send it. Otherwise it does no good to labor for something that simply comes by His choice. Though this is wrong believing, still the question does beg an answer.

The answer to this adds something to our faith and gives us all the more tenacity to endure toward the mark. The answer really has everything to do with understanding the pattern or foundation that was left us and how by the genius of Satan it was interrupted then buried under the rubble of religion for thousands of years. If God’s pattern was still in existence the way that Jesus left it, there would be no

present contending for revival. Jesus left a perfect blueprint for revival and for the first three hundred years the church followed it. It was not God's intention that in the year 2006 His church would be laboring to see a restoration of the book of Acts. It was not His intention that we be using the inroads such as confession of the word and fasting to bring about a revival. But really to maintain what was once delivered to the saints.

We, the church, are now like pioneers once again searching and looking for a land that was at one time already occupied. This was not the Holy Spirit's original intention. He expected that the church would carry the power all the way throughout the ages until what time God chose to bring the church home. So we now are trying to regain doctrine and power rather than enjoying the spoils of revival. But thank God this will not always be the situation. So what happened? When was the pattern lost? What brought about the interruption of the perfect blueprint? We find tremendous insight into Paul's instruction to Timothy. **Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. (II Timothy 2:1-2)** Notice the things Timothy had received of Paul that he was to commit them unto faithful men who would teach others also. So Paul was telling Timothy I am teaching you so you too can teach others who will in turn duplicate themselves to other faithful men.

The pattern was set not just in doctrine only but in great demonstration of power. We know this by the verses which are to follow. This pattern originated from the only true prototype Jesus Christ our Lord. He Himself had spent 3 and ½ years committing Himself to faithful men. There was not a day that His doctrine by word and demonstration was not poured out in front of the disciples. They witnessed hundreds if not thousands of miracles that would be before their eyes continually. There was a one hundredfold manifestation of revival continually reflecting an image for their eyes to behold. In fact, John testifies, **And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen. (John 21:2)**

Needless to say, what I call the "believability factor" was at an all time high for the disciples. Their senses were continually baptized in everything that revival is. So much so that when Jesus left them and they were born again they simply took up where He had left off. This is the way they had seen the Master do it and so they expected no other results.

Friend the day will come when our children and grand children will be so saturated with the power of revival that they will ask us questions like, "Is it really true that people once came to church sick and left the same way they came?" Their senses will have a hard time not believing what we now are trying to believe. The pattern was so ingrained in His disciples that we see even the imitation of the way that Jesus did things. Like Peter putting unbelief out of the room before raising the dead in Acts chapter nine.

The following explanation is not meant to offer an exhaustive understanding on the reason why revival failed but rather to give an abbreviated explanation of church history and how things diminished to where we are at present. In the first 325 years the church prospered on the foundation that Jesus and the apostles left behind. All the miracles of the first church were being perpetuated just as they were by the original apostles when they walked the earth. We have writings of early church fathers that give us insight in to those early days. Quoting from The Azusa Street Revival - book, published by Charisma House, "Irenaeus the well known church father of the second century, spoke of healings, exorcisms, and even the raising of the dead in his time." He also said, "in like manner we do also hear

many brethren in the church who possess prophetic gifts and who through the spirit speak all kinds of languages.”

In the third century, Tertullian spoke of prophetic gifts and gifts of healing.” So much more can be said but the point is this, that the power was still strong in the church well into these men’s lives. The church flourished under persecution. The more that Rome sought to destroy the church, the more it grew. For every Christian who was martyred it seemed that at least ten more took his place. It was like pouring gasoline on a fire. Satan at some point must have realized that his present tactics of destruction were not working so he switched his strategy. In 312 AD, a Roman Emperor named Constantine is converted to Christianity. It was then that Christianity finally emerges from its persecution. Rome is declared to be a Christian state.

Something incredible now begins to happen Friend. As the Christians are able to come out of hiding the power also begins to be unplugged. What Satan could not accomplish in persecution now began to happen in promotion. This is not an argument to say that God needs persecution to promote His power but this was the first step towards transition. Doctrine was really the main reason for the fall of the early church. Because the church could not settle on leadership or doctrine they began to turn the control of these things over to a select few instead of depending on the leadership of the Holy Spirit. Instead of the word existing among the people it began to be retained only by the clerics. Thus, the truth was contained merely by the interpretation that was restricted to the nobility of priesthood.

By the 400’s the earth entered into what is now referred to as the “Dark Ages.” During this era the church underwent terrible change primarily in what it believed. Repentance and the washing by Jesus’ blood were replaced by confession to a priest and penance if a person was to be reconciled to God. Penance was a certain task or suffering to be given to an individual to regain God’s forgiveness. Books called “penitentiaries” were written listing the various penances for each particular sin. Understand this, not only was the blueprint for a continuous revival lost but now the very comprehension of what constitutes salvation had almost vanquished. This resulted in millions upon millions of people going to hell during the Dark Ages. This awful state lasted for almost one thousand years. At this point I would like to note that not all clergy adhered to the prevailing teaching during this time. Still no one seemed to be able to turn the church back to its roots until about the 14 to 1500’s.

During this time men like Martin Luther began to preach one’s justification by faith alone not by one’s allegiance to the church. Imagine this sad truth, nearly 1500 years after Christ’s ascension someone has to regain the doctrine of true salvation. That which was once the most basic of all understandings becomes the breakthrough of the day. Still, no power was manifested with it, just the simplicity of the understanding of salvation. About this time the America’s began to be discovered and settled.

By the early 1700’s men like Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield were experiencing what many would term the great awakenings. Still the power of Pentecost was not present. In 1900 a man by the name of Charles Parham started a Bible school in a town called Topeka, Kansas with the intention of educating missionaries to carry the gospel. Parham became aware that no schools existed where students were taught about the experience of Acts chapter two. In an assignment to his students just before January 1st of 1901, Parham directs the class to study the baptism of the Holy Ghost. One particular student by the name of Agnus Osman became convinced that tongues were for today and asked that hands be laid on her just before midnight on New Year’s Eve of 1901. When they began to pray for her she was powerfully filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak in tongues. Thus the power of Pentecost is revived in planet earth. Even though the Holy Ghost had never left, the experience had been lost through religion. Parham was so excited by what he saw that he began to

pray for his own baptism. The Lord asked him if he was able to stand for the experience in the face of the persecution. Interestingly enough Parham's reply was taken from II Timothy 2, verse 6. He said, "Yes Lord, if you will give me this experience, for the laborers must first be partakers of the fruit." Just think for a moment about the power that we enjoy through praying in tongues, this power was not again prevalent until just over 100 years ago. There are still people alive today that were alive when this experience returned in its glory to planet earth. Now we accept freely these things they fought so hard to obtain, yet all this was part of the early church. At this present time it is common for us to see dozens filled with the Holy Ghost during any given Sunday service.

What is next? This excites me because I once again see a timeline closing in on the original foundation. It took nearly one thousand years for the cornerstone of salvation to be restored by men searching for truth. Then in another 500 years, about half the time, and the power of Pentecost is restored. In these last decades certain men are closing in on the final truths that will lead us into this great outpouring.

Once again I am back in my apartment in Bundang, South Korea this time in tears of joy and also in Godly remorse because the words of II Timothy 2:6 rang in my heart. The husbandman that labor must first be partakers of the fruits. I know in my heart the time is quickly approaching that I will not only teach about revival but I must become revival. I realized that at some point I will no longer be able to simply teach on the fruit of our inheritance, I must one day demonstrate this fruit to the world. I am talking about the power that follows the exhortation of His word, the power that turns a whole city like Bundang, South Korea into a revival center. This is my desire, as I am sure is also yours Friend.

The world has a term that is used in negotiations. After a lot of conversing it becomes time to, "*show me the money.*" In a general sense the world is looking for that power once again. Those of us who are on this path will soon not only be able to enjoy the fruit but also demonstrate it.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Bronc