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| admin@greaterlifesd.org| www.greaterlifesd.org**3rd Quarter Fast Devotional Guide****August 10–19, 2026****Theme: Revive Us Again****Focus Word: Revival****Scripture Anchor: Psalm 85:6 (KJV)***"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?"***Introduction**

As we enter the second half of the year, we do so with expectation and a desire for more of God. Life has a way of pulling our attention in many directions, and over time our spiritual passion can begin to fade. We may continue with our routines, responsibilities, and even ministry, while quietly longing for a fresh encounter with the presence of God. This ten day fast is an opportunity to intentionally seek Him and invite Him to revive every area of our lives.

The word **revival** means **to restore to life, renew strength, or awaken what has grown dormant**. Throughout Scripture, revival begins when God's people humble themselves, turn their hearts back to Him, and seek His presence. Before revival is seen in a church, it is first experienced in individual hearts.

During these ten days, set aside intentional time to pray, read the assigned Scripture, meditate on God's Word, and complete the reflection and writing assignment. Don't rush through the process. Allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal areas where He desires to bring healing, renewal, and fresh purpose.

Our prayer is not simply for ten days of fasting, but for lasting transformation. May God restore your joy, strengthen your faith, rekindle your passion, revive your home, and empower our church to reflect His love and glory throughout the remainder of this year.

Let this be our prayer throughout the fast:

"Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee?" (Psalm 85:6)

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Heavenly Father,

As we begin this fast, we come before You with humble hearts, recognizing that we need You more than ever. Search us, cleanse us, and draw us closer to You. Revive every area of our lives that has become weary, distracted, or spiritually dry. Renew our passion for Your Word, our desire for prayer, and our love for Your presence.

We pray not only for personal revival but for revival in our homes, our church, and our community. Let these ten days be a time of transformation that continues long after the fast has ended. May everything we do bring honor and glory to Your name.

In Jesus name, Amen.

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"Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works..."

Key Word

Return (*verb*) — To go back to a place, relationship, or condition. Spiritually, it means turning your heart back toward God with renewed devotion.

Devotion

Revival begins with a decision to return to God wholeheartedly. Before God revives a church, He first revives individuals who are willing to seek Him with sincerity and humility.

When Jesus spoke to the church at Ephesus, He acknowledged their faithfulness, perseverance, and commitment to truth. Yet despite all they were doing, He revealed that they had left their first love. Their service remained, but their passion had faded.

The same thing can happen to us. We can become busy with work, family, ministry, and life's responsibilities while slowly drifting from the intimacy we once enjoyed with the Lord. We continue doing good things, but our relationship with Him becomes routine instead of personal.

Jesus gave the church three simple instructions: **remember, repent, and return**. Remember the joy and excitement you experienced when you first encountered His grace. Repent of anything that has distracted your heart or taken His rightful place. Then return to Him—not out of obligation, but out of love.

As we begin this fast, invite God to examine your heart. Ask Him to reveal anything that has weakened your passion for His presence. Revival doesn't begin when circumstances change; it begins when hearts are surrendered. God is ready to renew, restore, and refresh anyone who genuinely seeks Him.

Today is an opportunity to begin again. No matter where your walk with God is today, His invitation remains the same: come back to Me. When we take one step toward Him, we discover He has been waiting for us with open arms.

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What has slowly taken the place of your first love for Christ?

Writing Assignment

Write a letter to God describing where your relationship with Him is today. Be honest about your victories, struggles, distractions, and desires. End your letter by writing a prayer of recommitment, asking God to restore your passion for Him.

Prayer

Father, thank You for loving me even when my heart has wandered. Forgive me for allowing distractions and responsibilities to replace time in Your presence. Restore my love for You and renew my desire to seek You above everything else. As I begin this fast, revive my heart and draw me closer than ever before. I surrender myself completely to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Takeaway

Revival begins when I return my heart fully to God.

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"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Key Word

Surrender (*verb*) — To yield control, release ownership, and willingly submit to God's authority and direction.

Devotion

Revival requires surrender. We cannot ask God to fill our lives with His presence while holding tightly to the things He is asking us to release.

Paul encouraged believers to present themselves as living sacrifices. Unlike an offering placed on an altar that is no longer active, a living sacrifice must continually choose surrender. Every day we have the opportunity to place our plans, desires, fears, and ambitions into God's hands.

Many times, we surrender the obvious things but hold on to the hidden areas—the places of pride, unforgiveness, control, or fear. Yet those hidden areas can prevent us from experiencing the fullness of God's renewal.

God does not ask us to surrender because He wants to take something from us. He asks because He desires to give us something greater. When we release control, we make room for His peace, His purpose, and His power.

During this fast, allow God to search your heart. Ask Him what areas you have been trying to manage without Him. Revival begins when we stop resisting God and fully trust His leadership.

Reflection Question

What area of your life have you struggled to fully surrender to God?

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Make a list titled **"Things I Need to Place in God's Hands."** Write down fears, habits, relationships, decisions, or desires you need to surrender. Pray over each one and ask God to help you release control.

Prayer

Lord, I surrender my heart, my plans, and my future to You. Help me release anything that keeps me from experiencing all You have for me. Teach me to trust You completely.

Today's Takeaway

Revival begins where surrender begins.

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A revived heart requires a renewed mind. The enemy often attacks our thoughts because he understands that what controls our thinking influences how we live.

God desires to replace thoughts of fear with faith, discouragement with hope, and confusion with His truth. Transformation happens when we allow His Word to reshape the way we see ourselves, our circumstances, and our future.

Many people desire change but continue feeding the same thoughts that keep them bound. Revival requires us to examine what we allow into our minds and intentionally choose God's truth.

As you fast, ask God to renew your perspective. Let Him challenge negative thinking, heal old mindsets, and remind you of who you are in Him.

Reflection Question

What thoughts or beliefs have been limiting your faith in God?

Writing Assignment

Write down three negative thoughts you often struggle with. Beside each one, write a Scripture that replaces that thought with God's truth.

Prayer

Father, renew my mind and help me think according to Your Word. Remove thoughts that do not align with Your truth.

Today's Takeaway**A renewed mind creates space for a revived life.**

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Restore (verb) — To bring something back to its original condition, strength, or purpose.

Devotion

Joy is one of the greatest signs of a revived heart. David understood this when he prayed for God to restore the joy he had lost.

Life's disappointments, struggles, and seasons of waiting can slowly drain our joy. Sometimes we continue moving forward while carrying burdens God never intended us to carry alone.

God does not just want to forgive us; He wants to restore us. He desires to renew our strength and remind us that our joy is found in His presence, not in perfect circumstances.

During this fast, allow God to restore areas of your life that have been weighed down by disappointment or discouragement.

Reflection Question

What has stolen your joy and peace?

Writing Assignment

Write about a time when you experienced great joy in your relationship with God. What helped you stay connected to Him during that season?

Prayer

Lord, restore my joy and remind me that my hope is found in You.

Today's Takeaway

God restores what life has drained.

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God has placed gifts, purpose, and passion inside every believer. However, even a strong fire can become weak when it is neglected.

Paul encouraged Timothy to stir up the gift within him. Spiritual passion requires intentional care. Prayer, worship, Scripture, and obedience keep our spiritual fire burning.

Revival is not only about receiving from God; it is also about responding to what He has placed inside us.

Reflection Question

What gift, calling, or passion has become dormant in your life?

Writing Assignment

Write three practical steps you can take to strengthen your relationship with God over the next 90 days.

Prayer

Lord, ignite fresh fire within me. Awaken every gift and purpose You have placed inside me.

Today's Takeaway

What God placed in me must be continually stirred.

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Revival begins in hearts, but it often spreads through homes. Families are one of the greatest places where faith is demonstrated and developed.

Our homes need God's presence, wisdom, and peace. Whether you live alone, with family, or with others, you can create an atmosphere where God is honored.

A revived home is not a perfect home. It is a home where people seek God, extend grace, and choose faith.

Reflection Question

What atmosphere currently exists in your home?

Writing Assignment

Write a prayer over your household. Ask God to strengthen relationships, bring healing, and establish His presence.

Prayer

Lord, let revival begin in my home. Teach us to honor You in everything we do.

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Revived homes help build revived communities.

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God is not intimidated by broken places. He specializes in restoring what has been wounded, damaged, or forgotten.

Many people carry hidden pain that affects their relationships, confidence, and spiritual growth. Revival includes healing because God desires freedom for His people.

During this fast, invite God into the places you have avoided. He is gentle, faithful, and able to restore what has been broken.

Reflection Question

What broken area of your life needs God's healing touch?

Writing Assignment

Write about one area where you need emotional, spiritual, or relational healing. Surrender it to God in prayer.

Prayer

Father, heal every broken place in me and make me whole through Your love.

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God revives what we surrender to Him.

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Purpose (*noun*) — The reason something exists; God's intentional plan and assignment for your life.

Devotion

Revival awakens purpose. When God renews our hearts, He also renews our vision.

Every believer has been created with intention. Your gifts, experiences, and testimony can be used by God to impact others.

Sometimes discouragement causes us to forget what God has called us to do. Revival reminds us that our lives have meaning and Kingdom purpose.

Reflection Question

What is God calling you to pursue in this season?

Writing Assignment

Write a personal vision statement describing who God is calling you to become and how you want to serve His Kingdom.

Prayer

Lord, awaken my purpose and help me walk boldly in what You have called me to do.

Today's Takeaway

Revival awakens purpose.

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Personal revival should always lead to corporate revival. God desires to move not only in individuals but also among His people collectively.

The early church experienced powerful growth because they were devoted to prayer, fellowship, teaching, and serving one another.

A revived church is not defined only by attendance or activity. It is defined by people who are surrendered, unified, and committed to reflecting Christ.

Reflection Question

What kind of church is God calling us to become?

Writing Assignment

Write a prayer for your pastor, leaders, ministries, and congregation. Ask God to strengthen unity and increase His presence among His people.

Prayer

Lord, revive our church. Let us become a people who reflect Your love, power, and purpose.

Today's Takeaway

Revived people create revived churches.

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Continue (*verb*) — To remain committed, consistent, and faithful beyond a specific moment or season.

Devotion

The end of this fast is not the end of revival. It is the beginning of a renewed commitment to walk with God daily.

In the Old Testament, the priests were instructed to keep the fire on the altar burning continually. The fire required attention and care. In the same way, our spiritual lives require continued prayer, worship, obedience, and devotion.

A powerful encounter with God is not meant to be temporary. God desires lasting transformation.

As this fast concludes, ask yourself what changes God is calling you to maintain. Revival becomes a lifestyle when we continue seeking Him after the moment has passed.

Reflection Question

What spiritual habits will you continue after this fast to keep your fire burning?

Writing Assignment

Write a personal covenant between you and God. Include the commitments you want to make regarding prayer, worship, Scripture, service, and your relationship with Him.

Prayer

Father, thank You for meeting me during this fast. Help me carry this revival beyond these ten days. Keep my heart passionate, my faith strong, and my life surrendered to You.

Today's Takeaway

Revival is not just an experience; it is a lifestyle.