

Revival Starts With Prayer

Matthew 9:35-38 NIV

1. JESUS AUTHENTICATED HIS IDENTITY:

Matthew 9:35 *Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.*

Matthew 11:2–6 When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

2. JESUS KNOWS

Matthew 9:36a,c When he saw the crowds...they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

Worldly wisdom can distract us from God's truth.

1 Cor. 2:1–2 And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.

Apart from Christ, we are blinded by lies of the enemy. 2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

3. JESUS	FOR ALL.
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Matthew 9:35b He had compassion on them...

We are commanded to care for everyone.

Matthew 5:43–46 NLT You have heard the law that says, 'Love your neighbor' and hate your enemy. But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike. If you love only those who love you, what reward is there for that? Even corrupt tax collectors do that much.

We are empowered to care enough to share our faith.

2 Timothy 1:7-8a NLT For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord.

4. JESUS I	FORE	CAST	S
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Matt. 9:37 He said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

Revelation 7:9–10 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

STEP #1:	
Matt 9:38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore,	
to send out workers into his harvest field.	

God wills that His harvest begins with our prayers.

STEP #2	:	
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Acts 1:8 You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Ps 127:1 Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain.