

Acts 1:8 – “You shall receive power... You shall be witnesses unto me...” The Holy Spirit in the fullness of power is given for one purpose – to bring the church into harmony with the will of God for the salvation of souls to the glory of God. A revival is a revolution. It overthrows convention; it overthrows worldliness in the church in order to make room for the reign of Christ through the Holy Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit alone who can restore the health of the church. We need to pray for a transforming revival. The power was sent on Pentecost. But power comes through the Holy Spirit. Lest we forget, He is holy! Pray for holiness, and the power will come. The Holy Spirit is no different today than yesterday or the day before or the last revival or Pentecost. His power has been short-circuited by unholy contacts. When holiness is missing, we lose power. The church is nothing without power. It is empty without the Holy Spirit. Today there is a lack of desire for the Holy Spirit, or we just don’t know how to appropriate His power. We can’t export what we don’t import. Instead of praying for the power of the Holy Spirit, we should pray for the holiness of the Holy Spirit. When holiness comes, power will be restored. Revival can come, but not without revolution. Are we ready for it? Pray as never before for a revival that will shake us, purify us, cleanse us and remake us in the image of Jesus. God will answer that prayer. An old Chinese proverb says, “The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second-best time is today.” Maybe you haven’t been big on praying for revival, but there’s today. God said, “Today if you will hear my voice, harden not your heart. Everything about revival begins in the heart. HA