

Daniel 2:17 – “Then Daniel went to his house and made the decision known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions, that they might seek mercies from the God of heaven...” When Daniel sought to understand Nebuchadnezzar’s dream, he didn’t do it alone. Daniel coopted his three friends to pray with him, knowing they would all be killed if God did not answer. They unitedly sought the mercies of God concerning the secret, and their joint request was granted. God said, “five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand, and your enemies shall fall before you...” (Lev. 26:8). The effect on one person praying can’t compare with what happens when two or more join together. When God’s people pray together in unity, there is a synergistic effect that multiplies the results. Two or more produce a combined effect greater than the sum of their separate efforts. This is needed when we are praying for revival. The Great Prayer Revival of 1857 started with one man who invited others to pray. The first meeting five showed up, and it multiplied from there. Jonathan Edwards began circles of prayer that fueled the First Great Awakening. We can begin with a circle of influence and grow from there. We will never have revival like the first century church until we pray like the first century church. They prayed in homes, on the streets, at the temple. When we unite in prayer, we can see “His enemies be scattered (and) those who hate Him flee before Him” (Psalm 68:1). Until then we can expect minimal results. HA