

Topical Series on Revival – Part XII

‘Peter enjoyed a revival when he got right with God.’

Acts 2:36 – 41.

Intro: When we read **Acts 2:41** it is exciting to read that “**about three thousand souls**” become believers at one time. Not that we should be surprised, because we know that the Word of God is powerful,

1. **Romans 1:16** – “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”
2. **Hebrews 4:12** – “For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

And there is the _____ recorded in **Isaiah 55:11** – “So shall my word be that goeth **forth** out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.”

Nonetheless, what a wonderful response to the hearing of God’s Word, and wouldn’t it be wonderful if this was a typical response to the preaching of God’s Word today. But, before we get into this particular passage in Acts, we would do well to go back to the Gospel of John just a little before this event took place.

I. Peter enjoyed a revival when he got right with God – **John 18:15 – 27.**

A. In verses 15 – 25, Peter _____ knowing the Lord Jesus Christ three times.
(Verses – 17, 25, & 27)

1. Earlier than this as Jesus was speaking about His betrayal, Peter said this in Matthew - **(Matthew 26:31 – 35)**
2. An easy statement when you are among _____ where there is no pressure, but how different it becomes when we hang out with the wrong crowd – **Luke 22:55.**
3. Fear along with pride & a haughty spirit can do _____ things to us – **Proverbs 16:18.**
4. It is good to be bold in the power of the Lord, however, when that power is self-motivated, it will have its _____ and _____ results.
5. Though Jesus warned of what was to come in the others departing, and when the cock crowed, Peter became ashamed, _____ with himself, discouraged, and quit.

6. **Luke 22:60 – 62**, & **John 21:3** – Peter has _____ up, though God has not.
- B. Like Peter, we are prone to make mistakes, some more serious than others, yet none that God will not _____ when we genuinely repent – **I John 1:9 & Isaiah 57:15**
1. While I am sure Peter felt horrible to the depths of his soul, certainly feeling unworthy of any degree of forgiveness or restoration, one is not _____ until God says so!
 2. Peter discovered that _____ - _____ is a poor substitute for the power of God and Jesus was about to school Peter on this by giving Peter a second chance.
 3. Jesus confronts Peter, not in _____, but in _____!
 - a. Three times Jesus asks Peter if he loves Him – **John 21:15 – 17**.
 - b. The third use of the word “lovest” is the word [phileo] stemming from a primitive word [philos] meaning a friend of the Bridegroom, one who rendered services for the nuptials of the Bridegroom.
 - c. Three times Jesus tells Peter, then “feed”, and each time it is P/T, A/V, I/M.
 - d. The word feed varies - verses 15 & 16 [bosko]; verse 16 – [*poy-mah'-ee-no*].
 - e. What is the difference –
 - (1). Bosko - portraying the duty of a Christian teacher to promote in every way the spiritual welfare of the members of the church. (Vses 15 & 17)
 - (2). *poy-mah'-ee-no* – to tend and to protect by overseeing. (Verse 16)
 4. The question from the Lord in **John 21:15 – 17**, is, Peter if you love Me, I still want you to serve, I can still use you, and Peter got the message as we see from Acts 2 and Peter’s two epistles. God still had plans for Peter if Peter would repent & trust.
- C. Peter has found a new _____ and in humility gives everything he has to the Gospel message of Christ.
1. Peter has been _____, he is no longer bold in his own power, but bold in the power of the Holy Spirit.
 2. He has experienced a revival and a restoration if you will, **Acts 4:13 – 20**.
 3. The brash Peter stumbled and has been humbled, and now he is bold through the power of the Holy Spirit; no longer living in the _____, but living in obedience to the Word.
 4. The only sin God does not forgive is dying having rejected Jesus Christ as one’s Savior, all other sins are forgivable. The question is can we forgive ourselves for disappointing our Lord and allowing self-pity to render us useless.
 5. If we truly love the Lord our God, and we want to experience revival, admit we love Him, ask to be forgiven and claim **I John 1:9** believing and get busy doing right!