

YOUTH SUNDAY: TURN IT UP

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INTRODUCTION

Survey of

1. HISTORICAL Revivals (e.g. Protestant Movement, Methodism)
 - a. Usually happens during a period of dryness
 - b. Involves intense faith, a movement, and prayer

2. BIBLICAL Revivals
 - a. E.gs: 2 Kings 11-12, 2 Kings 18, 2 Kings 22-23, 2 Chronicles 15, Nehemiah 8-9 and 13, Acts 2-3

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 37: The Valley of Dry Bones

- Coming to life and knowing that YHWH is the Lord
- Context: Israel was dead as a nation, and God gave Ezekiel a vision on reviving the people of Israel

OBSERVATIONS

1. FAITH in Revival
 - a. "Song of Man (referring to Ezekiel), can these bones live?" → Ezekiel's response shows that he acknowledges the sovereignty of God, and his knowledge of who God is (Ezekiel's faith)

2. PROCESS of Revival
 - a. Prophesying to dry bones and to the breath → Revival begins with a step of obedience
 - b. God begins with the physical structure (i.e. dry bones), and then the spirit of the structure (i.e. the breath) → like the church: it is not just the infrastructure and the people, but the spirit of the church that matters.

3. PROMISE of Revival
 - a. Ezekiel 37:12 – there is a promise of new life (through the blood of Jesus!)

APPLICATIONS

Turn it up

1. In PRAYER: to see revival and keep faith
2. In OBEDIENCE: God wants to partner us and use us for his plans
3. In TIME SPENT with GOD: Hear God's voice and get to know Him better
4. In reading the WORD OF GOD: KNOW the Word of God, instead of just revering it
 - a. We are called as Christians to be abiding to His Word, to have authenticity, embark on a pilgrimage, have integrity, build character, and really BE a Christian.

PRAYER

1. God be WORSHIPPED and GLORIFIED in his temple.
2. AMC will experience TRANSFORMATION in the Heart that will lead to outward REFORMATION.
3. For individuals who are in a season of DRYNESS to turn it into a season of FRUITFULNESS.

QUESTIONS

1. What spoke to you during the sermon?
2. In which area do you think you are lacking in?
3. What steps will you take to turn it up?