

Dear Friend,

It is hard to believe that Christmas is just a few days away, and then the beginning of the new year only a week later. You may be having some of the same thoughts going through your mind that I have going through mine. Perhaps this thought, "I thought we would be in the full-blown revival by now."

One of the main tactics of the enemy is to get our focus on every failure, every delay. When something we have been contending for seems to always be just beyond our grasp, the enemy does all he can to get us into despair and heart sickness.

Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

The goal of the enemy is to get us so discouraged that we simply surrender, by giving up all hope that we will ever see revival like they saw in the book of Acts. But the Word of God is very clear about endurance:

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Does it say, we "might" reap? No, it says ... we SHALL reap. The only condition is this ... DO NOT BE WEARY IN WELL DOING! FAINT NOT! In plain English, DO NOT QUIT!

Both the written Word of God and many of the prophecies received from the Holy Spirit in recent years promise us a mighty harvest of souls in these last days. In several of those prophecies we have been instructed to be "laser focused" on revival.

A friend recently gave me a laser pointer, the kind university professors often use as a pointer on a whiteboard during teaching sessions. When I point it toward a wall, it causes a red dot to appear on the wall. Laser focused means, "focus right there. Do not be distracted by other things. Focus on the red dot."

Revival is what our Lord wants us to focus on, and that means putting into practice all He has taught us about pressing into revival. Things we all know and have been doing for years like ... lots of prayer and study of the Word. It includes all He has instructed us about intimacy with God through worship, prayer, and yes ... fasting.

Like me, your thoughts might include ... "I've been doing those things for years, so where is revival?" Well, if you have been doing those things, don't quit doing those things now. But let me share something I heard from the Holy Spirit only last month. I was actually in prayer while pointing the laser pen at the wall, seeing the red dot and thinking about avoiding all distractions when I heard Him say, "Increase the intensity of the laser."

My little laser pen is very harmless. It throws a nice red dot on the wall, but you could point it at your hand all day and you would never feel it. (I don't recommend pointing it at anybody's eyes,

however.) But it is a very weak laser beam. On the other hand, I have seen documentaries where industrial grade laser beams are used to cut through six-inch sheets of solid steel. That is a laser beam where the intensity is many times the strength of my little laser pen.

I am still asking the Holy Spirit exactly HOW do we turn up the intensity of the laser beam, and so far, the only thing I know is this ... when the devil is trying to discourage us and get us to back down, the Holy Spirit is encouraging us and telling us to TURN IT UP!

As we come to the conclusion of this year and the beginning of the next, let's all DOUBLE DOWN on our prayer time, our worship time, our meditation of the Word time, and even our fasting time.

WE SHALL REAP IF WE FAINT NOT! God did not call us into His army to contend for revival in order for us to quit now. He called us as soldiers because He knows ... WE HAVE NO QUITTING SENSE! We are the remnant. We are the last days army that the prophet Joel prophesied about. Deep within me I hear the lyrics of that old hymn,

"Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war, with the cross of Jesus going on before."

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

Your fellow servant for Christ,

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