

# Why Revival Tarries - Part 4

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*God desires to sanctify His people by truth, and through obedience and prayer, we can experience revival and spread the gospel to our communities.*

**Duration:** 9:21

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:10, Isaiah 6:1-8, Malachi 2:16, Matthew 5:16, Matthew 9:37-38, John 17:17, Acts 1:8, 1 Corinthians 1:18, 2 Timothy 2:21, James 1:22

**Topics:** "Personal Revival", "Sanctification"

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of sanctification by the truth of God's Word, highlighting the transformative power of encountering God's holiness and being challenged to conform to the image of Christ. It shares the impact of personal revival and how being a witness of God's truth can lead to the sanctification of others, resulting in a ripple effect of spiritual growth and mission work. The speaker reflects on a powerful revival experience in a church, demonstrating the fruitfulness of genuine encounters with God and the subsequent transformation of individuals and communities.

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## Transcript

Father sanctify them by your truth your word is truth and then he goes on to say father as you sent me into the world even so I have sent them also into the world and I sanctify myself that they may be sanctified by the truth that has become an incredible standard for my own life.

Do you know one of the ways that God uses to set apart in increasing numbers his people for himself they've somehow got to have a sample they've got to have some Christian leader who has taken seriously the demand for himself to be sanctified by the truth and spends extensive time in the Word of God both listening and hearing and responding and watching God transform them and then they hurry to the people of God and bear witness to what God has just done in their life you heard it mentioned about the Saskatoon revival for a year or a year and a half I prayed with Bill McLeod and several others in his office and I can tell you what happened every time we gathered God dealt with me every time God began to separate this heart unto himself and I found that my life was being profoundly exposed

to the holiness of God to the truth of God and I was being radically challenged to let God conform me to the image of his son and every week when we met and God transformed me I went back and hurried to the church family to bear witness to of the same truth and the same truth touched their lives and they began to be separated unto God for a year and a half God dealt with me and then through my life in the

life of the church now not only did I have that time of cleansing which is absolutely crucial to anybody who delivers the message of cleansing you are a witness of the truth of God and you need to know your people know whether you have designed a sermon or whether you have been transformed from the presence of God and whether the message coming from you comes from the heart of an

encounter with God that happened that week not ten years ago but that week God encountered you and said this is what I want to do in you and this is what I want to do in the people under your watch care and all of a sudden Bill McCloud called me and said Henry that for which we've been praying has happened in our church and you heard what happened seven and a half weeks every night of the week God met his people and the moments of repentance were awesome they went on to three and four and five and six in the morning and so many were encountering the incredible word from Christ repent because the whole kingdom of God is right next to you we had to have three or four other places to meet just to take care of the people who had come under such severe conviction to repent but God let me be

there for ten years afterwards so I could see the fruit of revival it's one thing to go through it and bear witness for the next 20 years but it's quite a different thing to remain where that moment happened and see what God does next and what does God do with a transformed people and you've heard the story that from that little church of ten that I went to that was ready to disband out of that time that church that had never started any mission church or another church we started 38 congregations and we took the spirit of God that was enough and touch community after community after community and Indian Reserve we went to the Native Indian Reserves we were on 17 different reserves and then God began to say you need to call out laborers and he didn't say go to the seminary and ask any

that want to come how did he say to get laborers pray that the Lord of the harvest would thrust forth laborers that church that had never had a college student I baptized over 180 college students and about a hundred of them felt called into the ministry and missions and that little church then established a whole training center to train and equip the laborers what happened a visitation of God for what he wanted to do he wanted not just to touch us he wanted to touch the whole province and from one end of that province to the other I watched God invade town after town was completely changed and one of them was a little town called love in where love Saskatchewan is never had a church in the history of that town they still had gunfights on Main Street but when the Spirit of God precedes

you God put it in the heart of the town council when they heard that we were willing to start a church there the mayor paid a transfer fee and gave us an acre of land on Main Street to build a church out of that came enormous moves of God I've had the privilege not only of watching God prepare me but then through my life and let me ask you is anything happening through your life where's the evidence is it possible for God to do what Jesus said and there be no evidence that God has done it I've often said we're theologically conservative but often practical atheists we believe correctly we just don't practice what we believe we believe in the enormous power and presence of God but we live content not to experience him and we talk to the people of God about the incredible power of God and

yet somehow we don't teach them you've heard me say before that when I as a pastor for more than 30 years heard that God hates divorce I did too have you accommodated to the world have you said well some of them need to be or you understand what you do to God's name in the way you handle divorce in your church you understand that the entire presence and power and might of Almighty God to save all of the power of the cross that deals with sin not only its consequences but its power has the power released by God through the cross become available to marriages that are having difficulty do you know most

marriages and because of sin sin has the power of the cross

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