



## Revival: Jesus Christ in His Rightful Place

*"When I turned to see who was speaking to me, I saw seven gold lampstands.  
And standing in the middle of the lampstands was the Son of Man...."*

*Revelation 1:12-13 (NLT)*

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**Prayer Focus:** The Lord Jesus Christ appeared to the Apostle John and dictated letters to be delivered to prominent churches of that day. For five of the seven churches, the words were ones of correction and challenge. These churches had been so affected by the culture that they had lost their effectiveness for the Lord. They needed to embrace the truth of Jesus so that He could take His rightful place in the midst of the church. Revival will be the natural fruit of placing our desires and priorities back on Jesus Himself. A revived church is a church that is passionately in love with Jesus Christ. When our greatest desire becomes hunger and desperation for Jesus alone, we are experiencing true transformation in our hearts. Jesus walks among the lampstands calling us to Himself. If we have become lukewarm, He wants to restore our passion for Him. If we have compromised with the world, He wants to lead us back into holiness. Where we have tolerated sin, He invites us to repent. Returning to Jesus and putting Him in His rightful place is true revival.

**Day 1:** Read Revelation 1 and worship the Lord for each characteristic He reveals about Himself.

**Day 2:** Confess the ways you have lost a true picture of Jesus and His holiness.

**Day 3:** Ask the Lord to "romance" you back to Himself.

**Day 4:** Give the Lord permission to reveal ways that you have been drawn away from your first love of Jesus.

**Day 5:** Pray that your church leaders will be renewed in their love for and devotion to the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Day 6:** Pray that your church will awaken to the reality that Jesus stands among you and is awaiting your response.

**Day 7:** Pray that churches across your community will turn their hearts and attention back to a renewed love for the Lord Jesus Christ in all His majesty.

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## Transformation: Jesus in our midst

**O**ur God is on the move today! The power of God in transformation is being felt in hundreds of communities around the world. The frequency and intensity of this movement of transformation continues to increase in those communities where the conditions of 2 Chronicles 7:14 are being sought after and met:

*“...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”*

This growing desire for transformation is being echoed in churches— and among intercessors, leaders, and ordinary people who long for God to make a difference in their communities. The tendency, however, is to allow the desire to be overtaken by the drive to “make something happen.”

This subtle shift can result in lowering the standard of true transformation to match our human-set standards. If we lower the standard to an achievable level, we can then substitute programs for God’s power. We mistakenly believe that our best ministry efforts will usher in transformation. This misses the most critical truth of transformation: *that Jesus must be fully in our midst.*

### **The Presence of Jesus**

In communities where true transformation is happening, the common denominator is that believers become desperate for the *manifest presence* of Jesus Christ. They are willing to give up everything to seek Jesus with longing hearts. Only Jesus can truly restore broken families, heal the hurting and abused, and bring peace and safety to their communities. The presence of Christ changes *everything!*

How do we come to such a place of desperation? Only the Holy Spirit of God can birth and fan into flame that kind of passion and longing. Through the Holy Spirit we discover the truth of Jesus Christ Himself. As you pray through this prayer guide, may you fall more deeply in love with the Lord Jesus Christ. May you long for Him with a greater fervency and desire than you have ever known. As you invite His presence through a repentant heart and a contrite spirit, you are welcoming Him into your church and community as well.

True revival and transformation will go beyond heart change into societal and community change. It will be a complete awakening to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and a celebration of His authority and life-giving power. When He comes in His manifest presence into your community, everyone will know that ***Jesus is in your midst!***

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As we pray about transformation; we need a common definition of what a truly transformed community might look like:

### **A transformed community is:**

- A neighbourhood, city, or nation whose values and institutions have been overrun by the grace and presence of God.
- A place where divine fire has not merely been summoned, but has fallen.
- A society in which natural change has been disrupted by invasive supernatural power.
- A culture that has been impacted comprehensively and undeniably by the Kingdom of God.
- A location where Kingdom values are celebrated publicly and passed on to future generations.

### **Community transformation is indicated when:**

- Political leaders publicly acknowledge their sin and dependence on God. (2 Kings 11:17-18; 23:1-3; Jonah 3:6-9)
- New laws, curricula, and business practices are put into effect. (2 Chronicles 19:4-10; Nehemiah 10:31)
- The natural environment is restored to its original life-nurturing state. (Leviticus 26:4-5; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Ezekiel 34:27-31)
- Economic conditions improve and lead to a discernible lessening of poverty. (2 Chronicles 17:3-5; Psalm 144:13-14; Isaiah 60:5-7; Amos 9:13)
- There is a marked change in social entertainment and vices as Kingdom values are integrated into the rhythm of daily life. (Ezra 10:1-4; Nehemiah 8:10, 16-17; Acts 19:17-20)
- Crime and corruption diminish throughout the community. (2 Kings 12:13-15; Nehemiah 5:6-12; Isaiah 60:17-18)
- Volunteerism increases as Christians recognize their responsibility to heal and undergird the community. (Isaiah 58:10-12; 61:1-4)
- Restored hope and joy leads to a decline in divorce, bankruptcy, and suicide. (Nehemiah 12:27-28, 43; Isaiah 54:11-14; 61:3-7; Jeremiah 30:17-19; 31:11-13; Hosea 2:15)
- The spiritual nature of the growing socio-political renewal becomes a hot topic in secular media. (2 Chronicles 20:29; Nehemiah 6:16; Isaiah 55:5; Ezekiel 36:36; Acts 19:17).
- Overwhelmed by the goodness of God, grateful Christians take the embers of revival into surrounding communities and nations. (2 Chronicles 17:9; Isaiah 61:6; Acts 11:20-26).

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