

**SUNDAY**  
**APRIL 17**

Ask God to open the eyes of the 3 and reveal Jesus as Lord and Savior. – Matt. 16:17

Trust God today...and leave the details up to Him. – John 15:5

DAY 21: BE A WATCHER

### **WEEK 3: PREPARING FOR REVIVAL**

This is the last day of our 21 days of prayer for revival. But I hope it is not the last time you pray for revival. We are at the beginning of a new passion and prayer for God's reviving work. God is not finished with us yet. The spiritual wave might appear to have withdrawn, but there is a new wave coming. This last study focuses on those God is asking to watch and pray for a new move of his Spirit that will bring great spiritual blessing and transformation. It is a call to be on the forefront of the preparation for revival – a watcher.

#### **Scripture: Isaiah 62:6-12** **Devotion**

In Isaiah's time, watchmen would be posted on the walls of cities. Their main task was to watch for invaders and to warn the citizens. But sometimes they would be watching for something wonderful like a returning army or an arriving ally. Isaiah figuratively applies this role to those who watch and prepare for the coming Saviour who is going to bless the nation. God has given people this watching role and they need to be continually calling on God. There is to be no rest for the watchers as they prepare for this wonderful event.

As we saw in Isaiah 40, this triumphant arrival of a Saviour for God's people refers to their return from exile, and also to the arrival of the Messiah and also to the return of Christ. But it covers other powerful saving works of Jesus as well. As we move towards God's reviving work, God raises up watchers. Their role is to believe in God's future, pray continually for it, get things ready for what God is going to do, and keep reminding everyone that there is a powerful work of God to come.

I do not like surprises. I have told my family that I never want a surprise party. I like to plan for everything. Don't ask me to do something on the spur of the moment. I will not enjoy it. You see, a lot of my joy comes from anticipating and planning the future. For example, I love preparing for major holidays. Getting ready and anticipating what is coming is almost as much fun as the holiday itself. In this sense I am a "watcher." I get ready for the excitement ahead. I remind everyone of what is coming. I anticipate the future.

God has called many of us to be watchers for revival. He has posted us on the walls and told us to keep pleading with God until he works in revival power. He has summoned us to prepare the way for his awakening by humbling ourselves, praying, seeking God's face, and turning from our wicked ways. He has encouraged us to dream of what will be and to get others excited about God's future blessing. We are the watchers.

And what is our message? "See, your Saviour comes! See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him." We will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the LORD; and we will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted" (62:11-12). Come close, Lord Jesus, in your mighty power. Bless us like never before.

#### **Prayer Response**

Lord if you are calling me, I will be a watcher. I would love to help prepare for revival. I know that you are gracious and powerful and that you want so much more for your people. Help me to believe and pray incessantly. Open the heavens and pour out your revival blessing on me Lord.

#### **Prayer for Revival**

Lord I have read and thought and prayed so much about revival over the past 21 days. I long to be part of it. Please, please, may you forgive your half-hearted people, renew our dependence on you, and pour out your power in us and through us so that our community experiences your love and grace and is transformed. Please revive us Lord.