

# *the* UNEXPLAINABLE *life*

We are in the middle of a series called “The Unexplainable Life.” We’re talking about experiencing a revival in your personal life that makes your life appear unexplainable to others. In your life, they see unexplainable joy and hope, which is inexplicable, apart from the power of God working through your life. So far, we’ve talked about the preparation required to experience personal revival – fearing the Lord. We’ve also talked about the conviction of personal revival, that God can move, and He will move! Today, we focus on one of the most critical aspects of this process – The Cleansing of Personal Revival.

**Key Passage:** Psalm 130

## **Discussion Questions:**

1. What does Psalm 130:1-2 teach us about crying out to God in desperation? Has there been a time when you felt like you were in “the depths” and needed to cry out to God? How did God respond?

Psalm 130:1-2 shows we can come to God even in our lowest moments, crying out for His mercy and help. This desperation reflects an awareness of our need for Him when we are overwhelmed by sin or life circumstances.

2. The psalmist acknowledges that no one could stand if God kept a record of sins (Psalm 130:3). How does this truth challenge how we view our sinfulness? How does acknowledging our sinfulness deepen our understanding of God’s grace? How does this perspective shape our relationship with God?

Acknowledging the depth of our sinfulness humbles us by showing that all have sinned and are in desperate need of God’s mercy. Without His forgiveness, we would be hopeless. When we acknowledge our sinfulness and consider God’s love and Christ’s sacrifice we experience a staggering understanding of God’s grace.

3. Psalm 130:3 declares, “But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.” Why is forgiveness connected to fearing God? How has experiencing God’s forgiveness given you greater reverence for Him?

Forgiveness reveals the holiness and justice of God, reminding us of His power and mercy. It leads us to awe, respect, and reverence for Him.

4. Revival often begins with a conviction of sin. Why do you think personal cleansing is a key element of revival? What steps can we take to experience God’s cleansing? See Psalm 139:23-24 and James 5:16.

Revival requires a restored relationship with God, which starts with recognizing and turning away from sin. Conviction and cleansing open the way for God’s Spirit to work powerfully.

5. Duncan Campbell describes the Lewis Awakening as a time when people were deeply convicted of their sins, even before entering the church. How does this story inspire you to seek personal revival? How can you prepare your heart for personal revival?

This story shows the power of the Holy Spirit to bring transformation and renewal. It encourages us to pray for a similar move of God in our own lives and church.

6. Psalm 130:5-6 describes waiting for the Lord with hope. What does waiting for the Lord in the context of repentance and forgiveness look like? Have you had to wait on God for healing or restoration from sin? What did you learn during that season?

Waiting on God in repentance involves trusting in God's promises and being patient as He works in our hearts. It also means placing our hope in His Word and His steadfast love.

7. The psalmist points to God's "plentiful redemption" (Psalm 130:7-8). How does this truth offer hope to someone overwhelmed by their sin? Have you ever doubted that God could forgive you for something? How does the idea of "plentiful redemption" encourage you?

God's "plentiful redemption" reminds us that His mercy and forgiveness are limitless. No sin is too great for Him to redeem.

8. Conviction is described as being sin-specific. Why is it important for us to be honest and specific when confessing our sins to God? Why are we tempted to resist confessing specific sins in our lives?

Being specific helps us fully acknowledge our wrongdoing and allows us to experience God's cleansing power more deeply. It also fosters true repentance and transformation.

9. Pastor Nick emphasized the power of forgiveness in relationships, including how we often "mark iniquities" by keeping records of wrongs. How does God's example of forgiveness challenge us in our relationships? Is there someone in your life you need to forgive? How can reflecting on God's forgiveness help you take that step?

God's forgiveness is complete and unconditional. It challenges us to release others from past wrongs and not keep bringing them up, even when difficult.

10. Revival requires humility and surrender. What role does the fear of the Lord play in helping us battle sin and experience cleansing? How can you cultivate a healthy fear of the Lord daily? In what ways can this help you overcome sin?

The fear of the Lord reminds us of His holiness and justice, motivating us to turn from sin and live in obedience. It serves as a safeguard against temptation.