

# *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?
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?
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?
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.
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?
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?
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?
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?

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?
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?