

Today, we conclude our series, "The Unexplainable Life." It has been a series on how the Holy Spirit can bring about personal revival in your life. If you're at a place where you really desire a movement of God in your life, the past month has hopefully benefitted you. Throughout this series we've discussed The Preparation for Personal Revival (We talked about getting back to a fear of the Lord), The Conviction for Personal Revival (We talked about how God can move and He desires to move in our lives), The Cleansing of Personal Revival (We talked about the need to return to the Lord), The Yielding of Personal Revival (We talked about, "What I do have, I give to you"). Today, we conclude the series by discussing The Manifestation of Personal Revival.

Key Passage: Acts 4:1-13

Discussion Questions:

1. What does revival mean to you, and how does the passage in Acts 4 challenge or expand your understanding?

Revival is a movement of God where hearts are transformed and lives reflect His power. Acts 4 shows revival as boldness in proclaiming Jesus, the salvation of many, and a heightened awareness of God's presence. It challenges us to consider whether our lives reflect these signs of revival.

2. Peter and John faced opposition to their faith. Have you ever experienced opposition to your faith? How did you respond?

Like Peter and John, many have felt misunderstood or ridiculed for their Christian faith, especially in conversations about Jesus. Our previous responses may not have been bold, but this passage reminds us to rely on the Holy Spirit for strength and clarity.

3. Acts 4:4 highlights that many people came to faith through Peter and John's witness. How can you create opportunities to share your faith in your daily life?

We can share our faith by being open about our relationship with Jesus, showing love and kindness at work or school, and being intentional in conversations about spiritual matters. God can use our everyday life to point others to Him.

4. In verse 8, Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit before speaking. What steps can you take to yield control to the Holy Spirit daily?

We can yield to the Holy Spirit by praying each day, reading Scripture, confessing our dependence on God, and being sensitive to His leading throughout the day.

5. Peter boldly proclaimed Jesus as the cornerstone (Acts 4:11). What does it mean for Jesus to be the cornerstone of your life?

For Jesus to be our cornerstone means He is the foundation of our faith and decisions. It means aligning our lives with His teachings and relying on Him for strength and purpose.

6. Acts 4:13 says people recognized Peter and John as men who had been with Jesus. How can others see evidence of Jesus in your life?

Others can see Jesus in us through our actions, words, love, forgiveness, and integrity. When we spend time with Jesus in prayer and Scripture, His presence naturally becomes evident.

7. Manifestation #1 of revival is people getting saved. What steps can you take to pray for and share Jesus with someone who doesn't yet know Him?

We can pray for them by name, ask God to open their hearts and look for opportunities to have meaningful conversations. We can invite them to church or share how God has worked in our lives.

8. Manifestation #2 is a consciousness of God. What moments have you been most aware of God's presence? How can you cultivate that awareness daily?

Have you felt God's presence in moments of worship, answered prayer, and during personal struggles? We can cultivate such awareness through regular prayer, Scripture meditation, and being still before God.

9. Manifestation #3 is unusual boldness. In what area of your life do you feel God is calling you to be bolder in your faith? What steps will you take to act on this?

Perhaps you feel called to be bolder in sharing your faith with coworkers. You can start by praying for courage and looking for opportunities to naturally talk about Jesus in conversations.

10. Duncan Campbell said revival is costly. What "pet sins" or comforts might you need to surrender to experience personal revival?