



## EPISODE SIX - TRANSFORMING REVIVAL: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE STEVE UPPAL & GEORGE OTIS JR

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### TRANSFORMING REVIVAL AND A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE

"Transforming revival" is more than a blessed meeting - it is the genuine manifest presence of God that spills out into society and changes everything! Old Testament cases of Ezra and Nehemiah speak of revival, starting with prayer and good humble leadership. In the New Testament, Pentecost is an example, with much prayer and preparation, including unity, leading up to it. The biblical roots of our faith are to do with Christ redeeming all things.

Historical examples include the Moravians, who birthed the modern prayer and missions movements. Children were impacted as well as adults. There was an earlier revival among children in Silesia that triggered the Moravian revival. Revival is contagious. Near Stuttgart in the mid-19th Century Johann Blumhardt (see the biography 'The Awakening') was desperate and saw revival that influenced Andrew Murray who then sparked revival in South Africa. In Calle in Colombia a pastor prayed and fasted for 40 days for an appetite for unity that led to revival.

Humility is the single most important thing leading to revival; before you can get to prevailing prayer there needs to be an appetite or desperation. We often resist adjustment because our identity is rooted in a particular way of doing church but it is vital.

There are three stages to revival - 1. the appetite and preparation stage; 2. visitation (an intense and shorter stage) and 3. transformation.

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### KEY SCRIPTURES - WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Read **Col 1:19-20** - how large is your own vision for revival?

Read **Acts 1 and 2** - what will you do to prepare for revival?

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## QUOTES

“The church is not getting the job done by business as usual.”

“If the place isn’t changed then we have not seen the purposes of God develop.”

“We have to be prepared to abandon ourselves .. for something even greater.”

“If we want to stay on the crest of the wave we have to be malleable.”

“We need to be people who walk with God, who can translate and describe this God to the people around us creating an appetite ...”

“When our hunger for the presence of God outranks other appetites transforming revival has begun.”

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## CONVERSATION/REFLECTION TIME - WHAT DO WE THINK?

1. How do we grow an appetite for revival?
  2. What practical steps will you take to prepare for revival?
  3. Why not take the [Life appetites test](#) with a trusted friend and pray over it together?
  4. Watch the video '[The Journey to Transformation](#)' with others and discuss your responses.
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