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Welcome to Saturate 2023. I've got a story to tell you!

Reflections on Last Year's Conference

As a new member of Elim Fellowship as the NextGen Director, I attended last year's Saturate conference with eagerness and anticipation. The experience was truly remarkable, and I found myself engrossed in the event and daydreaming about its future. By the end, I was emotionally spent, having gone through a whirlwind of emotions including thrill, sorrow, excitement, wonder, disappointment, and joy. That very night, I took a moment to pray and share my thoughts with the Lord. I expressed my excitement about what He was doing through Saturate and this generation as a whole. I didn't want to wait months before beginning to seek His guidance for next year's conference. Instead, I sought to start listening to Him right then and there! And true to his Word, He did not disappoint.

A Powerful Revelation:

For two days straight, I hardly slept and prayed fervently. I was overcome by the immense love and kindness of a great God. He had a clear message for me; one that extended beyond the goals for Saturate 2023 or the future of Saturate or my time as director of the NextGen Ministry at Elim Fellowship. It was a personal message for me and it could be expressed in a single sentence:

Prepare for revival!

Anyone who has spent any time around Elim knows this isn't a new statement. This isn't something just given to us now. In fact over 100 years ago in a small prayer room downtown Rochester a young farmer named Ivan Q. Spenser saw a vision of revival that pretty much started this whole Elim adventure. No, it wasn't a new message that God had just given me at all. Only... in fact it kinda was.

A New Chapter Unfolds

What once was familiar now bears a different meaning. As time has passed, a new generation have emerged, and with them comes something exciting. Although this new is not detached from Elim's history, it marks the beginning of an exciting story. God has made it known that He is about to do something new, starting in this next generation and continuing through every generation.

All that to say you are going to see a lot growing at Saturate this year, but the most important thing isn't new at all. It's been building for the last 100 years. However, it's not the past we look to; it's the future! Are you ready?

Enjoy the adventure.

Kevin Neville Elim Fellowship NextGen Director

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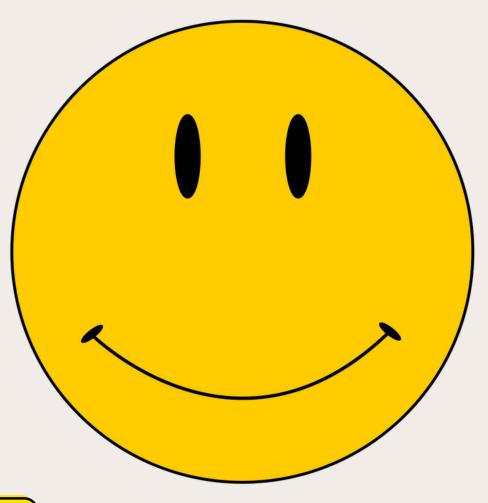
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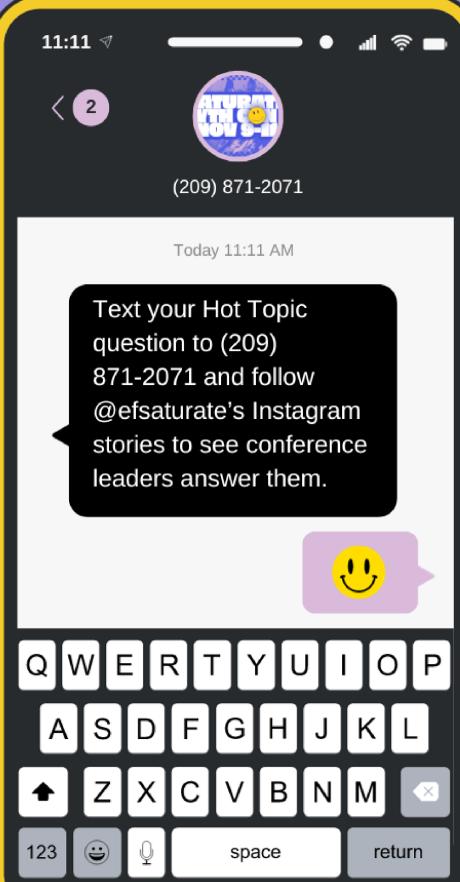




Decide on a goal for this conference. Write it down. Tell it to God and your Youth Leader.



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Thursday

Registration

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Session 1 - Welcome and

Speaker: David Ham

7:00 p.m.

Worship

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8:00 p.m.

Friday

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Session 2 - Welcome and

9:30 a.m.

Worship

TEN TALKS

10:00 a.m.

Session 3 -Breakouts

11:15 a.m.

(Middle School, High School, Leader's Lounge)



12:00 noon Lunch

(Chick fil-a lunch for those who preordered)

Session 4 - "Let's Talk"

1:30 p.m.

THE FLEX GAMES

3:00 p.m.

(the main games)

Dinner

5:00 p.m.

(EBIC Presidential Leadership Dinner for seniors and youth leaders)

Session 5 - The "End

7:00 p.m.

Games"

Worship Experience

Session 6 - Welcome and

7:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m.

Saturday

What is this?



Worship

Speaker: Jess Freda 10:30 a.m.

She's back!
Can't Wait!

Definition of regeneration: the state of renewal, regrowth, or restoration

As a teen or a pre-teen, you are known as Gen Z and the Alpha Generation. Both are the end of the old and the beginning of the new. It's a time of transition, evolution, and change. But something bigger is coming, and your generations have two distinct callings on your lives. One is coming from the Kingdom of Man, and the other from the Kingdom of God. Either way, you are to be the "RE" Generation. You are Gen R!

This Gen R's battle of identity is forefront not just so you know who you are, but so you can see your bigger purpose. If revival is to come to the Church and the world, it must first come personally to those who will bring it. It's time for what is old, stagnant, and cut off to begin restoration, renewal, and regrowth. It's time for what is dead to come back to life. It's time for a revival!

The Kingdom of Man tells this generation that they are...

Rebellious, rejected, removable, reprehensible, resentful, resistive, remorseless, regrettable, reactive, reproachable, and renegades.

Meanwhile, God is telling this generation that they are made to be...

Repentant, redeemed, relentless, resourceful, repositioned, reconciled, revelatory, reconstructed, responsible, remembered, resilient, revolutionary, and resurrected!

For those who are coming in and don't know about or are resistant to the message of Christ, the calling for you is one of **RESTORATION** - to be restored into the relationship God has for you, and receive the calling to be part of something bigger than yourself.

For those who have known a relationship with Christ, but have become distracted by this life, the calling of Christ for you is to undergo **RENEWAL**. Perhaps you have been disillusioned by temptation, brokenness, or the Church, or have just fallen out of passion. This is the time for you to return to your first love.

For those who have been pursuing their relationship with Christ, and are longing to see the fulfillment of all the promises you have been given, the calling is for **REGROWTH**. You long to be part of this "something bigger" and are seeking the path forward. It's time to throw off the hindrances and run the race. You will be pruned, focused, and repositioned for discipleship, leadership, and mission. That is what ReGeneration is all about.

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So read carefully!

YOUTH CONFERENCE GUIDELINES

Purpose of these guidelines is to make sure that our sessions, activities, and free time are fun, safe, and honorable to God and this facility.

- 1. If you find something that seems to have been misplaced or lost, please bring it to one of our Saturate volunteers at the Saturate Cafe. This is also where you can go to claim something that you have lost.
- 2. Cell phones are permitted as long as they are used in an appropriate manner and at appropriate times. Appropriate use during a session includes: look up scripture, taking notes, and most importantly to text home and tell them you're having a great time and you love them!
- 3. Your youth leader must know where you are at all times. All doors are locked during sessions, so if you have to exit the building for any reason, please bring a leader or notify one of our safety team members to escort you.
- 4. When you break it, we buy it. Please be respectful of this facility and their property.
- 5. Please remove and throw away your trash at the end of each session.
- 6. Your rules at home and at youth group followed you here.
- 7. This is your conference. It's your time to meet and experience Jesus and the transformative love He has for you. Please keep yourself from distracting others and being distracted.
- 8. If you're struggling with something, whether it be a thought, habit, a relationship, or you have questions about your walk with God, we encourage you to talk to your youth leader, our Conference Pastors Greg and Melanie Falco, or one of our Conference Directors Kevin Neville or Taryn Thorpe. We are here to listen and pray with you through what you're going through.

9. You are meant to be here!

10. Lastly, pray this "Jesus, I give you permission to completely change my life this weekend. I want to deeply know you and be known by you. I want to be part of impacting my generation and changing the world. Give me the courage to leave behind the things that keep me from honoring you and the boldness to pursue the purpose you are calling me to. Amen."

MEET YOUR SPEAKERS AND WORSHIP LEADERS





David Ham

Pastor David Ham attended Elim Bible Institute and has served at Times Square Church. He is currently pastoring SoulCry Church in Long Island City, Queens. It's a church community committed to reaching the lost, discipling believers and creatively telling the story of God's love. He is married to Tara and has three children Zion, Zéna and Zoe. His family is his greatest joy in ministry.



Jess Freda

Jess Freda attended Elim Bible Institute and is the youth pastor for Freedom Life Church in South Butler, NY. She has been serving in youth ministry for over a decade and has a heart to see God move powerfully in this generation and in this region.



Jacob Gaines

Jacob Gaines is the pastor of Local Vineyard Church, a church plant in Richmond VA. He is married to a wonderful woman named Erin and has three kids Kingsley, Jameson, and Hayden. Originally from Midlothian, VA, he began as a youth pastor where he saw hundreds of unchurched youth come out weekly. His heart has always been to help everyday people learn how to become Jesus Followers.



Josiah Ball

Josiah Ball is the founder of Authentic You Ministries. His goal is to help people see themselves through the eyes of a loving father. Josiah lives in Rochester NY with his wife Abigail. He travels, speaks, writes, and interviews people for his "Your Authentic Life" podcast.



Alex and Christian Kent

Christian and Alex Kent are worship leaders from Rochester, NY. Currently on staff at Encounter Church, they are newlyweds who have each been leading worship for over 10 years. They are passionate about ministering to the Lord and resounding the song of heaven with highest praise and adoration to Jesus.

MEET YOUR HOSTS



JOSIAH BALL

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Josiah Ball is the founder of Authentic You Ministries. He lives in Rochester NY with his wife Abigail. He travels, speaks, writes, and interviews people for his "Your Authentic Life" podcast.





Crystal Bartlett (the kids call her Aunt Crystal) serves as the Short-term Team Coordinator in the Global Ministry Department at Elim Fellowship and Children's Coordinator at Elim Life Church. She is a single parent to her nephew, King who has traveled around the world with her preaching the gospel and training others to share the gospel.



GREG and MELANIE FALCO

Greg is the lead pastor at Elim Life Church. He graduated from Elim Bible Institute and also holds a Master's Degree in Organizational Leadership. Melanie is also an EBI grad and also holds a Bachelors in Biblical Theological Studies and Education. They have been married for 20 years and have 4 kids ranging in age from 18 to 8. They are passionate about worship, prayer, and communicating God's Word in a way that gives people the spiritual and practical tools they need for life. They also love playing board games, eating ice cream, and cheering for the Buffalo Bills.



TARYN THORPE

Taryn is the conference coordinator at Elim Fellowship and director of Saturate. She and her husband live right here in Lima with their three kids, Lyla, Olive, and Renn. She loves a good Millennial throwback meme, trips to Costco, iced mochas, and taking her family to Disney.



KEVIN NEVILLE

Fellowship and the Family Ministry Pastor at Bethel Christian Fellowship. He lives in B. his wife Christie, 3 kids, 2 dogs, and 1 bunny





AT SATURATE 2023?

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Get ready to soak up all the goodness at Saturate! It's the ultimate gathering for to dive deep into God's presence and have a blast. And, this year we're upping the ante with some thrilling surprises! Our goal is to have fun and also strengthen our faith. So, gear up for an unforgettable ride!

The Flex Games: Get ready to flex your competitive spirit with the ultimate showdown. This epic contest runs throughout the conference, with everyone divided into three teams: Red for Elim Fellowship, Green for B.A.S.I.C. Ministry, and Blue for Elim Bible Institute and College. From stage games, to note-taking, individual challenges, group games, and even secret "easter egg" tasks, everything counts towards your team's points. Check out the section in this Field Guide for all the details. And of course the thrilling core of the Flex Games is...

The Flex Games "Main Games": Get ready for a mind-blowing event! If you've been to Saturate before, you know Friday afternoons are all about Leaders' Lounge for the leaders and Epic Recharge for the students. But here's something new! This time, youth leaders and students are joining forces for a wild competition of four main games (*Body, Mind, Soul, Spirit*) in the EBIC gym. Each team racks up points along the way, making it an unforgettable adventure we'll all share.

Leader's Lounge and Breakouts: Ok, Leader's Lounge is nothing new, but it will happen during a new time. We want to spoil our youth leaders a little. We know how much time and effort you pour into your ministry, so we want to give back to you. During the breakouts, we have planned a special event just for you. While the middle and high school students attend their own breakouts and learn from top-notch speakers, we are offering you an opportunity to come together for some fun, fellowship, and food. It's a margin just for you!

Ten Talks: Let's be honest. The Friday morning session can be a daunting one – we're tired, running on little sleep, and our coffee has yet to kick in. Last year, Jess Freda delivered a powerful, God-inspired message that resonated with us all during this difficult time. In that spirit, we want to make the most of this challenging session by presenting something truly memorable. Four of the finest speakers we know will team up to deliver ten minutes of their best with a central message that speaks to every one of us, regardless of generation.

Let's Talk: Youth leaders understand that some of the most meaningful moments happen "*in the margins*". It's not always structured classes or sermons, but rather sitting around a kitchen table with fellow ministry friends, discussing God's love and plans for the next generation. We want to replicate those moments in our upcoming project by bringing together two groups of friends to discuss important topics of faith. And we will be eavesdropping on their conversations!

The Worship Experience: Of all the new things we're doing, this is what excites us the most. On Friday night we're taking things to the next level by offering a worship and ministry experience that's unlike anything we've done before. We'll still have our incredible speakers and messages during Saturate, but we're reserving Friday nights for something different. This is more than just a time of worship – it's a chance to encounter the Holy Spirit and experience all the great things that happen in the margins.

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU!

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These are people are really awesome!

Taryn Thorpe would like to thank...

I wanted to take a moment to thank you all for attending Saturate '23. We truly love hosting you for these 3 days of Saturate and look forward to it all year long. Saturate is my favorite event I participate in. There are many people that I work with that get just as excited for Saturate as I do and I wanted to take a moment to thank them. My planning team not only plans out what we hope to be a memorable and excellent Saturate, but they pour out their prayers over you, too. This team is made up of Aaron Settle, Amelia Neff, Crystal Bartlett, and Bethany Steffen. The truest definition of a dream team. Let's do this again next year, okay team? I also wanted to personally thank all the volunteers who are working behind the scenes. If you see one of these volunteers out in the wild, stop and say thank you to them will you? Lastly, to Elim Life Pastors and Staff for not just hosting us but being part of what we are trying to accomplish here at Saturate Youth Con.

Kevin Neville would like to thank...

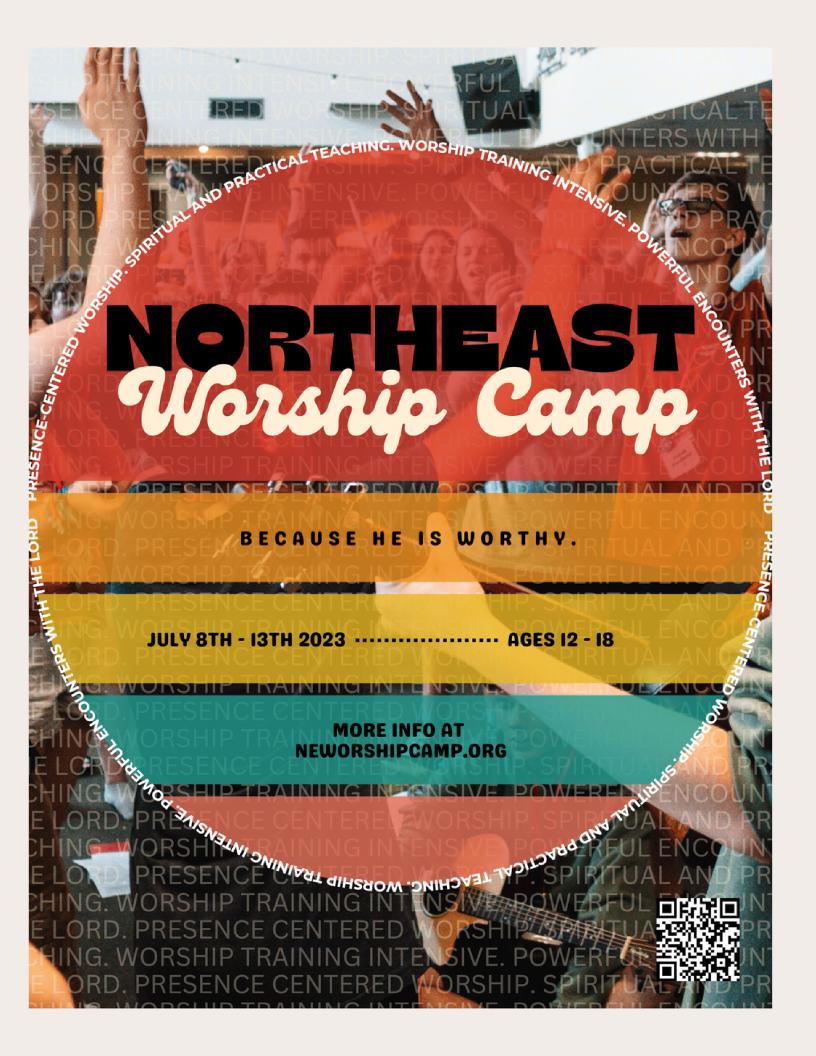
Oh my goodness, just so many people. Starting with Pastor Mark Scorsone who had the vision for this way back over 18 years ago for teens and leaders to saturate in the love of God! This year I had to privilege to work with a vision team made up of Taryn Thorpe, Christa Burket, Max Ramos, Jesse Tanner, Crystal Bartlett, Anthony Palandro, and John Chappell. I am in awe of the work and dedication you guys put into this year! The leadership at Elim Fellowship of Joe Jansen, and Pastor Chris Ball kept us focused. Thank you all!

It was also my pleasure to work with such amazing leaders like Josiah Ball, Cece Rossin (and the entire B.A.S.I.C. team), Shaniah Bell, Ian Laird, Guy Gabriel, and, of course, the EBIC Admissions Director and amazing woman of God, Lisa Waldman.

A standing ovation goes to Taryn Thorpe and her whole Production team who put in so many countless hours with every detail and every decision that had to be made. You guys amaze me!

To all our hosts and speakers, I'm so excited to be partnering with you. Pastors David Ham, Jess Freda, Jacob Gaines, and Josiah Ball, thank you for letting the Lord speak His message through you. To the Kents and the entire worship team for bringing us before the throne of God! To the teams working together on the Ten Talk and Let's Talk, you guys made this year a treasure for me and all of us. And finally, to our hosts at Elim Life Church... Pastors Greg and Melanie Falco have such a heart for this generation that they and their team wouldn't let anything stop this conference from happening! I'm honored to serve the Lord with all of you!

Finally, the students and leaders that make this whole thing worth every sleepless night, long days, and hours in prayer. Thank you for coming and may God move His will through us all!





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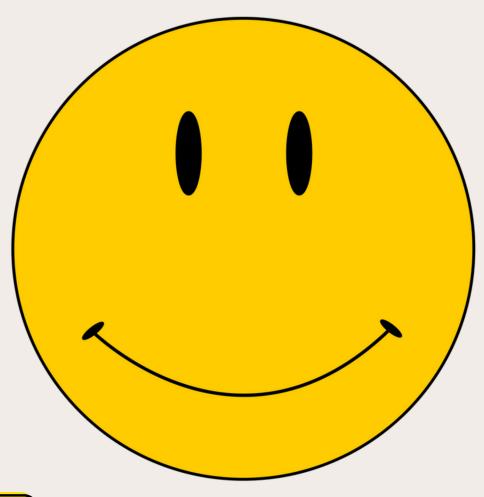


April 1st-5th

MISSIONS TRIP FOR YOUTH GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS. THIS YEAR WE ARE PARTNERING WITH ROCHESTER'S OWN FLOWER CITY WORK CAMP FOR A MISSIONS TRIP RIGHT IN OUR OWN ROCHESTER. STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION AND SIGN UP OPPORTUNITIES THIS DECEMBER!



Stuff 100 May to Write Down!



HELPFUL

If it's good, it needs to be remembered you need to WRITE IT DOWN!



SESSION 1: DAVID HAM Pastor at Soulcry Church www.Soulcrychurch.com



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EBIC PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP DINNER



RECEIVE 20,000 POINTS FOR YOUR TEAM, FOR EACH PERSON THAT ATTENDS!

This is on a first come, first serve basis.

The dinner is completely free and you'll get to connect with Elim staff about the academic programs we offer! As a bonus, if you fill out a pre-application, your official application fee will be waived! So come join us!

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* Sign up at the Elim table



SESSION 2: TEN TALKS





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		Lydia Harrington is a senior in high school from Lima NY. She	
		loves to laugh, get coffee with friends, and worship! She's passionate about living on mission with God, and learning	
	THE TANK	how to joyfully serve Him every day with those around her.	D VA
		Kaitlyn Sanders is a Sophomore at Elim Bible Institute and	7
		College. She grew up on the Elim campus, in a pastoral family, surrounded by faith, but needed to discover God and build a	
		relationship with Jesus herself. After spending five weeks in	
		Bangkok, Thailand this summer, Kaitlyn is exploring God's direction for her future in ministry and missions involvement.	
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SESSION 2: TEN TALKS







Andrew and Hannah met at Camp Judah and reunited at EBI&C years later. They spent time as missionaries in Brazil before joining the staff at Celebrate! Family Church. Hannah is the current Children's Pastor at Celebrate! As of October, Andrew has been promoted to the Lead Pastor of Celebrate! They have one daughter, Deborah Faith.

Jodi Seidler has a passion to see people fall more in love with Jesus and impact their world for Him. Jodi and her husband Alex have spent over ten years in missionary work and has been involved in evangelism, discipleship and church planting. She is ordained through Elim Fellowship and currently serves as the Director of International Growth in the Global Ministry Department at Elim Fellowship.
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SESSION 3: JOSIAH BALL



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SESSION 3: JACOB GAINES



High School Breakout
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SESSION 4: LET'S TALK



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SESSION 4: LET'S TALK



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SESSION 6: JESS FREDA



Pastor at Freedom Life Church
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SESSION 6: JESS FREDA





God doesn't create accidents. God has a plan. The Bible describes Him as the Perfect Author. You have been put where you are, at this time, for a purpose. The enemy's favorite lies to tell us are, "God messed up. Something's wrong. You're missing out. God has forgotten you." There were a lot of young people written about in the Bible who could have felt this way. Most of them probably did at one point. But God walked them through a journey that led to incredible things – in their day, at their young age. God doesn't count us out because we are young. In fact, Jesus Himself challenged adults to become much more like children in their faith, humility, and passion.

A DEEPER LOOK:

Let's take a closer look at a few of these young people. We can learn from their lives and their "yes" to God's plan. Here are some young heroes to study: Samuel (preteen/teenager – *1 Samuel 1-4*) David- (teenage years. – *1 Samuel 16-18*), Josiah – (preteen/teenager *2 Kings 22-23*), Esther (The book of Esther. Most scholars believe she was 14-18 years old) Mary (preteen/teenager: *Luke 1:26-2:40*) Timothy-teenager/young adult – *Acts 16: 1-4*, letters to *Timothy 1&2*)

Questions to ask while reading:

- 1) What was their purpose? / What was God asking them to do?
- 2) What made them stand out among their peers?
- 3) What did their "yes" look like?

WHAT ABOUT ME?

Your next steps are pretty simple.

- Spend time with God and ask "What are You asking me to do?"
- Write it out and maybe even talk it through with a godly person you trust.
- Pray about it. Ask God to fill you fresh to accomplish what He's asked.
- Take action. Take your first steps.
- Stay connected to God through it all don't just go out and do what He asked, take Him with you. You'll need Him to accomplish the tasks at hand.

Remember young person, God's call is for now – not later. He has a purpose for you RIGHT where you are. God's favorite thing is to partner with people. **Will you do it?**

THINGS I DON'T WANT TO FORGET!

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YOUTH AND KIDS LEADERS

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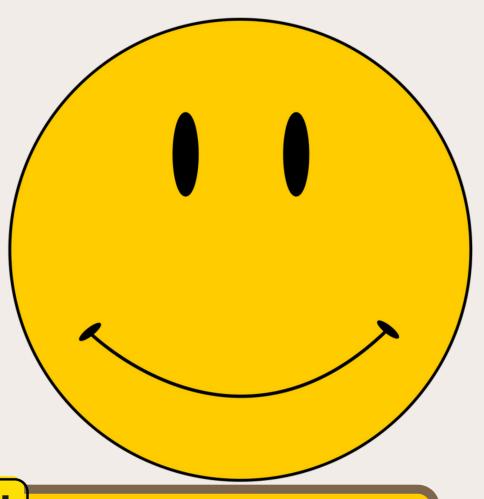
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HELPFUL TIPS

Read all the ways you can get points and make a plan to max it out!



Welcome to The Flex Games



An interactive, conference-wide, team-based challenge new to Saturate 2023!





Welcome to the Flex Games; something new to Saturate 2023. The Flex Games will be a comprehensive challenge against three distinct teams that will continue over the course of the entire conference. It will build up to the Main Games which will take place Friday afternoon and continue till the final challenges Friday evening. Does your team have what it takes to claim the ultimate flex?



Three Teams. Three Ministries

EBIC, BASIC, and Elim Fellowship

These will be the coaches for each team. Elim Bible Institute and College will lead the Blue team, BASIC. Campus ministries will lead the Green team. Elim Fellowship will lead the Red team. Find out more about your coaches and their ministries in the following pages.



Whose Team Are You On?

Were you assigned Red, Green, or Blue Most students and leaders were assigned a

Most students and leaders were assigned a team at check-in. If you were not yet assigned a team, it is based on seating location. Please visit our Flex Games Central booth in the lobby to be given a team assignment.



Points for Everything

Check out the Points Page to see list!

Starting from the moment you walk in, we are assigning points to your team. The Games will conclude Friday night with the winners declared on Saturday morning. Points will be given for a whole bunch of things such as...



Individual Challenges

Included in this very guide (plus Easter Egg and Homework challenges!)

Make sure you check out this guide front to back. There are a number of individual games you can accomplish in it, as well as some Easter Egg challenges. Once you have completed them, bring your guide to Flex Games Central to get your points added and your stamp of approval!



Group Challenges

Included in this very guide (plus Social Media challenges!)

Also, look for the pages that will give you challenges that you will need more than yourself to accomplish. Listen up for the Hosts to tell you of different social media posts that you can be part of to gain points.



Stage Games

Be ready to show your skills to all!

Scattered throughout the conference, our Hosts will be calling for interactive games for individual champions to be played from the stage. Contestants for the games will be chosen by your coaches so be sure to introduce yourself to them soon!



The Main Games

Friday afternoon is your chance to show your skills!

New this year, both students and leaders will be heading to the EBIC gym to compete in four large group games that will test your body, mind, soul, and spirits. Which team will pull ahead?



Let the Games Begin!

Get ready for fun and a few surprises!

You never know when surprise point opportunities will be given so be ready. What are the prizes? Who will win? How do I get more points? All will be revealed at the right time. But tell you what... for a reward for reading all these rules, underline every "s" on this page (for Saturate) and bring it to Flex

Games Central for a bonus **5000** points! See... you're winning already!



Got questions? Please check out the following pages or visit the Flex Games Central booth in the lobby.





MEET YOUR COACHES

THE RED TEAM





Tessa Haney

Since graduating from EBIC, Tessa has worked at Elim Fellowship as Project Manager, as well as the Director of Family Ministries at her home church in PA. From teaching high school math to leading youth group to rock climbing, Tessa loves to pour into the next generation and build meaningful relationships with students - all while having fun! She can't wait to be part of this awesome team at Saturate 2023! Go Team EF!



Bethany Steffen

Bethany has worked at Elim Fellowship since 2018. She works in the accounting and global missions departments, and loves to help out with SATURATE every year! She is married with a son, a dog, and a baby on the way. She grew up in a family of 11 kids and it has caused quite a competitive streak! Basketball is her favorite sport and she enjoys The Office.

ViM FELLOWSHIP

About Your Host Ministry

Elim Fellowship is a missional family made of pastors, missionaries, executives, churches and ministries. We truly are a global movement! The Elim family at every leadership level is dedicated to helping leaders grow into all that God has for them in their life, ministry, and calling. Our mission is to strengthen the leader, to equip the church, and to reach the world. We are a Christ-centered worldwide revival fellowship.



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MEET YOUR COACHES

THE GREEN TEAM



Mike Freeman

Michael Freeman is the dedicated Director of BASIC College Ministries. He has worn many hats in his journey – from student leader to advisor and staff member, and now, the executive director. His passion lies in nurturing the potential of young adults, helping them discover their callings and gifting. Michael's commitment to empowering the next generation is at the heart of his work at BASIC College Ministries.



Cece Rossin

Cece Rossin is a Brazilian who grew up in Japan as a missionary kid. She graduated Elim Bible Institute and College with a Bachelor in Theology and is a Licensed Minister with Elim Fellowship. She is currently working with BASIC College Ministries as their Relations Assistant and Social Media Manager.



About Your Host Ministry

BASIC College Ministries was founded in 1978 with the desire to see local churches used to effectively reach college campuses and to this day we partner with churches to reach campuses to change the world. College students right now represent the lowest number of attendance at churches. The staggering thing is that almost 75% of students who attended church as teenagers will walk away from the Lord in their first semester at college. Basic exists to see that number drop and for you to have a different college experience than the world might say you should have. We know that a community of believers and local churches can help you to thrive in your relationship with Jesus as a college student and to help you walk into bigger things than you may have thought were possible in your life. You don't have to leave high school and follow the same path as so many do, but you can find a BASIC group or even start one on your future campus to see your generation change the world and college campuses across the country.



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MEET YOUR COACHES

THE BLUE TEAM





Shaniah Bell

Shaniah Bell is a 24-year-old Admissions Counselor at Elim Bible Institute and College, where her husband is currently a student. Her goal is to encourage and empower Christians in their faith, so they can more confidently move in their calling and purposes for Christ and His kingdom. Be careful because she is VERY competitive, but if you want to get on her good side, recite a SpongeBob quote to her!



Ian Laird

Ian Laird grew up in the middle of nowhere (Arcade, NY), and after high school felt God leading him to Elim Bible Institute and College, where the one-year program became a four-year bachelor's degree, and now he even works at Elim as the recruiter! He's a worship leader, designer, role-playing game aficionado, and likes emo music, sometimes.



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Encounter God. Discover His Plan. Transform the World.

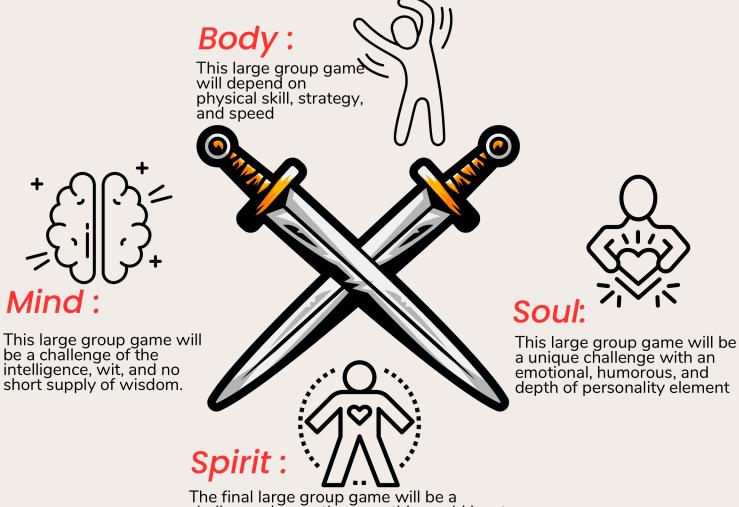
Founded in 1924 and about to celebrate 100 Years, Elim Bible Institute and College is here to prepare Christ-centered, Spirit-empowered servant leaders for global ministry and worldwide revival. There are many Christian colleges granting degrees and broadening horizons, but Elim is different. It's not just about developing skills and acquiring knowledge, it is a training ground for a higher purpose with an emphasis on worship, hands-on ministry and servant leadership.

Elim students study the Bible deeply, develop character through practical ministry experiences, and prepare for a lifetime of serving God. Whether planning to pursue full-time ministry or building a strong spiritual foundation, Elim equips students to do the great works God has prepared in advance for them. We also have many opportunities for our students to pursue business either through our bachelor's in business management or our one- year certificates.



The Ultimate Flex Games Challenges

Friday afternoon at 3 pm is usually the time during Saturate when the leader heads to the Leader's Lounge and the teens head to Epic Recharge. But we're doing it differently this year. Leader's Lounge has been moved to earlier in the day so we ALL can go together for the Main Games which will be the crowning jewel of the Flex Games. Four large group games played as an entire team will lead one team towards victory. And wait till you hear the storyline!



challenge deeper than any this world has to offer it. Let's say it's divinely inspired!

Our Host:

In the same way as the Olympics has a host city, the Main Games will be under the care of our own *Elim Bible Institute and College*. We shall go on an adventure together as we learn just what it takes to respond to God's calling at EBIC for something bigger than oneself.



7 WAYS TO EARN POINTS FOR THE FLEX GAMES

#1 Stage Games

The conference will feature games played on stage, with students selected by coaches to represent their teams. Points will be awarded for each game.

1st Place: 1 million points 2nd Place: 750,000 points 3rd Place: 500,000 points



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#2 The Main Games

Students and leaders will gather at 3 pm on Friday to participate in the Main Games at the EBIC gym, with points awarded during the competition.

BODY Game:

1st Place: 2 Million points 2nd Place: 1 Million points 2nd Place: 1 Million points

SOUL Game:

3rd Place: 750,000 points 3rd Place: 750,000 points

MIND Game:

1st Place: 2 Million points 2nd Place: 1 Million points 3rd Place: 750,000 points

SPIRIT Game:

1st Place: 2 Million points 2nd Place: 1 Million points 3rd Place: 750,000 points

#3 Field Guide **Individual Games**



Here in this Field Guide, you'll discover three exciting games you can play individually. Once you've finished playing, bring them to the Flex Games Central booth to earn team points.

Each game is worth 5000 points.

#4 Field Guide Group Games

Score big points with your team by completing three fantastic group games found in this Field Guide. Get ready to soak up those team points as each game is worth a whopping 5000 points! Don't forget to bring your completed games to Flex Games Central.

#5 Take Note!

Get ready to flex your note-taking skills! Each of our rockstar speakers and breakout sessions has a designated spot for your jottings. How many points will you score? It all comes down to your eagle-eye focus and attention to detail. Aim for the stars, with points ranging from 1000 to a whopping 10,000! Bring your finished notes to Flex Games Central to collect.

#6 Easter Eggs and Social Media challenges

Peep the Easter Egg page Conquer them, flash them to the Flex Game Central gang, and BAM! You'll be rewarded with a mega **5000 points each! Social** media challenges are 5000 points each also.

#7 And More!

Seniors that attend the EBIC Dinner earn an instant 20,000 points! Youth leaders give you point tickets if you do awesome things. You never know what else. So keep your eyes and ears open.





EASTER EGG CHALLENGES

definition: an unexpected or unconventional feature included as a joke or a bonus.

Find 10 Flex game logos hidden around the lobby. Take pic of them if you have a camera (they look like this)

Learn the middle name of three hosts, speakers, or Flex Game coaches



Find somebody who has your same birthday (month and day, not year)











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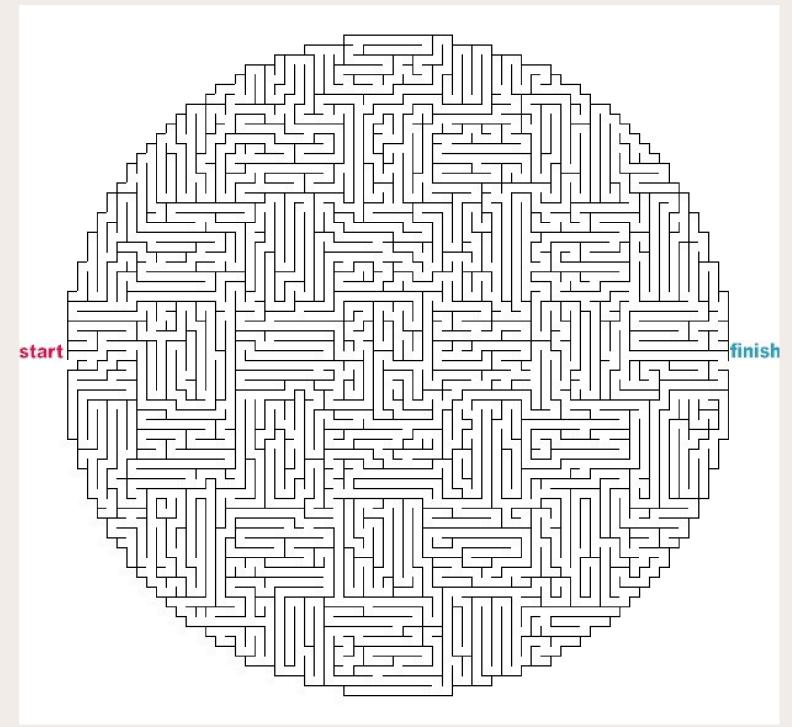
THE GREEN TEAM ONLY...



COME ONSTAGE AND PUSH THE BIG, SHINY, GLOWING

GREEN BUTTON!

INDIVIDUAL GAME #1









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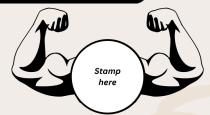
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INDIVIDUAL GAME #2

Get 5 in a row or bonus for ALL spaces

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0 0	Gave a stranger a "thumbs up"	Met someone new	Spun in a circle 10 times	Asked 10 people what this year's theme is	Someone Said "Saturate" onstage	
0 0 0	Gave someone a high five	Taryn on stage	20 Jumping Jacks	Josiah on stage	Used the word "Revival" in a sentence	
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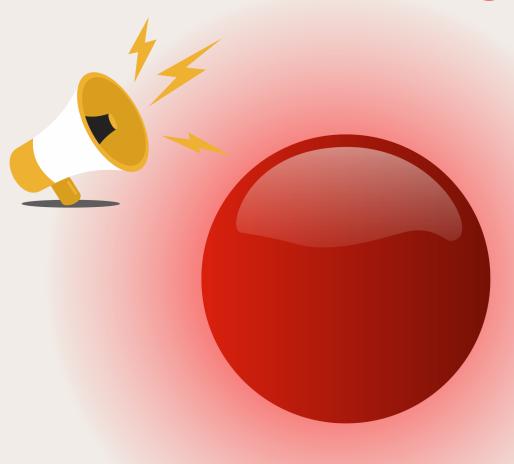
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SOMEBODY PLEASE FROM THE....

THE RED TEAM ONLY...



COME ONSTAGE AND PUSH THE BIG, SHINY, GLOWING

RED BUTTON!



Figure out the Bible Story







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GROUP GAME #1

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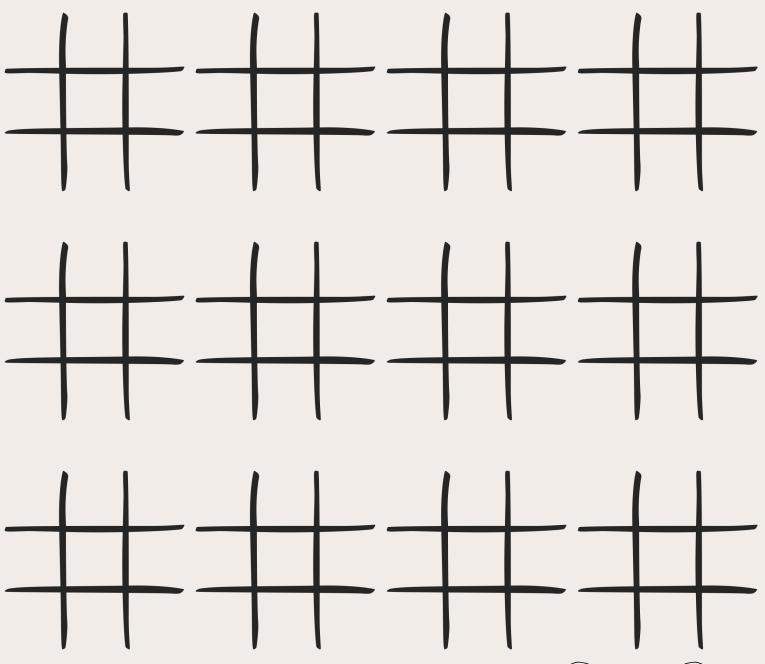
Get 50 people to print their name





GROUP GAME #2

Challenge Yourself: Battle 12 Random Strangers in 12 Games of Tic Tac Toe!









GROUP GAME #3

Snap-tastic Scavenger Hunt!

(No camera? No problem! Grab a buddy who has one or get creative with an imaginary one. It's the honor system here, folks!)

- A group high-five
- Scared face with someone
- Shocked face with someone
- Silly face with someone
- Jumping
- Upside down face with someone
- Barefoot
- Posing with a host
- Pic with the word "Saturate" in the background
- Pretending to read something you're really into
- Holding something blue
- · Holding something red
- Holding something green
- With a Saturate volunteer
- With a Youth Leader you don't know
- Picking up litter and throwing in away
- Making a heart with your hands
- Flexing your muscles with someone

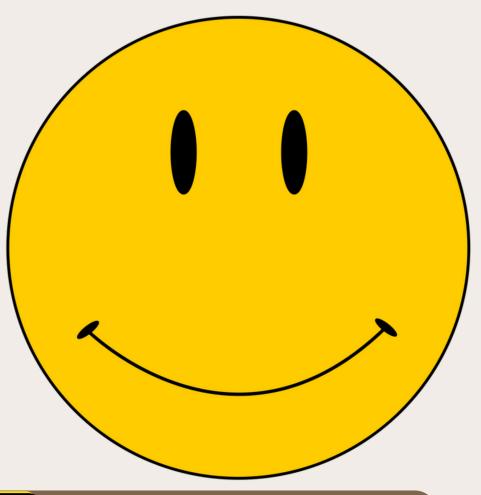


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www.ElimNextGen.org website.

There is going to be growing content in the next few months!



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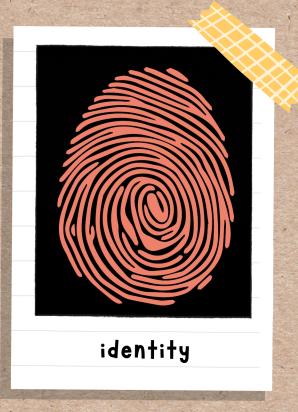
4 week lessons

Saturate 2023
follow up youth
group curriculum

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Four week lessons continuing the adventure of Saturate 2023. From Identity to Revival will follow the teaching of how we are formed into the image of Jesus and called to something much bigger than ourselves.

ReGeneration



= for Youth Leaders!

Restoration

Renewal

Regrowth



Regeneration by definition has three phases; renewal, regrowth, or restoration

Teens and pre-teens are known as Gen Z and the Alpha Generation. Both are the end of the old and the beginning of the new. It's a time of transition, evolution, and change. But something bigger is coming, and these generations have two distinct callings on their lives. One coming from the Kingdom of Man, and the other from the Kingdom of God. Either way, they are to be the "RE" Generation.

Gen R's battle of identity is forefront not just so they know who they are, but so they can see the bigger purpose of which they are called. If revival is to come to the Church and then the world, I believe it will first come through them. It's time for what is old, stagnant, and cut off to begin restoration, renewal, and regrowth. It's time for what is dead to come back to life. It's time for a revival!

This curriculum is for those who are coming in and don't know about or are resistant to the message of Christ. The calling for them is one of RESTORATION - to be restored into the relationship God has for them, and receive the calling to be part of something bigger than themselves.

This curriculum is for those who have known a relationship with Christ, but have been distracted by this life. It is for those disillusioned by temptation, brokenness, or the Church, or who have just fallen out of passion. The calling of Christ for them is to undergo RENEWAL - The place where they find their first love with Jesus has been waiting for them and to resume their calling in the bigger mission ahead of them.

Also, this curriculum is for those who have been pursuing their relationship with Christ and are longing to see the fulfillment of all the promises they have been given. They long to be part of something bigger than themself and are seeking the path forward. The calling is for REGROWTH - to throw off the hindrances and run the race. They are to be pruned, focused, and repositioned for discipleship, leadership, and mission.

It will build its message in five parts. The first (What is the Big Deal About Revival?) is about building the stage for what revival is, why the church wants it, and why should they even care about it. The second (Built for Something Bigger) focuses on the student's divine design and how they were physically, mentally, psychologically, and spiritually crafted to be going after large visions and goals of things bigger than themselves. The third (From Identity to Revival) addresses the connection of how seeking to have our identity founded in Christ is the pathway to preparing for revival. Fourthly, (What is the Re-Generation?) shows how this identity in Christ is very different from the identity the World wants for them.

WHY REVIVAL?

Last year's Saturate theme was "It Matters". That's been spinning around in my head the last few years. What is "It", and why does it matter? As I have been spending time in prayer wrestling with what I believe God is doing in the church... the WHOLE Church, I can't help but firmly believe this next wave is going to be coming through the outpouring of the Spirit through the passion of Gen Z. Before even the outpouring that has begun in Asbury, I felt God saying that it was our job to prepare them for something bigger than themselves; something they are not prepared for yet or even INTERESTED in yet.

But that's what revival is! Revival is becoming passionate and obsessed about something that was dormant, dead, or didn't even exist yet. Revival is taking something that is devoid of life, and seeing life breathed into it. I had an image from God last night as I prayed. I saw God creating Adam from the clay of the earth. He was forming him in His hands, scrupling a head, torso, and limbs, but it was like a child creating with Play-Doh or an artist creating out of molding clay to be put into the kiln. He pointed out to me this was the part of the forming He was doing, getting all the elements of the muscles, neurons, vital organs, and skin ready to do the work and be in the relationship that He intended with His children. All the elements were there and ready to go, and yet life wasn't part of the equation. It was only when He breathed Himself into the lungs that life came, and it came fast.

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Adam experienced REVIVAL.... (Well... maybe not "re", but you know what I mean)
He didn't even know he needed it but once he had it, he was alive! The formation
came first but always with the purpose of bringing life. And this first act of life leads to
even more life.

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This is the powerhouse that I believe God wants us to set up for Gen Z. This is what we need to be spending time setting the stage for. This is what "It" is and why it matters! It seems to have become a growing trend in youth groups that we need to talk about what issues the kids have and find interesting. Are they suffering from depression, let's talk about that. Are they interested in sports, relationships, even how to love God and get closer to Him... all these are great and needed and we know that it only gets better for them when they dive into a relationship with God and start being formed into His image. However, we are starting the conversation in the wrong place. We are trying to start it by trying to pick up what they are slightly interested in, and trying to capture their attention to teach them about what they SHOULD do to grow closer to God. We are missing the preparation for the powerhouse that God wants to do in this generation. Before we can effectively teach the WHAT to do, we must tap into the WHY we should do it and how that WHY can change the world. That's what REVIVAL is all about.

In order to prepare for Revival we first must HAVE Revival ourselves.

For the kids that are coming in without any interest in this whatsoever, or even knowledge of what the heck this is talking about... this is for them. If you are dead, lost, or scared inside, the first thing you need to have happen is you need to be brought to life!

The second thing we need to do to prepare for revival when we have been brought to life is to have the passion that Jesus had when he looked at the people with God's compassion. For the kids that are coming to church and do have a relationship with Jesus, but are focused mostly on themselves and have no strong desire to dive in deeper... this is for them. Revival is bringing their passion for the things of God to life.

The third thing we need to do to prepare for revival is to have the MIND of Christ. We need to care for what He cares for and continue the mission that He came to set up.

For the kids that come in that are growing in their love of Christ, they need to see the bigger picture... THIS IS FOR THEM. They are DESIGNED to be OBSESSED with a cause bigger than themselves. This is the core of the great commission and this is the heart of those who pray and prepare for revival. Revival is bringing their desire to change the world into focus.

And finally, the fourth thing we need to do to prepare for revival is to partner with God as He promotes, prepares, and positions them to share this same life they have with others. This means diving into prayer and worship for the world. This means

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For the kid that has caught the heart of preparing for revival, they aren't happy staying in their church world, but longs to be a force that is activated to change the world.... THIS IS FOR THEM. We need to start giving them the tools, the support, the training, and the discipleship to go deeper in and deeper on!

missions and living the Gospel. This means a passion to be an ambassador for Christ.

All this is the process of being formed but gives the "why" not just the "what"...the motivation behind the calling. This is how we prepare. This is for teens who come in with no desire for anything but "What are you going to do that can grab my attention?" This is for the teens who come in asking "What do you have to give me to help me change the world?" This is for all those teens in-between also. What comes next is the breath of God that brings revival. This is how we innovate. This is how we are formed. This is how we change the world! This is how we prepare for REVIVAL.

*Matthew 24:14, "And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

RE-GENERATION GENERATION

Originally I wanted to call this year's Saturate "How to Prepare for Revival". I had just finished my first book called "Jesusland" which began a discussion on the Kingdom of God and a calling for the Church to dive into it. The tagline for the book is "How to prepare for the next, last, and Greatest Awakening revival". Clearly, I had revival on my mind. It was the beginning of God moving my heart from just one who is looking forward to revival to becoming a revivalist.

However, I noticed something kind of disturbing whenever I would talk about my idea to teach revival. People I have known all my life, and went to Bible School with, and been in ministry with didn't respond with excitement, but rather all but rolled their eyes (and I got a few good solid eye-rolls in the process also). So I asked my friend why this lackluster response. This is what he told me,

"Kevin, you got to understand, we've been hearing about revival ALL OUR LIVES! At Elim it was all about getting ready... here it comes! Every summer we would have revival camp meetings, prayer meetings, and Bible studies focusing on revival. And we always had one unanswered question... Where is it? After a while, it just sort of becomes white noise."

Fair enough. So I took it to God in prayer. He told me one basic truth. He

Fair enough. So I took it to God in prayer. He told me one basic truth. He showed me it wasn't just all of our lives that we have been waiting. It's been all our parents' lives, and our grandparents' lives, and our great grandparent's lives. Yes, we've seen fruits of it; The Jesus Revolution, and the Toronto Blessing are some examples. But where is the third Great Awakening in the same manner that devastated downtown Rochester and the entire region in the best possible way? Where is the new move of God burning so hot they would have to call this the "burnt-over district" once again?

That's when I learned about the Monarch butterfly. How it takes not just one generation to reach its migratory goal, but 4 or 5 generations, and how the butterfly that finally reaches beautiful, warm Mexico is the great-great-grandchild of the butterfly that started out. That made me think about the vision that Ivan Q. Spenser saw in the prayer room of the Rochester Bible Training School; the vision he had 4 or 5 generations ago. The word REVIVAL before his eyes burning with the same fire that lit up Moses' burning bush.

So that's when another friend of mine suggested we call this year "Regeneration Generation" or a generation that is inheriting the calling of God given well over 100 years ago to bring revival to the Church and the country. After all, regeneration is just another way to say revival, isn't it? But it has its own backstory. When I mentioned this to Pastor David Ham, his first response was, "Why say it twice? You're just repeating yourself." Thus it became "ReGeneration" and the adventure began.

Built for Stories and Adventure

So let's dive into this adventure. Two quick tips. The first one has to do with attention span...

Students these days don't have any attention span, do they? I mean it once was 30 minutes, then 20 minutes, then maybe 10 minutes. And then only IF you do something funny or use relating slang for them to grasp onto. It's a tragedy! It's an epidemic! It's also extremely not true in the least.

Let me prove my point. Last week I was listening to a guest preacher. I was trying to be polite as he made his way through his three well-thought-out points. But honestly, I was falling asleep less than 12 minutes into it. Eventually, I pulled myself together, went home, and rewatched the 2 hour and 49 minute extended edition of the Hobbit... again! I even got short with my wife who tried to interrupt when the dwarfs were all leaning against the fireplace singing of their lost gold. Where was my short attention span then?

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The reality is that attention span is only short for those things that could or should be told quickly, or have little interest to us. Where you get an extended edition attention span is when you tell STORIES and tell them well. All that to say, don't minimize the storytelling aspect of this curriculum. I have left room for you to find your own voice and story to tell instead of just providing one. In my mind, this is the most important part (short of the Small Group conversations). Take the time to create it well,

In fact, I have a three-part formula I use to create a good story...

and enjoy it.

Part one - **Get their attention**: Start off doing something unexpected or even bizarre. An object lesson, or a crazy action that tells the audience that this is not the same old same old. Make sure it ties into where you are going and make sure it's a little out-of-the-ordinary!

Part two - Capture their imagination: This is the part many preachers skip over. They might get our attention, but even with a good, weird, and creative idea, the response is always, "Ok, you have my attention. Now what do you have for me?" If you immediately dive right back into the spiritual lesson, you might undo what you have just gained. However, when you get their imagination involved, that's when you go from a boring lecture on the uses of underground houses to dreaming of eating dinner in a cozy Hobbit hole. If you have their imagination, you have their attention span for as long as your story progresses.

Part three - *Inspire their eternity*: You have their attention. You've captured their imagination. This is where you bring to them what you came here for. This is where you show them the pathway to something bigger than themselves. This is where you introduce them to a God that longs to walk and talk with them in the cool of the day. This is where you introduce eternity to them.

One last thing. Enjoy it. If you are having fun, they will be having fun. Oh, and remember... this works with adults too!

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From Identity to Revival



From Identity to Revival





WELCOME AND INTRO:

What do you think about when someone says "revival"? What comes to mind? What would a revival that happened now in your town even look like? Would it change your church? Town? Your life?

These are going to be part of the discussion we have during this series. It seems like such a big deal and looking at the history of when revivals broke out, it really was a big deal every time it happened. The first Great Awakening changed the course of America. The second Great Awakening led by Charles Finney impacted the Western NY/Rochester area so much so they still call it the "burnt-over district"... in other words, the fire of revival burned so hot that they say nobody was left unaffected. So it seems like it would be a good thing, do you agree? People in mass turning to Jesus as their Lord and savior, how could that be bad? But the three questions we are going to look at are:

How does something like this happen? What does it have to do with you? How do we prepare for something like this?

But let's take it one bite at a time. Let's start with this week's KEY IDEA...

KEY IDEA:

REVIVAL ISN'T JUST SOMETHING THE CHURCH WANTS. IT'S SOMETHING GOD WANTS.



WEEK ONE: WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL ABOUT REVIVAL?



STORY-TIME

Prepare a revival story!

Tell the students a story that has to do with your interaction with revival. Maybe it was the way you grew up hearing about it but never really saw it fulfilled. Or maybe you have been in an environment where revival took place. Perhaps you want to share with them something about a revival in the past or recent, such as the move of God in Asbury, the Jesus Revolution, Azuza Street, or even one of the Great Awakenings.

In your story, introduce the concept of "multigenerational migration" with monarch butterflies. Tell them the story from the butterfly's perspective perhaps upon reaching its destination, but how it wasn't you that began the journey. Instead, it was your great-great-great grandparents that began the trip. This is setting the stage about how this generation is picking up on the work done by the last 4 generations, but how things are changing and the calling is to "get ready!"

BIBLE-TIME

Isaiah 43:16-19

This is what the Lord says—
he who made a way through the sea,
a path through the mighty waters,
who drew out the chariots and horses,
the army and reinforcements together,
and they lay there, never to rise again,
extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

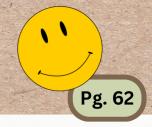
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING

- 1) Why is God starting off reminding the reader of what was done in the past?
- 2) What is the story that God is referring to through the prophet Isaiah about "a way through the sea?"
- 3) Does God really want them to "forget" the great things He did in the past? If not, what does he mean by "do not dwell on the past?"
- 4) What kind of new thing could God be doing? What does a way in the wilderness mean?

From Identity to Revival

WEEK ONE: WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL ABOUT REVIVAL?



A DEEPER LOOK (3 FINGERS)

Finger #1: Spending too much time dwelling on the past can hinder our view of the future.

- George Santayana in "The Life of Reason" wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." This means that not knowing the past or learning from the lessons from the past means we will be more likely to duplicate the mistakes we made. We need to learn the lessons that are there.
- However, we can get so lost in what was that we can not see clearly that there is something greater still ahead of us.
- When it comes to seeing how God moves, just like in the verses from Isaiah, we can get inspiration and hope from the amazing things God did. But let's not stop there. Let's learn about God's promises and revivals of the past, but keep one thing always before us...

Finger #2: God is preparing something NEW?

- What is the definition of revival? If you were to break it down to its very core, what is it promising? Something that didn't have life now has life. It has been revived! This is all about who Jesus is.
- **John 14:6**, "Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
- Matthew 4:16, "The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."
- **John 10:10**, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Finger #3: God wants to use YOU for that something NEW!

- It's nothing new. You know God has a great plan for your life. But what is that plan?
- Well the specifics are still being discovered, but you can be assured that it has to do with what He is calling your whole generation to be part of.
- You are designed to be part of something bigger than yourself. Your brain is designed to do that. Your soul, if you are a Jesus follower, is learning how to be part of that and your spirit is leading the way.
- Over the next few lessons we are going to dive into what that "bigger thing" is, what it has to do with revival.



WEEK ONE: WHAT IS THE BIG DEAL ABOUT REVIVAL?



WHAT ABOUT ME?

So we have revealed that God has done great things in the past. We have seen that God is planning something new for now and in the near future. We have begun to see that God is calling us to be part of something new. The only question left to ask is are you interested in being part of it?

Of course, if you are wise, you will want to ask a bunch of questions first, like exactly what is this new thing going to be. What is expected of me? Why should I care? And finally, even if you're interested, where do you begin? And we are going to go through all of those questions.

But here is the place to start...

Start by being curious. No matter what your relationship with God is right now, you can start by looking into why the God of the universe is interested in working with you. Being curious about this one thing will begin the greatest of conversations. So let's do that!

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, just like you were doing new things in the prophet Isaiah's time, you are doing new things in the world today. The big new thing you were talking about was the coming of Jesus to save us and make a way for us to be with you for eternity. The new thing you have for our generation is people seeing and wanting to respond to that very thing. Let our hearts, eyes, and ears be open to the Holy Spirit while we dive into that very conversation. In Jesus' name. Amen

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- 1. What is God's plan for your life and what does it have to do with Jesus?
- 2. What was the ultimate NEW THING that God was promising through the prophet Isaiah and what does it have to do with Jesus?
- 3. Reread Isaiah 43:16-19. What are your thoughts about these verses? How do they make you feel?
- 4. Does God really want us to forget the past? If so, why did the apostles and even Jesus teach from what God had done in the past?
- 5. What is the real message about Isaiah 43:18?
- 6. Does this message apply to those who don't follow Jesus right now? How so or not?
- 7. Does this message apply to those who follow Jesus but don't really know Him closely in their lives? How so or not?
- 8. Does this message apply to those who spend time with Jesus every day and seek to follow Him in their lives? If so, in what way?



WELCOME AND INTRO:

Have you ever been accused of doing something that was "too reckless?" Has anyone blamed you for being "overly emotional?" What about saying that you acted without "considering the consequences!" How does it make you feel when people imply that you aren't making adult responsible decisions properly?

Okay, let's switch gears a little. Have you ever been told that you're too self-absorbed and too focused on your own needs and concerns... But then you hear about an important cause or large-scale need and all you want to do is to become part of the solution. Have you ever felt the importance of something bigger than yourself that you feel you could just throw yourself into? What are some of those bigger things?

Well, it might interest you to know that all of those scenarios are connected (at least in part) to one very interesting cause. In fact, they are exactly how God designed you and your brain to operate at your age. And all of it has to do with the fact that your brain isn't quite complete yet. In fact, your brain isn't really even fully connected yet! We'll find out what I'm talking about in just a few minutes, but I'll tell you what some of the results of that truth is.

- 1. You are probably not getting enough sleep! (That's right. You're not lazy. Your brain needs it!)
- 2. The desire to take more risks and not think through all the consequences is actually what you are designed to be like at your age.
- 3. The less you find that "something bigger than yourself" causes you to attach your heart and mind, the more likely you are prone to become self-focused and selfish.

But let's take it one bite at a time. Let's start with this week's KEY IDEA...

KEY IDEA:

GOD DESIGNED YOUR BRAIN, BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT TO BE PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER THAN YOURSELF... AND HE HAS JUST THE THING IN MIND!



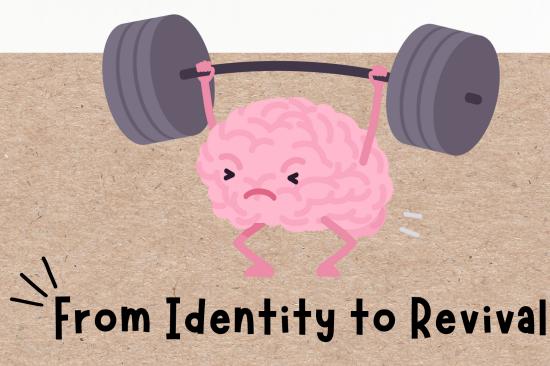
STORY-TIME

Hey Youth Leaders, learn a little about the Pre-Frontal Cortex and the teen vs. adult brain!

Tell the students a story from your own youth. What was it like for you? Did you ever get accused of doing reckless things, sleeping too long, or not thinking of the consequences of all your actions? Not to give them permission to do things unsafe or unwise, tell them stories of crazy times when you took risks and didn't really know why. Tell them about big causes that you were part of at a young age. Tell them stories of your emotions that seemed to be hard to control. Did you know you were designed to be like that when you were that age? Why do you think that is?

Tell them about some of the research about their attaching prefrontal cortex and how that usually doesn't complete its work until they are about 25 years old. The adult brain is more adaptable through its strong connection with the prefrontal cortex to think out all of the ramifications and strategies that a large decision can bring. However, that often brings the weight and possible anxiety that a decision like that could bring with it. Yes, there is more control over emotions since the prefrontal cortex (where we make executive decisions and emotional regulation) has more control over the full brain but the flip side is that we often don't feel things as deeply as we do as a teenager. Our passion for things is often highest during that age, as well as our ability to leap without looking (for good and bad)

It was designed so we could do big things for God NOW! For us to see life when everyone else can only see death.





BIBLE-TIME

Ezekiel 37:1-9

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign Lord, you alone know."

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord."

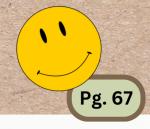
So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live."

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING

- 1) Last time we talked about the prophet Isaiah. This time it's Ezekiel. Both were talking about God bringing life where there was nothing but death. How is this one even creepier?
- 2) Why do you think God was asking Ezekiel questions only He could answer?"
- 3) How does it make you feel imagining you are there in this vision hearing the bones rattle?
- 4) Why do you think God did the breath last? What does it remind you of?





A DEEPER LOOK (3 FINGERS)

Finger #1: Revival is all about something that has no life becoming something that has life.

- Was there a time in your life that you felt that you were "dead" inside? What was that like and what was life like during that time? What happened to change that?
- This story is very much a kinda creepy visual description of revival. If Jesus is about bringing life, this is a visual of how that happens.

Finger #2: Revival happens in steps

- Whether we are talking about revival that sweeps a nation or a personal revival that happens inside ourselves, there are steps we can follow to see how it's done.
- Like the bones, the first thing was the decision to obey God and choose to speak. The first step is making a decision to seek God. Jeremiah 29:13, "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."
- Like the bones, the second thing was watching God display His will with the bones coming together and the flesh returning. The second step is to go to God in prayer, listening to Him speak His will in your life through prayer Psalms 145:18, "The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."
- Like the bones, the third step is allowing God to breathe life into them. The third step is to hear His will and say "I'm in!" Isaiah 6:8, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

Finger #3: Revival is too big for you!

- Okay, and now for the truth. The will of God for your life is too big for you and you're not ready for it. Actually, you can never be ready for it. It's too big and you will fail if you go out and try to accomplish it!
- What? Why even bother?
- You know the saying, "God will never give you more than you can handle?" Well, that's not true
 at all. In fact, the very fact that it's the will of GOD means it's something that can only be
 accomplished by the power of God.
- See that's the best thing about this. While YOU can't accomplish it and YOU aren't ready for it, He's called you to do it with HIM. With HIM, you can not only do it and not only be made ready for it, but it will be nothing short of miraculous!
- This is the very nature of you being made to be part of something BIGGER than yourself.
- This is why you are designed to be passionate about God's will in a way that is the strongest
- This is why you are designed to do risky things that you don't overthink (It's sooooo much easier to overthink with the adult brain! Trust me on that!)
- But all of it happens when we respond to God in a relationship. Then we will be there being used by God when we get to see the dry bones start rattling and the breath of God return to a place that before was dead.
- This is what revival is all about. First to us. Then to the world.



WHAT ABOUT ME?

The fact is that God is God. He can do this without you. If it's His will and He's God, it's going to be done. So why does He want to use you in the first place? Well, think about the very reason Jesus came and died on the cross. He didn't have to do that. He was going to be God forever and the fact that we couldn't be with Him for eternity because of our sin didn't change anything for Him. That is, except one thing. He wanted us to be with Him. He loves us. He wants to be in a relationship with us. He wants the world to know His love and life for them and He wants to show them through us. He doesn't need you. He WANTS you. He wants you because He loves you.

So now the choice is yours.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you told us that we can love you because you first loved us. In the same way, that the prophet had to rely on your power to see the miracle of the dry bones, we rely on you to bring revival to our hearts and to our world. However, in the same way, you chose to make him a part of what your will was, we ask that you do the same in us. We are called to be part of something bigger than ourselves and make that choice. Thank you. In Jesus' name. Amen

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- 1. What part of the symptoms of having a "teen brain" do I most relate with?
- 2. How do you think life will change when you get your adult brain? What are you looking forward to the most/least?
- 3. Why do you think God designed us in this way? How do we lean into it?
- 4. The Valley of the Dry Bones story.... Inspirational or nightmarish? What stood out to you the most about it?
- 5. How did God use the prophet Ezekiel during the whole thing?
- 6. What were the steps God used in that vision to bring life to all the dry bones?
- 7. How does this vision describe what happens during revival?
- 8. What part do you want to play in the will of God in this world?
- 9. Does it excite you? Scare you? Not interest you? Why?



WELCOME AND INTRO:

I have a friend that's big into cosplay. The idea of dressing up with amazing detail to become someone other than yourself is much more than any trick-or-treating event. I think one of the biggest challenges we as humans in a modern society face is exactly "who are we?" Why do you think the greatest battlefield for this generation is taking place in the field of identity? I always think of C.S. Lewis' book, "The Silver Chair". Here is this kid who seems to be a servant and a minion but in reality he's being lied to. He is in reality the prince of the whole country... but he only remembers it for an hour a day and during that hour he finds himself tied up and unable to do anything about it. This is exactly what our enemy wants for you. His will is that you don't know or forget what your real identity is, and in case you remember, to have you so distracted and bound up that you can't do anything about it.

But there is a bigger truth that's being told by a bigger God that we need to get our heads around

- 1. You are made in God's image and for God's purpose. That doesn't mean we are gods, but rather that (if we choose) we are God's. Do you see the difference there?
- 2. Your identity is not based on your feelings, your wishes, your character, or your imagination. Your identity is based on who you were made to be and by the one who made you.
- 3. Your identity is being called to grow and develop; to advance and become more tomorrow than it is today. That is because your identity is to be formed in the image of Christ. In other words, the more you get to know Him in a relationship, the more you will become more like Him. In other other words the more you know Him, the less you will be who your enemy wants you to be and the more you will be like your Creator wants you to be.

That's a lot first thing. Let's start with this week's KEY IDEA...

KEY IDEA:

YOUR IDENTITY IS TO BE FORMED IN THE IMAGE OF JESUS AND YOU HAVE A PURPOSE THAT IS ATTACHED TO THAT IDENTITY... REVIVAL!

WEEK THREE: FROM IDENTITY TO



BIBLE-TIME

Romans 8:26-39

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING

- 1) What is our weakness and how does the Spirit help us in it?
- 2) So the Holy Spirit both searches our own hearts AND knows the mind of God. How does that help us?
- 3) What does it mean that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are "interceding" for us?
- 4) How is someone MORE than a conqueror and how do we become that? Also, what are we conquering?

WEEK THREE: FROM IDENTITY TO



A DEEPER LOOK (3 FINGERS)

Finger #1: It is the will of God that we find our identity

- The path to finding out who we are is always a journey.
- The journey to becoming more like Jesus is called **DISCIPLESHIP**.
- Do you know who knew all about the journey to identity through discipleship? The Disciples!
- Jesus told Peter exactly who he was, and who he was going to be the moment we meet him in the Gospels. (Luke 5:10)
- Jesus continued to tell Peter who he was becoming as Peter grew in discipleship (Matthew 16:18)
- The job wasn't even finished when Jesus restored Peter after the resurrection. But it was this part of the journey that Peter was starting to get it. (John 21:15-19)
- Peter, receiving the Holy Spirit, finally stepped into his identity in Christ. (Acts 2)

Finger #2: It is the will of God that we become like Jesus

- Your identity is your choice! Now don't get me wrong. I didn't say who your REAL identity is is your choice. However, there are two plans for who you are going to be... the will of God, and the will of this World and the enemy. One leads to life, but is not easy. One leads to brokenness and death, but often the way our selfishness wants us to go.
- You get to choose whose image of you you are going to listen to. But only by choosing God's way will you become what you were truly made to be.
- The way of God will ALWAYS ALWAYS make you more like Jesus. So if you want to know more about who you are, learn more about Jesus.
- In fact, the way to learn more about Jesus is to KNOW Jesus. That means spending time with Him. How do we do that?

Finger #3: It is the will of God that we experience revival

- What is revival again? It is taking what is dead, broken, or void of life and bringing life into it.
- If this happens on a personal level, it's a personal revival. If this happens in a city or a community, it is a larger revival. Both have the same bottom line. What once was dead is now alive.
- In order for you to be part of a revival for your community, God will always take you through a revival of yourself. God wants to work through you being made in His image, not just you because you are a good speaker, or can sing like the angels. It is always the will of God that what happens through you first happens in you.
- When you have a personal revival, you start to look like Jesus! I mean not the long flowing hair and the cool beard. But when people look at you they are amazed at how you do more than speak the words of God, you live it also.
- Personal revival is all about knowing the love of God and reflecting it to others.

WEEK THREE: FROM IDENTITY TO



WHAT ABOUT ME?

Every revival that swept a people group, a nation or the world first had a humble start. They all began with men and women, teens, boys, and girls praying to God. First, the prayer was for them to get right with God themselves. Then the prayer became how they wanted God to be reflected in them. Then the prayer became how they wanted to see God move in the lives of people who were desperate for something better than they had. Finally, it became praying that God would move in their communities in revival and anyway, He would use them for it was fine. They chose step by step to step up to the journey and adventure that was ahead of them.

And here's the real secret... they were no more powerful or skilled or loved by God than you. However, we don't do it to become the hero to the world. We do it because that's what Jesus wanted and we are becoming like Jesus. Are you ready?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, we want to be like you. We want to think like you act like you, and love like you, and want the same things God wants. We want revival in our own hearts and lives and in our family, friends church, and world. We pray this knowing you do too. So we choose your way. Show us how our identity in you will lead to your will being done in revival. In Jesus' name. Amen

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- 1. What stood out the most during our youth leaders' story of finding their own identity
- 2. In the Romans reading, just what does it mean that the Spirit intercedes for us with wordless groans?
- 3. How does God work all things for the good of those who love Him? We've all seen some pretty bad things happen in the lives of people who loved God!
- 4. What is your reaction to knowing that it is the will of God for you to find your identity? What does that mean?
- 5. What happens if I mess up in the search for my identity? What happened when Peter messed things up by denying his own identity as a friend of Jesus?
- 6. What exactly does it mean to be formed into the image of Jesus? Does that mean you don't get to keep anything that makes you uniquely you? You just have to be a clone of Jesus now?
- 7. How is identity in Christ and revival linked?
- 8. How is it a journey from one to the other?
- 9. Is this a journey that you want to take? Where do you begin?



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WELCOME AND INTRO:

I gotta be honest... when I hear the term "regeneration" what comes to mind is an image taken from the story of Frankenstein. I know that's a bit scary for some, but just the image of a monster cobbled together from a number of dead bodies being raised high above the floor of a mad scientist into a stormy sky. And then when the lightning strikes the monstrosity all you can hear is the twisted doctor below yelling "Live, LIVE, LIIIIIIVVVVVVEEEEEE!!!!"

Alright, so that might be a rather bizarre example of regeneration, but the basic definition is there. Something was dead or lifeless and it "regenerated." However, we are not going to talk about good of Frankenstein and his abnormally-brained monster. However, we are going to dive into the definition of regeneration today and talk about how it applies to YOUR generation.

One definition of regeneration states that it is "the process of renewal, regrowth, or restoration" (I like those because they are all "re" words - which will fit in well

- 1. Regeneration is for those who don't know about or are resistant to the message of Christ. The calling for you is one of **RESTORATION** to be restored into the relationship God has for them, and receive the calling to be part of something bigger than themselves.
- 2. Regeneration is for those who have known the relationship with Christ, but have been distracted by this life. It is for those disillusioned by temptation, brokenness, or the Church, or who have just fallen out of passion. The calling of Christ for you is to undergo **RENEWAL** The place where they find their first love with Jesus has been waiting for them and to resume their calling in the bigger mission ahead of them.
- 3. Regeneration is for those who have been pursuing their relationship with Christ and are longing to see the fulfillment of all the promises they have been given. They long to be part of something bigger than themself. The calling is for **REGROWTH** to pitch off the hindrances and run the race. You are to be pruned, focused, and repositioned for discipleship, leadership, and mission.

So Regeneration is for everyone, but there is a specific calling towards Revival (another "re" word) that will work in your specific generation. Let's start with this week's KEY IDEA and then talk a little about generations...

KEY IDEA:

THIS GENERATION HAS BEEN TOLD THEY ARE MANY THINGS, BUT IT'S ONLY THE THINGS THAT JESUS TELLS US THAT TRULY BRING LIFE. YOU ARE THE RE-GENERATION!

WEEK FOUR:

WHAT IS THE RE-GENERATION?



STORY-TIME

Learn a little about the generation gaps

Tell the students a story from your own experience that really emphasizes the differences in the different generations. Perhaps it's a story from when you were a kid dealing with someone from the Boomer or Silent Generation. Maybe it was when you were older dealing with a Millennial or Gen Z. Perhaps it was a music-style argument you had with a stubborn Gen X'er. Point out some of the benefits and challenges that the different stories bring out about the generations living, working, and worshipping together.

BIBLE-TIME

1 Timothy 4

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon their faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth. For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

If you point these things out to the brothers and sisters, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. Physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance. That is why we labor and strive because we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all people, and especially of those who believe.

Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching, and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given to you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

WEEK FOUR: WHAT IS THE RE-GENERATION? WHAT IS THE



QUESTIONS TO ASK WHILE READING

- 1. Who is the author of this advice and who is the receiver? What is going on that the writer can speak into the life of the reader?
- 2. What value over physical training does Godliness have?
- 3. What verse in this ready have you heard before? What does it mean?
- 4. How do you watch your life closely?

A DEEPER LOOK (3 FINGERS)

Finger #1: No matter what your age, for good or bad, you are part of the RE Generation

- However, who you listen will determine to how your life turns out.
- The world and the enemy will try to convince you that you and your generation are Rebellious, but Jesus wants to call you to live a life that's Repentant. What's the difference between the two?
- The world and the enemy will try to convince you that you and your generation are Rejected, but Jesus wants you to be Redeemed. How does that happen?
- The world and the enemy will try to convince you that you and your generation are Regressed, but Jesus wants you to find out that you are Relentless. How does that happen to you?
- The world and the enemy will try to convince you that you and your generation are Renegades, but Jesus wants you to have a purpose in the change you bring, making you a Revolutionary. What's the difference between the two?
- The world and the enemy will try to convince you that you and your generation are being Removed, but Jesus wants you to know that through Him you are Resurrected. Why is that so much better?

Finger #2: It is the ReGeneration that will change the face of this world

- There has never been a generation with as much change potential as Gen Z... that is until the Gen Alpha comes on the stage fully.
- However, God uses one generation to reach the next. Although He will use all generations to do this, no one will be more effective in reaching the next generation than the one immediately ahead of them.
- Gen Alpha will be the biggest and the most influential generation this world has ever seen. They might just look like kids in elementary and preschool right now, but the world is going to be changed by them. And it's YOUR calling to see how that is going to play out.
- In the same way that the Apostle Paul spoke into the life of Timothy, is the same way that one generation speaks revival to the life of the next generation.



A DEEPER LOOK (CONTINUED)

Finger #3: You as the ReGeneration have the calling of the biggest RE word of all... Revival

- What is revival again? It is taking what is dead, broken, or void of life and bringing life into it.
- It only can happen fully through the lives of those who come to terms with exactly what Christ has for their own life.
- It's when you reject the "re" curses that the enemy has for you and you learn and live in the "re" blessings that Christ has for you, you can truly see the calling you have to a mission bigger than yourself.

WHAT ABOUT ME?

What about you indeed? You are no longer just Millennial, Gen Z, or Gen Alpha. You are now Gen R. Yours in the generation that is called to this world at this crucial time. It's not you that brings revival. Only God can do that. However, we've seen every step of the way, God is calling you to be part of it. 100 years ago Ivan Q. Spenser was given a promise of revival and a task to prepare the next generation to prepare for it. They prepared the generation after them. They prepared the generation after them. And here we are, like Paul preparing Timothy for the work of the ministry, our generation is preparing your generation to follow God and change the world. Ready?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, lead us in preparing ourselves and others to do your work. We are the Generation you have called to know our identity in Christ and the renewal generation and the righteous generation. We are to be the relevant, redeemed, responsible, and resilient generation. We are to be resourceful, reconstructed, and resurgent. And with the leading of the Holy Spirit, we are to be the revival generation. Do it, Jesus! In Jesus' name. Amen

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- 1. What does Paul mean when he says that in later times some will abandon the faith? How can that be seen today?
- 2. What does it mean to be part of the ReGeneration?
- 3. How do we train ourselves to be holy, as Paul instructed Timothy
- 4. What are some of the "re" descriptions that the world and the enemy try to get us to believe? Which one stood out to you? What other ones can you think of?
- 5. What are some of the "re" descriptions that Jesus wants us to believe? Which one stood out to you? What other ones can you think of?
- 6. How do we become what Jesus wants us and not what the world and the enemy want us to be?
- 7. The three words that are used to describe the word "regeneration" are RESTORATION, RENEWAL, and REGROWTH. Which one do you feel you are called to explore?
- 8. With everything we have learned in this series, what about revival makes the most sense to you?
- 9. Are you ready for what God has for you? Where should we begin?

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WHAT NEXT?

Now that you've begun to look deeply into the connection between being made in the image of Christ, and being called to revival both personally and in our communities, where do we go from here? These are clearly only scratching the surface of both topics. But it's becoming clear that there is a connection between why God calls us to become more like Jesus and what the impact to the world will be.

Two directions from this point would be of great value. The first is diving into how we see our identity in Christ grow and thrive. The second would be to explore how God has moved in revivals in the past. Both topics are part of the whole.

Pastor Jessica Freda during her teaching at this year's Saturate emphasizes the importance of staying connected to our power source - the Holy Spirit. In her "What Next" she talks about how every man or woman of God who maintained their influence for holiness in the world did so because they had a continued friendship with God. That means they put in the time for prayer and meditation in the Word. They sought the Holy Spirit in their own personal secret place on a daily and consistent basis. And when the Spirit directed, they obeyed. Prayer, meditation on the Word, and obedience... nothing will lead us to find our identity in Christ more than those.

Dive into how God has moved in revival in the past. Now I know you are remembering when God told the prophet not to dwell on the past, and that is true. But we learn not to live in what God has done, but rather to see the patterns that He has set for for us to adapt. We don't get so caught up in the details that we expect it to happen the same way. God rarely does the same thing twice. But we can see the same patterns that changed things. Prayer and dedication to seeking God's will. Unity of the saints and a life of seeking the will of God. We can learn so much from where we've been, and yet still live for what He is showing us today.

Also, if anything caught your attention, I would strongly advise you to lean into it. Looking at the lessons of the generation and how God is using one to prepare the next is something that always fascinates and encourages me. The wonder of creation and how our developing brain works in sync with our spirit and our soul is another area of personal fascination. As always, one good topic spills into another. Seize the adventure!

And as always, we shall continue the conversation at the next Saturate. See you then and enjoy the process of ReGeneration!

Have you ever been to an art gallery? I love going to local art shows and different museums and things alike. But one of my top experiences was when I went to the MAG at the Cloisters in NYC. I live only 6 hrs from the city so going there happens often, but this one time I went for one thing and one thing only, The Unicorn Tapestries. These tapestries were woven years and years ago and are so beautiful, all of them had unicorns depicted on them, but my all-time favorite one is the Unicorn in captivity. It stands tall and wide. It was a masterpiece I hope you get to visit one day to see them. Ephesians 2:10 says "For we are God's masterpiece" or His workmanship, created for a purpose. If we are a masterpiece then why do we talk so down about ourselves? Like in the beginning of this chapter, I said we call ourselves worthless and unqualified far too often. How can you be this terrible when you are His masterpiece? Its like going up to The Mona Lisa and spitting on it right in front of Leo! That poor man created a masterpiece that is now locked up and has tons of value where people try to rob it all the time. We need to stop spitting on ourselves and realize that we are masterpieces. "Well Josiah a masterpiece wouldn't morally fail" Right, it wouldn't fail if it knew it is a masterpiece. I believe it breaks God's heart in our relationship with Him when we compare ourselves or try to be some other person because anything different from who you were created to be is pointless. He created you a masterpiece, beautiful and all you.

Here's another thing about paintings and artwork. We look at the big picture, not the minor brush strokes that made it a masterpiece. If we go to a museum and you go up to a painting and analyze every single brush stroke or mistake that was made into something beautiful we would be there for hours. When God created you a masterpiece after being one with Him he didn't analyze every part after, he was just like "Awe a painting worthy to be put on the fridge." Imagine God looking at His artwork like we look at it.

"Oh, ew I did that, that nasty brush stroke right there? Ugh why couldn't I have painted it like I did Mother Theresa, now that was a great painting, this one can go in

Masterpiece (con't)



the garbage." Sometimes we view God as someone who is judging us because we are not living up to an expectation that He has on us, so we pin-point every brush stroke wher "God could have done better". This is a big deal. God sees you as perfect and worthy to be put on the fridge because He painted you a masterpiece, oh, and that so-called mistake you think He painted, that's one of His favorite brush strokes because it was a part of creating the masterpiece called you. He sees past your mistakes and sees you as a masterpiece.

The previous is a segment from Josiah Ball's book "Authentic You."

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When I was in my second year of Bible college, I traveled to NYC with my class for 6 weeks of intense ministry. Despite working outside my comfort zone, I was looking forward to living in the city for 6 weeks. Being from a small town, I was looking forward to seeing what it was like to live in a place with more than one stoplight and to be surrounded by all the excitement and enrichment a place like that can offer.

If I am being completely honest, and since I am writing about truth I probably should be, what I was most excited about was China Town. You see, this was during a time when if you were a girl with a Chanel purse, you were something special. I wanted that purse, I needed that purse, and the first day off I was givenI had one thing to do. As soon as I got there I was approached by a man who had the photo of the exact Chanel bag I had come for. It was destiny. I followed this man for at least 5 blocks to his "store" where he revealed the bag I wanted, hidden behind a wall. I believed wholeheartedly that this purse was 100% authentic. It had to be, since it was hidden. I made up a story in my mind where this man had a team that must have stolen these bags off the Chanel ship that comes over from Europe, probably Paris, and I was going to be okay with this stolen bag being mine because it meant that I was finally the owner of what I had wanted for so long. Now you know, and I now know, that this purse was 100% fake. But I bought into the lie because I wanted so badly to believe it.

Since the garden of Eden, the enemy has been luring people away from truth, telling them they'll feel special, powerful, important if they chase after what they desire. But I pray that your generation be a generation marked by authentic truth. A generation who knows it, values it, and builds their life on it. A generation that refuses to buy into the fake versions that are fervently trying to pull us away. We are living in a time where people are sacrificing truth with counterfeit replicas in order to satisfy their own selfish needs and wants.

Paul wrote about this in 2 Timothy 4:2-5

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Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

To be a generation marked by authentic truth you must be a generation that seeks truth, stands on truth, and speaks truth. Be active in The Word and hold up everything to what it says. My prayer for your generation is that when the temptation to justify your sin arises, you know to speak and stand on God's words and not your own.

Eventually I had to accept that my bag was a fake because of where it came from, the cost, and its durability. An authentic version would have come from its creator, cost more, and hold up even after years of use. Truth won't make you known but will lead you to know God, and in a world that seems to be in constant chaos and confusion, to know the Author of Truth feels like the sanest choice we can make.



I am the conference coordinator at Elim Fellowship and director of Saturate. I love planning conferences for Elim Fellowship and Saturate is my favorite! My husband and I live right here in Lima with our three kids, Lyla, Olive, and Renn. I'm an unlikely leader who loves Jesus and wants to be used by Him. My prayer is for this generation to know Truth, stand on Truth, and speak Truth with love and boldness. I love a good Millennial throwback meme, trips to Costco, iced mochas, and taking my family to Disney.

Isn't God Supposed to give me what I want if I do what He wants?

There are so many nice things to have and to do today. One person alone can own a laptop, a phone, a tablet, a video game set, a camera, a TV, headset, earbuds, and still want more. These things are very nice and sometimes can be important to our every day lives: We need our laptops for school and work, our phones to keep in touch with family and friends, a TV to keep up with the world... all these things are good things, and its not bad to own them.

But, if you watch closely to others around you and even yourself, we notice that the more we have, the more we want. There's always a new and updated version of out smartphones being released; there's always the next game coming out; a new season of that show is always around the corner; a headset with a better sound was just announced. There's always the next thing to see, to have, to experience.

And these things can take up so much of our time! You wake up on a Saturday and decide to watch a few episodes of your favorite show to relax after a long week at school, and before you know it, the sun goes down and the day is over!

But no matter the good or bad outcome of having these things, we always want things. From small things of every day like wanting an ice cream on a hot day to big things like having the dream of traveling the world, as humans, we always want things! Have you ever wondered what does the Bible says about that?

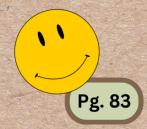
The Bible says a lot of things about the desires of our hearts. The Gospel of Matthew says, "...and whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." (Matthew 21:22). Further down in the New Testament, it says "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19). And another one in Matthew says this: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened." (Matthew 7:7-8).

This is awesome news, right? All you need to do is ask God, and He will give you all the things that you want!

Right? What do you think?

Well, if you know a little bit about God, and a little bit about how humans make mistakes, then you'll know that the answer is "Wrong".

My Heart's Desires (con't)





The Bible teaches us that the heart of Men is deceitful (remember that when we say "men", we mean all humanity). It says so in the book of Jeremiah. What it means is not necessarily that our hearts are always lying, but that our hearts aren't perfect and makes bad decisions all the time. Have you ever made a mistake? Lied to your parents because you wanted something, but deep down you knew it was wrong? Or how about fighting with your brother or sister over the last piece of cake because you wanted it, but deep down you knew that the good thing to do is to share?

See, these are bad decisions that our heart makes because of the things we feel we want. The more you grow up, the bigger these bad decisions become. You may decide to date the wrong person, or to borrow your dad's car to go to a party you know you shouldn't, or even drink alcohol when you know it's not something you should be doing, all because your heart wants it. Letting our heart decide everything that we want is a rebellious thing to do, and even thought those who are not Christian and don't believe in Jesus will tell you that its okay, you must remember that you follow Jesus, and not them.

But, does this then mean that you can never make a good decision? ABSOLUTELY NOT!

You CAN make the right decision. But there is a catch to it. You need to let Jesus help you make these decisions.

And before you get disappointed that God will never give you anything you ask for, remember these words that God told us: "Casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7).

God cares for us, and He wants to give us the best there is. And that is the thing to remember: God will never give us something that is bad for us, that will cause us harm and pull us away from Him.

The most important verse to remember about this is the one that King David wrote in the book of Psalm: "Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart." (Psalm 37:4).

When the Bible tells us that if we ask God He will give us the desires of our hearts, it is telling us that this comes with walking with God daily. It means to spend time with God, to pray and study the Bible to understand who God is. And the more we do that, the more we

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start to want what God wants for us, which are all good things. So when you ask those good things, God will not hesitate to give them to us.

We must remember that there is a timing for everything: just because we pray today for something good, doesn't mean it will appear doorstep tomorrow morning. God knows best, and He knows the right timing. But, He still has good things in store for us, and He is waiting for us to ask Him of those good things!

So make this prayer a regular thing:

"Jesus, there are so many things that I want to do and have. But I don't know if those things are good for me. Will you help me understand what it is that you want for me? Help me see your heart, and help me want only the good things for my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen".

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Did you know that the Monarch butterfly of North America is known to migrate annually up to 3000 miles? That's a long distance for a little fella like that. I mean, as someone who lives in Rochester, New York, I get the draw of wintering in beautiful Mexico. The middle of winter makes me dream of a southern migration myself. But these die-hard little creatures make the journey on frail wings, over tall mountains, through high altitudes, wild storms, and hostile environments. So how does such a small, frail-looking creature make an annual 3000-mile journey without dying? Short answer? They don't.

In fact, it will take the Monarch butterfly up to four or five generations to make one single migration. The butterfly that starts the journey is the great-great-grandparent of the one that finally arrives. Known as multigenerational migration, that's a lot of hutzpah for our little butterfly friend.

There's something we can learn from this, and it's not just the fact that something so small and simpleminded knows that it's better to spend the winter in the sun. It's that sometimes great things happen beyond our own lifetime.

As I'm writing this I'm sitting in a coffee shop downtown Rochester, New York. It wasn't just a random seat I chose to sit in, either. This is the same seat I sat in eight years ago, trying to write a book that didn't want to be written. There was another book that was preparing to be birthed in my heart. I sat there frustrated and lost. I sat there praying. The more I think about it, I think I must have sounded a lot like Job. And a lot like Job, God answered me with a little, "Son, it's time to shut up and listen."

I sit here in Rochester, New York, the home of the second Great Awakening. About a 10-minute walk from here is the location where Charles Finney started to hear from God about something big that was coming. Now, it didn't start with Finney, but it sure saw its outpouring through him. And it indeed started something big that not only overwhelmed the Rochester area, but spread across the country and the whole world as well.. To this day, the entire Western New York area is called the "Burnt Over District" because of how hot and long and indepth the fire of revival in this area was. It was like there was nobody who wasn't deeply impacted. It went on to make ripples across the entire world.

However, as noted in the very title, this wasn't the first time America was impacted by a Great Awakening. Back in the mid-1700s, leaders from England such as George Whitfield had to

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come to America to bring over what they were experiencing as a move of God in their homeland. They were passionate ambassadors of the Kingdom of God and it caught like kindling until it spread over the whole North American settlement. But even in those situations, it didn't begin with Whitfield or his contemporaries. They had the joy of being used by God at the right time and the right place. However it was the end of a long season of preparation. It was the fruit of a tree that had been growing for many seasons. It was the conclusion of a multi-generational migration.

So, if I leave this coffee shop, turn right and go up the street four block I would arrive at the Third Presbyterian Church. It is there that Charles Finney saw the Holy Spirit begin to move in revival. But I don't even have to move to think of another amazing promise of God for revival.

Right across the street, where the TV station now stands, is the location where the Rochester Bible Training School once thrived. One hundred years ago this humble ministry hub burned bright with the Holy Spirit's anointing. Run by the illustrious Duncan Sisters, this little school would also make a significant impact on the region and the world. It would have its roots in what God has been doing in the revival down on Azusa Street in Los Angeles and would go on to produce leaders that helped form the Assemblies of God and other aspects of the Latter Rain movement. Even my own church, Bethel Christian Fellowship in downtown Rochester, just another five-minute walk from my comfortable coffeeshop seat, began 100 years ago by leaders of the RBTS. At the writing of this we just celebrated our 100th anniversary. I'm honored to be four or five generations down from this multigenerational movement.

But something else happened just a little over 100 years ago, about four or five generations past, in that little downtown Rochester Bible Training School. A young farmer by the name of Ivan Q. Spencer was going to school, seeking God for whatever his Lord would will for his life in the Kingdom of God. It was there, locked away in a little prayer room, perhaps with a window that looked out across the street at a building that one day would house a coffeeshop, that God sent him a message. That message from God was this: "I will take My people, disciple them, and use them. There will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit." But that wasn't the end of it. Ivan looked up, and before his eyes was a miraculous vision that makes one think of the writing on the wall of Daniel's era. Before him was written one single word:

REVIVAL

And the word was on fire!

There it stood, written where no visible word should be written, and burning with the same fire that ignited Moses' burning bush. It was insistent and was not to be ignored. It burned with the very fire of the Holy Spirit.



Ivan blinked. The word remained.

Ivan blinked again. The word still remained.

I don't know how long the word insisted upon his vision, but even when it faded it remained a shadow imprint physically on his eyes. He claimed to be seeing it every time he blinked for days. It was like it was burnt on his eyelids.

So what is one to do with such burning bush experience? Well, you begin a multi-generational migration.

Ivan worked for the rest of his life to begin to prepare for the coming revival that God had birthed in his heart. As the days of the Rochester Bible Training School waned he began his own school, following the leading of the Holy Spirit. After migrating from location to location, they finally found a home. And nowhere was more fitting than the facility built in Lima, New York. The very same place that was built to house the biblical training of those who had their lives changed by the ministry of Charles Finney and the Second Great Awakening. It seemed like a home built for the work of revival.

This was God's message to Ivan Q. Spencer as he founded the Elim Bible Institute: "I want you to open a training school for young people for the supernatural ministry for the last hour." Next year, at the writing of this chapter, Elim will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of its founding. 100 years. About the time it takes for four or five generations to be raised up. Four or five generations that learned, worked towards, longed for, prayed for, and sought God for revival. About the time for a multigenerational migration.

As for revival, we've seen it through the generations. The Boomers have experienced what God was doing during the Jesus Revolution. In my own youth and hometown we saw the move of God in the Toronto Blessing. We've seen the tremors coming and going as it seems like God is preparing for something big. Perhaps it will be akin to what Jesus said would happen as the age of Jubilee was beginning to come to an end. He said it pretty bluntly:

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24:14).

So exactly when will this third Great Revival come? Will it be the final one before what happens in Revelation? Will it happen soon? Well, if you're asking me, then you're asking the wrong guy. I can only answer like Jesus did when He told the Pharisees that, in the same way they could discern the seasons by looking at the sky, so too, should we be able to look at the events taking

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place and discern when revival is on its way. My own prayer is, "Lord, let me know the season from your Holy Spirit and teach me to prepare for it."

Preparing for Revival

How do we prepare for revival? I had a pastor friend of mine tell me, "Kevin, if you really believe revival is coming, you will stock up on toilet paper at your church!" I laughed out loud at that bizarre but practical advice. But more than toilet paper, the calling of the Church is to prepare our lives. How does Jesus tell us to prepare in Matthew 24? It's probably no surprise to you at this point that the answer is "The Kingdom of God."

This is how the whole story began, isn't it? Remember back in the beginning of Matthew, before Jesus changed water into wine and hearts back to the Father. It began with the last of the Old Covenant prophets preaching something important out in the desert.

"In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near' " (Matthew 3:1-2).

So how do we prepare for what God has coming next? If you are a hostile foreigner to the Kingdom of God, learn about it and listen to the Holy Spirit's prompting to flee this world's City of Destruction. Let God's will take sway in your life and make the life-altering, destiny-changing choice to become a broken immigrant to the Kingdom of God.

And if you are a broken immigrant, come in joyfully, knowing that all of Heaven is celebrating your citizenship in the Kingdom where the King's will holds sway! And the King Himself? It's been His will for you to come into relationship with Him in His glory from the very beginning. This is the fullness of His will. Immediately your spirit takes on the righteousness of Christ and soon that brokenness you entered with will begin healing. You will find the path to becoming a loyal citizen.

And if you're a loyal citizen, then you are in school! This isn't any regular school. This is the school with one goal only—to make you into the image of Christ. The Holy Spirit will show you how to think like Him, talk like Him, act like Him, and pick up your cross to follow Him. This happens, not because you know about Him, but because YOU KNOW HIM and HE KNOWS YOU. You become like Him because you walk and talk with Him every day. Soon you won't be happy any more just being in school. Soon enough something will begin stirring inside you and you will find yourself with a passion, and a job as an ambassador.

If you are a passionate ambassador you will be sent into the world to show the way to the Kingdom of God. You go into the world no longer the citizen of a doomed City of Destruction.

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Instead you burn with the passion of Christ to see freedom come to those being pulled into eternal death by their overwhelming burden of sin. You are going to them, saying, "Look, my friend. Look up there. Do you see it in the distance? That is another Kingdom. That is the place God has for you. That, my friend, is the Kingdom of God!"

"What do I do to become a citizen in that Kingdom of God?"

"You run, my friend. You run to the path, and the cross, and the King. Run. Run to the Kingdom. We are waiting for you now."

That's how you prepare for the next, last, and Greatest Awakening revival. That's the Kingdom of God.

That, my friend, is Jesusland!

I'll see you there.

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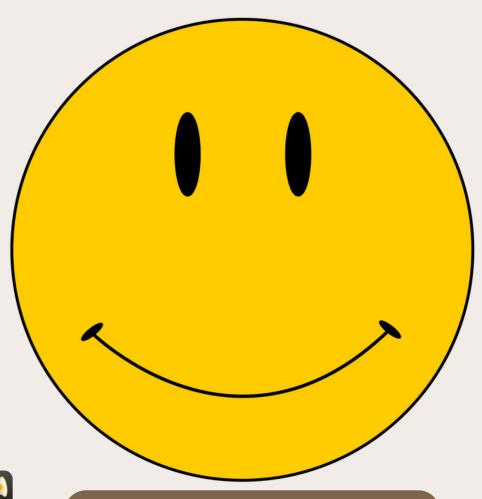




In the next month, what would you like your relationship with God to be like? What practical steps can you take towards this?			
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Schedule a time of day and specific place to pray. Commit to do it for one month!

Tell your friend to ask you about it!

Prayer Journal

The absolute key to both your journey to identity in Christ and being used to prepare for revival is your time in the "secret place". The secret place is wherever you go to be you and Jesus. These prayer journals are provided to help you along that journey. Of course, there is infinitely more you can add to your prayer life, but these can help get you started. Dive in!

Bible Reading and Meditation:

What are you going to read and think deeply about today? Maybe start with a Psalm. Maybe a Gospel chapter! My favorite book to read through is Ephesians. Read one chapter today and record your thoughts here!

Gratitude: What do you have to thank God for today?

Reflection and Worship:

Do you love Him? Tell Him or sing a worship song! Think about yesterday. Did you feel closer or father from God. Talk to Him about it a bit.

Repentance

This means to CHOOSE to turn your direction to be following Him! Tell Him your choice!

Intercession Who are you going to pray for today?

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one

for yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

Confession

We all mess up. But Jesus calls us to live a life of repentance. Be honest with Him now.

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When you are still and listening, He will speak to your heart. What's He saying?

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