

Nine years have passed since “Brother Mickey” graduated to glory. To commemorate his life and eternal impact we have printed a ‘Campfire’ article written by him in May of 1965, just as Dunklin was beginning. -Nick

“The Price of Revival”

Written in May 1965 by Reverend Mickey Evans

“O Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.” – Habakkuk 3:2

In past periods of moral decay and spiritual apostasy, the voice of the prophet has been heard in the land, crying out to God for revival. The prophets would call their back-slidden nations to turn from their idols and turn to God in repentance. When the people heeded the prophet’s message to “humble themselves, and pray, and turn from their wicked ways to seek God’s face,” then God would “hear their prayers, forgive their sins and heal their land,” with a heaven-sent spiritual awakening.

The voice of the prophet is again being heard. All over America, God-called, Spirit-filled men, are lifting their voices to warn of God’s impending judgement upon the sins and apostasy of our nation. God is reviving a remnant of His people who are praying and seeking God’s face for a real outpouring of the Spirit. Their hearts are burdened for real revival. There is no question about the need for revival in America. The tragic increase of crime, immorality, and drunkenness is a sad commentary on our need for a visitation of God’s power and presence in our land. The question is: **ARE WE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE FOR REVIVAL?** The book of Acts sets forth the conditions that must be met and the price that must be paid before revival can prevail in our land.

PRICE OF TARRYING

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, He gave them this command: Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. – Acts 1:4-5

“Tarry ye in Jerusalem until ye are endued with power from on high,” Jesus commanded His disciples before He ascended back into heaven, for He knew that they could not do God’s work without God’s power. Men can organize and promote their religious meetings, but there is no real revival until God’s Holy Spirit moves in the hearts of His people. Modern Christians must learn that revival is not “worked up,” but rather it must be “prayed down.” We must “wait upon the Lord” until our haughty spirits are broken and we are in “one accord” with our fellow Christians...

PRICE OF REPROACH

When real revival begins and the Holy Spirit begins to overwhelm believers with the promised Power, there are always critics who will say that the enthusiastic, spirit-filled disciples are “drunk on new wine.” Another reproach might be the fact that the manner of the Holy Spirit and His method of directing worship would be so anti-orthodox that the unmoved religious leaders might be again heard to say, “They are unlearned and ignorant men.”

A real spiritual awakening in the Biblical style would shatter our status quo spiritually, socially, and economically. The “new wine” would “burst asunder the wineskins” of our ritualism and dead orthodoxy. When the power of God is manifested in real revival, the world will quit “joining the church” and consider spirit-filled believers to be “peculiar” and “pestilent fellows” because they won’t keep step with the fashions of this world.

John the Baptist was beheaded, Stephen was stoned, Paul was imprisoned and our Lord was crucified because they dared challenge the status quo of the dead, dormant religious leaders of their day. We need not expect better reception. The world will call us “foolish and fanatical” but the Lord will call us “profitable servants.”

PRICE OF DISTRIBUTION

“Therefore, they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word...” Real revival would disrupt our little man-made programs. The Holy Spirit is no one’s errand boy. He does not come to energize “our program” but to “use us” to carry out His divine directions. Jesus said, “He that has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches,” but most of our modern churches have mimeographed the program bulletin a week in advance and they have left no place for the Holy Spirit to speak.

Our schedules are “full already” and we have left no room for the “filling of the Spirit.” Revival does not come by the “enticing words of man’s wisdom,” but by the “power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.” (I Cor. 2:4) When the Holy Spirit begins to demonstrate His presence in the church, religious programs will be disrupted, unbelievers will be amazed....and revival will prevail.

“ARE YOU WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE?”

- Mickey Evans

SUMMER CELEBRATIONS

FREEDOM CELEBRATION JULY 2ND, 2023



On July 2nd, our community came together and had our annual '4th of July' festivities. We celebrated our country's freedom, as well as our spiritual freedom with a fun-filled day of games, fellowship, and 'breaking bread' with one another.

Days like these are a blessing to all involved - the men in the program, their families, and our staff. This is one day throughout the year when we get to witness life and life abundantly all around us. Everywhere we look, we observe laughing children, joyful wives, and grateful Moms and Dads.



Recovery ministry is challenging at times and it is easy to get wrapped up in the "issues", however, days like this one reveal all the work the Lord has done. It is humbling that He allows us to be a small part of such an amazing work.

May we never forget or take for granted the true cost of our freedom - a freedom from sin and death "not bought with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish."



KEEPERS OF THE KINGDOM

VBS 2023 JULY 12-14TH

Vacation Bible School was a great time for the young children that live here and those whom attend our church. They were taught the truth about the battle they face between the kingdom of darkness and the kingdom of light.

They were first presented with a tremendous opportunity to be sons and daughters of the Kingdom. This was followed with 3 days of training on how to put on the full armor of God as they engage in the battle. They learned about tools they have at their disposal to fight, defend, and stand for God's Kingdom and their own faith. Now they know that the power that dwells within them is greater than any other power in this fallen world.

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."

