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It's not where you are today that matters most—it is where your life is heading. The way to “head right” in your walk with God is through personal, intimate times of prayer. This guide will take you deeper in your relationship with the Lord over the next twenty-eight days.

As you follow this guide, remember:

1. **Have a quiet time every day where you get alone with God.** This should be a time when you focus your attention on reading the Bible, answering questions, and praying. For the next twenty-eight days, use the following as a guide for your daily quiet time; if possible, be sure to be alone and do away with all distractions.
2. **Keep a spiritual journal.** Space is provided at the bottom of each devotional for this. Write your thoughts on the passages, your prayers, or your dreams.
3. **Be faithful to attend Sunday School and the regular scheduled weekly worship services.** You discover God's will in the future by doing God's will right now.
4. **Be conscious of God's presence in your life at every moment.**

Day 1: FOCUS ON SALVATION

1. Read John chapter 3.
2. Read the following Scriptures and answer “yes” or “no.” **CIRCLE ONE**

Was there ever a time in my life that:

- a. I genuinely repented of my sin? Yes or No (Repentance involves admitting I sinned and I am willing to forsake sin for Christ.)
 - b. I completely surrendered to Jesus as The Master and Lord of my life (Romans 10:9, 10, 13)? Yes or No
 - c. God completely transformed my life and made me a brand new person (II Corinthians 5:17)? Yes or No
3. **Pray.** If you circled “no” to any of the above questions, sincerely repent and surrender your life to Christ now. Ask Him to save you. Pray. Ask God to begin to convict you of sins in your life. Also, talk to your pastor or student pastor about this. Pray for revival in your life, revival in your family, and for revival in the church. (Revival is returning back to total devotedness to Christ.)

Spiritual Journal:

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Day 2: FOCUS ON ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1. Read I John chapter 2.
2. Read the following Scriptures and answer “yes” or “no.” CIRCLE ONE

The following is true about my life:

- a. Am I able to sin without feeling any conviction or concern over my actions (Hebrews 12:6-8)? Yes or No
 - b. Do I love the things of this world (worldly life-styles, music, magazines, etc.) above the things of God (I John 2:15)? Yes or No
 - c. Do I fail to seek God’s will in every area of my life (I John 2:16-17; Matthew 7:21)? Yes or No
 - d. Do I habitually practice the same sin (I John 3:9)? Yes or No
5. Do I genuinely love my brothers and sisters in the family of God? Yes or No
3. Pray. If you answered yes to any of these questions, talk to your pastor or youth pastor about your relationship with Jesus. You can know you are saved! If you have doubts about being saved, confess your sins to the Lord and ask Him to forgive you and to fill you with His Spirit. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church. (Revival is a returning of a Christian back to obedience.)

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Day 3: FOCUS ON GOD’S WORD

1. Read Psalm chapter 119.
2. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.” CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I love to read and meditate upon the Word of God? Yes or No
 - b. Does the Bible change my life? Yes or No
 - c. How much time do I average each day reading the Bible?
____None ____5 Min. ____15 Min. ____30 Min. ____More
 - d. Are my personal devotions meaningful? Yes or No
 - e. Am I growing to love and obey God’s Word more each day? Yes or No
3. Pray. Do you need to confess as sin your lack of reading and studying the Bible? Spend time thanking God for the Bible and make a commitment in prayer to read the Bible more faithfully on a consistent basis. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 4: FOCUS ON PRAYER

1. Read Matthew 6:1-24.

2. Read the following:

It's Happened Before . . . God Can Do It Again!

Life in the big city was always busy; the schedule of such living was demanding on everyone's time. Economy was prospering and the "good life" was close at hand . . . except for the war that loomed ahead. One man saw the city from a different perspective. Amidst the hustle and bustle, the laughter and the parties, this man saw the deep spiritual needs of the people. Jeremiah felt that God would have him be an instrument of change in this metropolitan city. Sensing a burden for prayer, Jeremiah took out a full page ad in the paper advertising a weekly prayer meeting at noon, inviting all who could to come. The first prayer meeting was held on September 23, and for the first 30 minutes, he prayed alone. Then there were some footsteps; for the closing moments of this historic prayer meeting, six men knelt to pray for New York.

On the next Wednesday, they met again as planned, and the number grew to 20. When they met during the first week of October, the men felt they should begin to meet daily for prayer; and so they did. The Fulton Street prayer meetings were underway. What had started as a group of seven men on September 23, 1857, grew to over 10,000 meeting daily for prayer by February of 1858. A wave of revival spread from New York through the Ohio River Valley and on to the West. Thousands met for prayer in cities such as Cincinnati and Chicago. During the next two years, it is recorded that well over 1,000,000 converts were brought into the Kingdom, just before the beginning of the tragic Civil War.

Although many were called to be a part of this prayer movement, one man, Jeremiah C. Lanphier, was used by God to begin the Fulton Street prayer meetings. Today we are aware of the role he played in this Great Awakening that was felt across our country, but, ironically, we do not know when he died, or even where he is buried.

3. Answer the following questions with either "yes" or "no". **CIRCLE ONE**

a. Do I pray with any consistency? Yes or No

b. Are my prayers usually . . .
____ Meaningful ____ Empty Words
____ Vain Repetitions

c. How much time do I spend in genuine heart-felt prayer every day?
____ 5 Min. ____ 10 Min. ____ 15 Min.
____ 30 Min. or More

d. Am I satisfied with my daily prayer life? Yes
or No

4. Pray. Do you need to confess as sin your lack of time in genuine prayer? Spend time thanking God for the privilege of prayer and for what He did for you on the cross to make prayer (conversation with God) possible. Perhaps use the ACTS acrostic to help you in your daily prayer: A for Adoration, or giving praise to God; C for Confession, confessing specific sins to God; T for Thanksgiving; and S for Supplication, which means listing your specific requests to God. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 5: FOCUS ON PRIDE

1. Read Proverbs 8:13, 16:18; and James 4:6.
2. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.” CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I find it hard to ask forgiveness from people I offend? Yes or No
 - b. Is it hard for me to admit when I am wrong? Yes or No
 - c. Do I have a tendency to want credit for accomplishments? Yes or No
 - d. Is it hard for me to go forward at the altar or respond to God’s prompting during an invitation? Yes or No
 - e. Do I defend myself when a fault or sin is pointed out in my life? Yes or No
3. Pray. Do you need to confess “pride” as a sin problem in your life? Ask God to help you see that your self-esteem is not found in yourself or your abilities, but in God’s love for you. As Robert Murray McCheyne said, “God does not bless great talent. He blesses great likeness to Jesus.” Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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DAY 6: FOCUS ON PRIORITIES

1. Read Luke 12:15-34; Colossians 3:1-2; and I Peter 2:11-12.
2. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.” CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I value highly the things that God values (giving, studying the Bible, prayer, witnessing, etc.)? Yes or No
 - b. Do I routinely focus on life from a heavenly perspective? Yes or No
 - c. Number the following in the order of which gets the most of my time on a daily basis:
____ Recreation ____ Reading the Bible
____ Watching T.V. ____ Eating ____ Prayer
3. Pray. Do you need to confess any sins that were revealed to you from today’s Scripture reading? Ask God to help you to stay focused on His purposes for your life. Pray especially today for there to be a spiritual awakening among the unsaved in your community. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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DAY 7: FOCUS ON OBEDIENCE

1. Read I Samuel 15:1-23 and Romans 13:1-7.
2. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.” **CIRCLE ONE**
 - a. Am I quick to obey what God’s Word teaches?
Yes or No
 - b. Do I obey authorities that God has placed in my life? Yes or No
 - c. Do I have a rebellious attitude at times? Yes or No
 - d. Do I believe that partial obedience pleases God? Yes or No
 - e. Can God trust me to do whatever He says? Yes or No
3. Pray. Confess as sin any spirit of rebelliousness towards God or towards authorities in your life. Tell the Lord that you honestly desire to obey Him in every area of your life. Pray today for revival in the church in America. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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DAY 8: FOCUS ON FASTING

1. Read Jonah chapter 3, Nehemiah chapter 1, and Matthew 6:16-18.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.” **CIRCLE ONE**
 - a. Does the Bible teach that Christians should “fast”? Yes or No
 - b. Do I routinely practice the spiritual discipline of fasting? Yes or No
 - c. Should I brag to others about my fasting? Yes or No
 - d. Should I routinely practice the discipline of fasting? Yes or No
3. Pray. If God is convicting you of the lack of regular times of fasting in your past, confess it as sin. Spend extra time praying today for the one who will be preaching during the revival meeting. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

Note: You are asked to choose one day this week and abstain from all foods for at least a meal, and if possible for a 24-hour period of time. You will be asked to do this once every week until the scheduled revival meeting begins. During the time that you would normally be eating, you are requested to spend “extra” time praying for revival in your life, in your family, and in the church. Please write the period during which you will plan to fast: _____

Spiritual Journal:

DAY 9: FOCUS ON GRATITUDE

1. Read Psalm 100; Luke 17:11-19; and I Thessalonians 5:18.
2. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.”CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Would those who know me best consider me to be a thankful person? Yes or No
 - b. Do I spend time most everyday thanking God for specific blessings in my life? Yes or No
 - c. Do I thank God daily for my salvation?Yes or No
 - d. Do I find myself routinely complaining about things? Yes or No
 - e. Do I regularly express “thanks” to others including those who are in my family? Yes or No
3. Pray. Confess as sin a lack of being as thankful to God and to others as you should be. Spend time thanking God for specific blessings. Ask God to help you to become more thankful and less critical. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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DAY 10: FOCUS ON BEING SPIRIT-FILLED

1. Read Ephesians 5:18, Acts 4:8-13. (To be “filled” is to be “controlled” by the Spirit.)
2. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.”CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I daily ask God to fill me (control me) with His Spirit? Yes or No
 - b. Do my attitudes and actions consistently demonstrate to others that I am a Spirit-filled Christian? Yes or No
 - c. Is Jesus Master and Lord of every area in my life?Yes or No
3. Pray. Confess as sin whatever the Holy Spirit convicts you of from today’s study. Sincerely ask God to fill you (control you) with His Spirit. Ask Him to remind you to do this every day! Pray that the Holy Spirit would move in great power upon the church where you worship. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 11: FOCUS ON SIN

1. Read Psalm chapter 51; I John 1:8-10.
2. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.”CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I regularly confess specific sins by name to God? Yes or No
 - b. Am I willing to give up all sin for God?Yes or No
 - c. Is it difficult to confess my sin to God? Yes or No
 - d. Do I sometimes try to justify certain sins? Yes or No
 - e. Do I:
____Enjoy Sin ____Hate Sin ____Not Care
 - f. Is there a particular sin that I keep habitually committing? Yes or No
 - g. Do I sometimes blame others for my sin? Yes or No
3. Pray. Honestly ask God to bring to your attention any sin in your life that is displeasing to Him. The Holy Spirit will be faithful to convict of all sin. Confess (agree with God) all sins that come to mind and purpose to turn away from them today! Ask God to remove the *desire* to commit specific sins from your life. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 12: FOCUS ON FORGIVENESS

1. Read Matthew 5:23-24, 6:7-15; Luke 23: 24-34.
2. What is Matthew 6:14-15 saying about how our willingness to forgive others affects our praying?
3. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.”CIRCLE ONE
 1. Do I have an unforgiving attitude toward anyone? Yes or No
 - b. Is there anyone who has something against me whom I have not approached to seek reconciliation?Yes or No
 - c. Do I forgive an offender *before* he or she asks to be forgiven? Yes or No
 - d. Do I have a grudge against anyone? Yes or No
4. Pray. Forgiving others is often hard, and cannot be done without God’s help. Ask God to help you forgive others as Jesus forgave you. If God brings someone to your mind whom you have not yet forgiven, ask the Lord for forgiveness and for the strength to purpose to seek reconciliation. Ask God to promptly convict you whenever you might be tempted to be unforgiving in the future. Pray today especially for a spirit of unity within the church body. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 13: FOCUS ON SEXUAL PASSIONS

1. Read Proverbs 5:1-14; 6:20-29; 7:1-27; Matthew 5:27-30; and I Corinthians 6:18.
2. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.” CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Am I overcoming lust better with each passing day? Yes or No
 - b. Am I careful not to look at anything that could cause me to lust? (T.V. programs, magazines, the Internet, etc.) Yes or No
 - c. Am I careful not to listen to certain kinds of music which could cause me to lust? Yes or No
 - d. Have I dedicated my eyes, ears, and thought-life totally to Christ? Yes or No
3. Pray. If you are struggling in this area, confess your sin to God. Sometimes it is helpful to share your struggle with a more mature Christian can pray with you about your struggle. Ask Him to give you wisdom about how to best deal with this issue in your life. Recommit your body to Christ and to His purposes. Ask God to help you to remove areas of temptation from your life. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 14: FOCUS ON YOUR WORDS

1. Read Proverbs 10:19; 15:28; 17:27; 18:21; Matthew 12:33-37; and James 3:1-12.
2. Answer the following questions with either “yes” or “no.” CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I often hurt people with my words? Yes or No
 - b. Do I ever gossip? Yes or No
 - c. Do I ever speak unkindly about people when they are not present? Yes or No
 - d. Do my words always please Christ? Yes or No
 - e. Do I need to be more careful about what I say? Yes or No
3. Pray. Confess as sin whatever words God brings to your mind that you should never have said. Ask God to tame your tongue and to help you speak words that would always please Him. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 15: FOCUS ON THE FEAR OF THE LORD

1. Read Proverbs 1:7; Acts 5:1-11.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I have a healthy fear of God in my life? Yes or No
 - b. Do I fear the consequences of my sin? Yes or No
 - c. Am I continually aware of God’s presence in my life? Yes or No
 - d. Do I often realize that God sees my every action? Yes or No
 - e. Do I often realize that God hears my every word? Yes or No
 - f. Do I routinely think about standing before Christ one day to give an account of my life? Yes or No
3. Pray. Ask God to help you to walk in the fear of the Lord every day. Ask Him to remind you often that you are being held accountable for all of your actions, attitudes, and words. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church. Pray that the church would also experience a healthy dosage of the fear of God!

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Day 16: FOCUS ON WORRY

1. Read Matthew 6:25-34; and Philippians 4:6-7.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I often worry about things in my life? Yes or No
 - b. According to the Bible, is it a sin to worry? Yes or No
 - c. Can “worrying” ever make matters better? Yes or No
 - d. Can I trust God and worry at the same time? Yes or No
 - e. Does God want me to worry? Yes or No
3. Pray. Confess as sin your proneness to oftentimes “worry” if that is a problem area in your life. Ask God to help you to trust Him for every need (Phil. 4:19). Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church. Begin to thank God for His desire to bring revival to your life!

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Day 17: FOCUS ON MATERIALISM

1. Read Proverbs 23:4-5; Luke 12:15-21; and I Timothy 6:6-10.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I spend a lot of time each day wishing I had more possessions (cars, clothes, jewelry, etc.)? Yes or No
 - b. Do I believe fulfillment comes from having more possessions? Yes or No
 - c. Am I content with what I have? Yes or No
 - d. Do I thank God often for what I have? Yes or No
 - e. Am I “storing up treasures in heaven”? Yes or No
3. Pray. Do you need to confess “materialism” as a sin to God today? Thank God for what you have; be specific! Ask God to help you to become more content by focusing on what God has blessed you with rather than what you wish you had. Continue to pray with thanksgiving for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 18: FOCUS ON HYPOCRISY

1. Read Matthew 23:1-28. A hypocrite is a play-actor, a fake. In the Christian life, it is someone who talks a certain way at church but acts like the world during the week.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Does what I say about Jesus match how I live each day? Yes or No
 - b. Do I give the appearance sometimes of being “godly” but inwardly I know my heart is far from God? Yes or No
 - c. Does my mind “wander” while I pray or sing hymns at church? Yes or No
 - d. Do I talk and act differently when I am away from church than I do when I am at church? Yes or No
3. Pray. If the Holy Spirit is convicting you of any hypocrisy, confess it as sin before God. Ask God to fill you with His Spirit and to help you to be *real* in your Christian walk. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church. Pray especially that there would be an openness in the church for people to be honest with God and with one another.

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Day 19: FOCUS ON BEING A SERVANT

1. Read Matthew 20:25-28; John 13:1-17.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 1. Do I prefer serving others rather than having others serve me? Yes or No
 2. Do I have to be asked or told to serve someone before I usually do? Yes or No
 - c. Is helping other people a way of life for me? Yes or No
 - d. Do I ever look for ways that God can use me to be a servant at church? Yes or No
3. Pray. The way to know if you have a servant’s heart is to see how you act when others treat you like one. If the Holy Spirit is convicting you about your lack of service to others, confess your sin to God. Ask Him to daily remind you that you are His servant. Thank Jesus for what He did for you on the cross. Continue to pray with thanksgiving for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 20: FOCUS ON LOVE

1. Read Matthew 22:37-39; John 15:9-11; and Revelation 2:1-7.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I love Jesus first in my life? Yes or No
 - b. Do I show my love for Jesus by my obedience? Yes or No
 - c. Do I tell Jesus that I love Him at least once every day? Yes or No
 - d. Would those who know me best be able to testify that they know I love Jesus sincerely? Yes or No
 - e. Do I love my neighbor as myself? Yes or No
3. Pray. Perhaps you need to ask forgiveness for not loving Christ or others like you should. Be sure to tell Jesus that you love Him today. Ask Him to remind you to tell Him that you love Him every day! Continue to pray with thanksgiving for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

Spiritual Journal:

Day 21: FOCUS ON WITNESSING

1. Read Matthew 4:18-19, 28:18-20; and Acts 8:26-40.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Does the Lord expect me to be a witness for Him? Yes or No
 2. Can I truthfully say that I am following Jesus as I ought if I never witness to others? Yes or No
 - c. Have I attempted to witness to at least one lost person within the last week? Yes or No
 - d. Will God hold me accountable for failing to witness? Yes or No
3. Pray. If you have failed to witness to others as you should, confess it as sin to God. Ask Him to make you more sensitive to the opportunities He gives to you to be His witness. Ask Him to make you more compassionate towards those who are lost. Ask Him to remind you often about the reality of hell. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church. Ask God to burden the church for lost souls and to convict the church to become more active in witnessing.

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Day 22: FOCUS ON TEMPTATION

1. Read Proverbs 4:14-15, 23-27, 22:3, 27:12; Romans 13:14; I Corinthians 10:1-13; and Galatians 5:16.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Do I make a conscious effort to avoid being in situations where I know I will face temptation? Yes or No
 - b. Does God want me to get as close to areas of temptation as possible? Yes or No
 - c. Do I consistently experience victory in my life over temptations? Yes or No
 - d. If I obey the Holy Spirit (who lives within me) I will always be able to overcome any temptation? Yes or No
3. Pray. Confess as sin any area of temptation in your life where you keep falling. Ask God to give you wisdom to be able to see the “warning signs” that are often flashing before you approach areas of temptation. Ask God to help you to stay as far away from tempting situations as possible! Thank the Lord for always providing a door of escape in every temptation. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church. Pray that the Holiness of God and the sinfulness of man would be greatly experienced by everyone present during the revival meeting.

Note: Once again you are asked to choose one day this week to “fast” from all foods for at least a meal or a 24-hour period of time. Please write the period during which you will plan to fast:_____.

In addition, you might observe a “television fast” for at least two days, using the time you would have watched the TV to read God’s Word and give time for special prayer needs.

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Day 23: FOCUS ON HELL

1. Read Luke 16:19-31 and Revelation 20:11-15.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Is hell a real place of awful pain and suffering?
Yes or No
 - b. Do all people who go to hell remain there forever with no way possible of ever getting out? Yes or No
 - c. Will all of the unsaved spend eternity in hell? Yes or No
 4. Does my life reflect concern for others, knowing that unless people I know and love repent of their sins and receive Christ, they will spend eternity in hell? Yes or No
3. Pray. Jesus spent much of His time warning people about hell. Thank God (if you are saved) that you don’t have to fear going to hell! Ask God to give you a greater vision of how real hell is. Ask God to really burden your heart for those whom you know that are bound for hell unless they repent and receive Christ! Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church. Pray that God would impress the reality of hell upon the hearts of all of the people who need Jesus.

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Day 24: FOCUS ON THE JUDGMENT SEAT OF CHRIST

1. Read II Corinthians 5:9-11; Romans 14:12.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Does the Bible teach that all Christians will stand individually before “The Judgment Seat of Christ”? Yes or No
 - b. Will I stand before Christ and be held accountable as to how well I did or did not live faithfully for Christ? Yes or No
 - c. Do I think often about giving an account of my faithfulness to Christ at “The Judgment Seat of Christ”? Yes or No
 4. Would I be ashamed if I were to have to stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ tonight? Yes or No
3. Pray. Thank God that if you are saved, you will never be judged and condemned for your sins -- Jesus has already paid the full price! However, ask God to help you remember every day that you are being held accountable for how faithful you serve Christ -- and that you will give an account before Him one day soon. Ask God to forgive you for wasting time being unfaithful at times to Him. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 25: FOCUS ON REPENTANCE

Repentance is turning away from sinful behavior and attitudes, and turning back to God in complete obedience. For revival to occur in your life, repentance is essential!

1. Read II Chronicles 7:13-22 and Revelation 3:14-19.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Can I have personal revival without repentance?
Yes or No
 - b. Can I embrace sin and walk closely with Jesus at the same time? Yes or No
 - c. Are there some areas of sin in my life of which I am now willing to repent? Yes or No
3. Pray. Confess whatever sin(s) to God that He is now bringing to your mind and repent! Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church. Ask God to saturate the revival meeting with a spirit of brokenness and repentance among all who are present.

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Day 26: FOCUS ON THE PRIZE

1. Read Philippians 3:10-14; II Timothy 4:7-8; Hebrew 12:1-3.
2. Read the following and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 1. Do I try to do “just enough to get by” as a Christian, or am I daily seeking to abandon all for Jesus? Yes or No
 2. Do I discipline my life spiritually just like an athlete prepares for a contest? Yes or No
 3. Do I need to remove some things in my life that hinder me from serving Christ with my whole heart? Yes or No
 4. Do I need to forget some things in my past that Satan uses to keep me from living for Jesus? Yes or No
3. Pray. Ask God to give you a growing passion to live for Him. Daily seek to remove anything that hinders you from living a life totally abandoned to God.

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Day 27: FOCUS ON MUSIC

1. Read Psalm 95:1-3, 96:1-4; Ephesians 5:18-20; and Colossians 3:16-17.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 1. Did God create music to be used for His glory?
Yes or No
 2. Do I listen to music that is pleasing to Christ? Yes or No
 3. Would I be embarrassed to have Jesus to listen to my favorite CD? Radio station?
Yes or No
3. Pray. If the Holy Spirit so convicts, ask God to forgive you for listening to music that is displeasing to Him. Thank God for creating music and ask Him to give you wisdom and discernment as to what kind of music you should be listening to. If necessary, get rid of any music which hurts your walk with Christ. Continue to pray for revival in your life, for revival in your family, and for revival in the church.

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Day 28: FOCUS ON REVIVAL

The greatest need that you have as a Christian is to experience genuine revival and walk in continuous revival. Revival is loving Jesus with all of your heart, soul, strength, and mind. Revival is returning back to complete devotedness and obedience to Christ. Revival happens when God’s Spirit breaks your heart over your sin, and you thoroughly repent and humble yourself willingly before Christ.

1. Read I Kings 18:20-40.
2. Read the following questions and answer “yes” or “no.”
CIRCLE ONE
 - a. Am I hungry for personal revival? Yes or No
 - b. Am I hungry to see revival in my family? Yes or No
 - c. Am I hungry to see revival in the church? Yes or No
 - d. Do I know of anything in my life (any sin or area of disobedience) that would cause God to choose not to send revival to my life, to my family, or to the church? Yes or No

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