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La Jolla Christian Fellowship
Holy Spirit Revival: Ep. 1 “And If”
2 Chronicles 7:14
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And if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Context of this passage: The fire of God had fallen upon the temple

When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ²The priests could not enter the temple of the LORD because the glory of the LORD filled it. ³When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the LORD above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, “He is good; his love endures forever.”

Isaiah 43:2 When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.

- God’s fire symbolizes presence
- God’s fire **Purifies** **1 Peter 1:7** So that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- God’s fire gives **Light**
- God’s fire **Consumes Sacrifice**

The secret ingredient of Revival is “IF”

“Revival often starts with a sparking of God’s people for holiness and spreads from there.”

The Initiatives of Revival

Humility
Prayer
Seeking
Holiness

The Results of Revival

**Hear
Forgive
Heal**

Food for the journey: Questions to help you go deeper

1. Part of the reason that revival does not come upon God's people and our society is that we have accepted worldliness as an allowed ingredient in our spiritual life. Where has subtle worldliness crept into your life?
2. This verse talks about four ingredients for revival. They are Humility, Prayer, Seeking God's face and Holiness. Do you regularly operate in all four and if not which are needing attention?
3. What does it mean to desire holiness? Can that be developed or is it just a gift that God needs to give you?
4. What would a healed land look like?
5. God says that he will hear, but often we are not asking. What things do you perhaps need to start asking for?