



# Lord Please Send A Revival: Part 6: A Revival Of Commitment

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# Recap

- ▶ Faith is what we know God will do...even when we can't see it for ourselves.
- ▶ We walk by faith and not by sight—because God is leading us—so our sight is not important.
- ▶ We acquire, accumulate, and grow our faith by hearing and believing the Word of God—our study is absolutely necessary.
- ▶ Revised faith casts out demons, moves mountains, and achieves the impossible—all through Christ Jesus!

# What Is A Revival?

- ▶ Revival: an improvement in the condition or strength of something; an instance of something becoming popular, active, or important again
- ▶ With this definition in mind, as we ask the Lord to send a revival—we are acknowledging that we need some things in our life to become important again
- ▶ Primarily due to the pandemic, we are need of a revival—and we are asking the Lord to send our revival!

# Areas Of Revival

- ▶ Over the course of the following weeks, we will be focusing our study of revival in the following areas:
- ▶ Revival Of Community
- ▶ Revival Of Relationships
- ▶ Revival Of Prayer
- ▶ Revival Of Faith
- ▶ Revival Of Commitment

## Psalm 37:3-5

**3** Trust in the LORD and do good. Then you will live safely in the land and prosper.

**4** Take delight in the LORD, and God will give you your heart's desires.

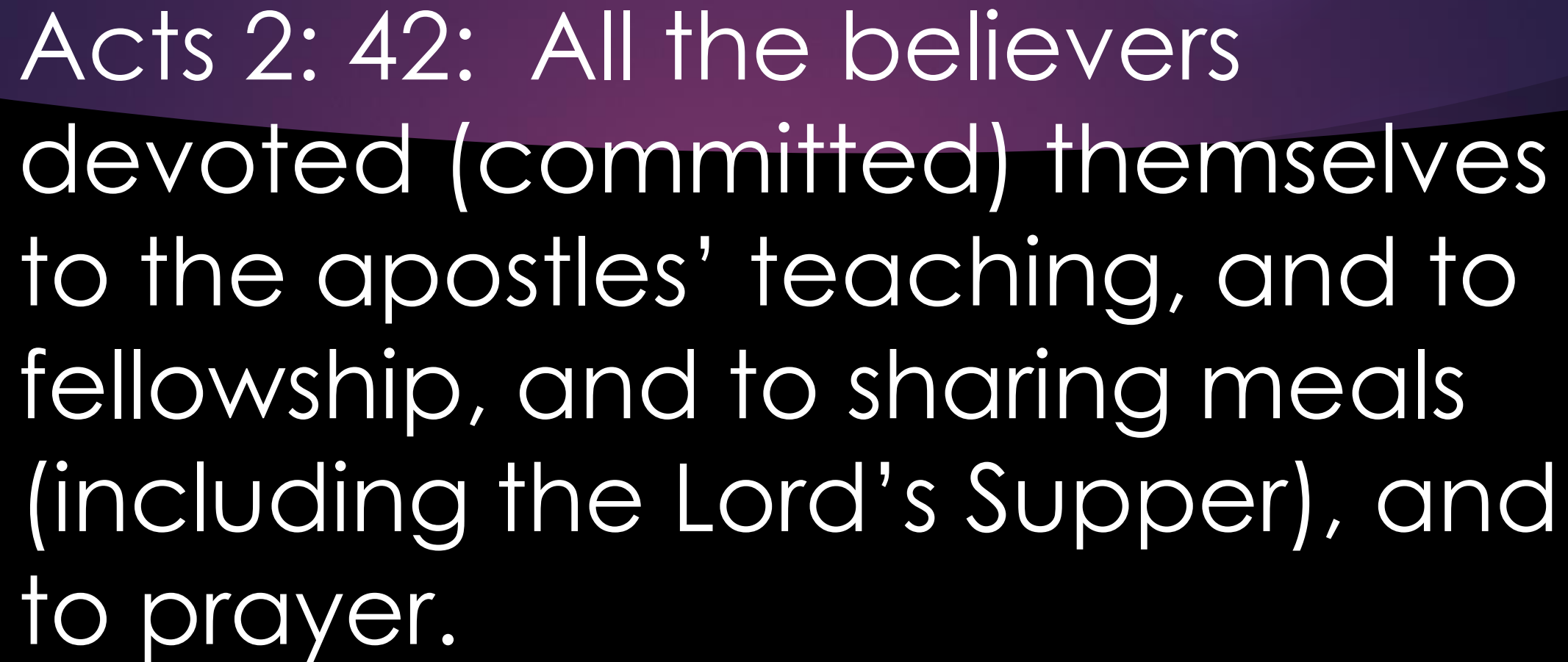
**5** Commit everything you do to the LORD . Trust God, and God will help you.

# Give It All To God

- ▶ The first step in our revival of commitment to God—involves giving everything we have to God.
- ▶ In spite of the difficulties we have endured throughout this pandemic—God has never stopped being committed to us—even when we have neglected our commitment to God.
- ▶ Therefore, as we ask God for a revival—our revival must begin with our giving everything we have to God.
- ▶ In fact, this Psalm gives us a three step process in the beginning of our giving everything to God.

# Three Steps To Committing to God

- ▶ Trust God—The first step in our revival of commitment to God is trusting God. Committing to God becomes much easier when we first embrace fully trusting God. As we ask God for a revival of commitment—we must trust God enough to put the entirety of our lives in God's Hands. Trusting in God leads to prosperity.
- ▶ Delight In God—As we trust God, we must also delight in God. Delighting in the Lord is a verb—it is taking action in our having joy in Christ Jesus. To delight in God is to make a deliberate attempt to receive the joy that Jesus has for us—and walk in that joy. Delighting in the Lord is a commitment to finding God's joy wherever we look—and delighting in God leads to God giving us our hearts desires in accordance with God's Will.
- ▶ Commit To God—After we trust in and delight in the Lord—now we must commit. And our commitment is our giving God the entirety of our being—while trusting God and delighting in God as we commit to God—and as we make the choice to commit to God—God will help us.



Acts 2: 42: All the believers devoted (committed) themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.



# Elements Of Our Commitment

- ▶ We visited Acts 2 earlier in our revival of community—and I would like for us to look at it again in our revival to commitment—but this time we will focus only on verse 42—because in this verse we see elements of our commitment.
- ▶ Commit To God's Teaching—The first element of our commitment to God rests in committing to God's teaching. As we ask God for a revival of commitment—we must also be revived in our commitment to studying God's Word. This is the last week of this Bible Study—but if we are to be committed—this cannot be the last time we study God's Word.
- ▶ Commit To Fellowship—The next element is our commitment to fellowship—or our commitment to encouraging others—we will look closer at this in our next slide.
- ▶ Commit To Sharing—One of the most difficult elements of our commitment is our commitment to share. Yet, it is vital to our committing to God—because how can we commit to God—without sharing what God has given us with our sisters and brothers.
- ▶ Commit To Prayer—And, of course, we must be committed to prayer—as we discussed in week 4.

## Hebrews 10:23-25a

<sup>23</sup> Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep God's promise. <sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another...

# Commitment To Fellowship

- ▶ One of the elements of commitment in our previous slide was a commitment to fellowship.
- ▶ The word fellowship is derived from the Greek word koinonia.... Koinonia **describes the unity of the Spirit that comes from Christians' shared beliefs, convictions, and behaviors.**
- ▶ Our commitment to fellowship—is our commitment to unity through the Spirit of God—and this too must be revived.
- ▶ The text in Hebrews reminds us to continue to motivate each other to acts of love and good works—so the good works we do—motivate others to do the same.
- ▶ The text also tells us to not neglect meeting together—but to continue to encourage each other.
- ▶ The pandemic has made our meeting look different—as we talked about in an earlier study—but we still must meet.
- ▶ And, our meeting—whether it is virtual or in person—stems from fellowship—and leads to encouraging one another.
- ▶ Let us be revived in our commitment to fellowship.



## Proverbs 16:3

3 Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.

# A Commitment To Action

- ▶ We have asked God to send a revival of commitment—and now we must do our part—and be called and committed to action.
- ▶ The text states that when we commit our actions to the Lord—then God will make our plans succeed.
- ▶ So, will you commit your actions and plans to the Lord—putting God first in all that you do?
- ▶ Because if we want to succeed—this is the only way to do it—and we cannot succeed without taking action in our commitment to the Lord.
- ▶ As we weigh our next steps--both throughout the pandemic and post pandemic—are we truly willing to commit all of our actions to God?

# Recap

- ▶ Give it all to God by trusting, delighting, and committing to God.
- ▶ Commit to God's teaching, fellowship, sharing, and prayer with all of God's children.
- ▶ Commit to Koinonia—true fellowship in the Spirit of God—while motivating and encouraging each other.
- ▶ Commit to action—right now—and watch all of your plans succeed by the power of God.