

Introduction:

- Happy Mother's Day! Here are some thoughts for you moms.
 - My kids can never make fun of me for teaching me how to use my phone. I taught them how to use a spoon.
 - Good moms let their kids lick the beaters. Great moms turn them off first.
 - Being a mother of a teenager is finally understanding why some animals eat their young.
 - Mommy doesn't have a favorite child—you all annoy me equally.
 - "Look at me, Mommy!" is the toddler equivalent of "Hold my beer."
- I want to release revival in the House of Freedom and especially to moms. Men if you will grab this word you can release it into your house.
- We are going to look at three things this morning. What is Revival? A Wind From The Word, A Revival Word To Mothers - 9 mothers in scripture who experienced revival.

I. What Is Revival

A. Defined:

1. Websters 1828 Dictionary: Revive: "to return to life, to recover new life; to bring to life again." Revival means life. Revival is all about life or restoration of life.
2. Theological Wordbook of OT (TWOT): *haya* - basic meaning "to live or have life" can also mean "giving life or restoring life." Smick, E. B. (1999). [חַיָּה 644](#). In R. L. Harris, G. L. Archer Jr., & B. K. Waltke (Eds.), *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* (electronic ed., p. 279). Moody Press.
3. The NT equivalent is Zoe. Vitality of life. Jn 10:10 *I have come that you may have life.*

B. Revival is needed:

1. Because we are spiritually dead without Christ.
 - a) Made alive in Christ. Eph 2:1,5; Col 2:13;
 - b) Ie Ezk 37 Can these bones (dead) live? (Live is from *haya*.)
2. Revival is needed because that which has been made alive has a tendency to drift away from God into lifelessness and backsliding. If we live in revival this does not have to happen.
 - a) The book of Hebrews states "*Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.*" (Hebrews 2:1, ESV) We all have a tendency to drift away (in varying degrees) unless we are paying close attention to our walk.
 - b) The church was born in Pentecost but a mere 40 years later Jesus is rebuking 5 of the seven churches in Revelation.
 - c) Moms really have to focus on staying alive because children consume your life.
 - (1) Ie. John Wesley's mother Susanna Wesley had 19 children, 9 who survived. She would sit in her kitchen put her apron over her head and pray. The kids

knew not to disturb mom when she was praying. Mom's, I encourage you to 'set and protect' your time with God.

(2) Susanna Wesley lived revived!

- C. Revival as defined by the church has to do with a move of God that results in a geographical region or city that experiences God in a supernatural way.
 - 1. The result is a region coming alive with salvations affecting societal changes.
 - 2. IE. It was said of John Wesley that he saved England from revolution.
- D. Revival is making alive, restoration of life, returning to life. We all need it!

II. A Wind From the Word!

- A. New Testament Revival Straight From the Word of God.
- B. Zoe (ζωη) is the NT equivalent of revive/revival. Zoe is the God kind of life. Zoe is the Greek word. It is translated 'life.' But you can substitute the word 'revival' in it.
 - 1. When we use the word life we seem to see and understand it with our heads and we have a tendency to relate it to our physical lives.
 - 2. But if we read it as revival and relate it to our experience of salvation 'life' takes on a more impactful understanding.
- C. Let me take the liberty to read some scriptures to you while making this change in them.
 - 1. Ie. "... I came that they may have **life** and have it abundantly." (John 10:10, ESV)
 - a) "... I came that they may have **revival** and have it abundantly." (John 10:10, ESV)
 - 2. "In him was **life**, and the **life** was the light of men." (John 1:4, ESV)
 - a) "In Him was **revival** and the **revival** was the light of men."
 - 3. "that whoever believes in him may have **eternal life**." (John 3:15, ESV)
 - a) "That whoever believe in Him may have eternal revival" Jn 3:15
 - 4. "Whoever believes in the Son has **eternal life**; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." (John 3:36, ESV)
 - a) "Whoever believes in the Son has **eternal revival**; whoever does not obey the Son **shall not see revival**, but the wrath of God remains on him." (John 3:36, ESV)
 - 5. "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to **life**, and those who find it are few." (Matthew 7:14, ESV)
 - a) "For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to **revival**, and those who find it are few." (Matthew 7:14, ESV)
 - 6. "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to **enter life** lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell." (Mark 9:45, ESV)
 - a) "And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to **enter revival**

- lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell." (Mark 9:45, ESV)
7. Jn 4:10 ask me and I will give you living (zoe) water. "but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to **eternal life**." (John 4:14, ESV)
 - a) "but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal **revival**." (John 4:14, ESV)
 8. "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow **rivers of living water**.'" (John 7:38, ESV)
 - a) "Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow **rivers of living revival**.'" (John 7:38, ESV)
 9. "I am the bread of life." (John 6:48, ESV) I am the bread of **revival**!
 10. "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31, ESV)
 - a) "but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have **revival in His name**." (John 20:31, ESV)

III. Revival and Mothers

- A. God Encounters Us For the Purpose Of Life/Revival!
 1. Moms, God wants to encounter you today. Freedom, God wants to encounter you today.
- B. OT mothers who encountered God.
 1. Hagar - Genesis 16:7
 - a) Angel of the Lord found her.
 - b) Angel of the Lord gave her promises about her son.
 - c) Chapter 21 she is driven away this time. Right when she and her boy are about to die. "Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. And she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink." (Genesis 21:19, ESV)
 - d) Revival touched her eyes!
 - e) Revival supplied a well!
 2. Sarah - Genesis 17
 - a) Revival visits Sarah and she conceived
 - b) Revival visits Sarah and she has a son! A child of the promise!
 3. Hannah - 1 Sam 1:17-18
 - a) Hannah has a God encounter.
 - b) "And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your eyes." Then the woman went her way and ate, and **her face was no longer sad**." (1 Samuel 1:18, ESV)

- c) Revival touched Hannah!
 - d) The spirit of heaviness lifted as she received the promise of God.
- C. NT mothers who encountered God
1. Elizabeth - Luke 1 God encounters Elizabeth.
 - a) *"And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit,"* (Luke 1:41, ESV)
 - b) The baby leaped in her womb!
 - c) Elizabeth is filled with Holy Spirit and prophecies!
 2. Mary - Luke 1 has a God encounter. She is visited by an angel.
 - a) Luke 1:38 *Let it be to me according to your word!*
 - b) Faith has to be mixed with encounters.
 3. Peter's mother-in-law. *"He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him."* (Matthew 8:15, ESV)
 - a) Revival touched her! Jn 1:4 *In Him was life/revival!*
 - b) Revival healed her!
 - c) Many more came to be healed that night.
 4. Synagogue rulers daughter dies.
 - a) *"And they laughed at him. But he put them all outside and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him and went in where the child was."* (Mark 5:40, ESV) Revival went with them into her room!
 - b) Jesus took her by the hand and said, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately she got up. Little girl get up, Revival is here!
 - c) Revival touched a crushed mother and father and their daughter lived!
 5. A widow and a mother of a dead son. *"And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother."* (Luke 7:15, ESV)
 - a) Jesus saw her and had compassion
 - b) He touched the bier and said to the young man "get up!"
 - c) Revival touched a dead man! And revival revived a mother!
 6. Timothy's mother Eunice.
 - a) *"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."* (2 Timothy 1:6-7, ESV)
 - b) Revive the gift in you! Fan it into flame!

Conclusion:

1. God wants us alive!
2. God lives to give us life!
3. God wants to revive moms!