Reviving Your Spirit

Tony Mauck · Genesis 45:26–27

INTRODUCTION

- Where's the fuel? We've talked about the car where the car needs to go, but where's the gasoline?
- Jesus did not say you should not serve God and mammon. He said you cannot. It isn't possible to do it.
- Maybe what we need is to be supplying our minds with the right information that revives our spirits.

1 I Was Dead, But Now I'm Alive in Christ

Ephesians 2:1; Ephesians 2:12; Romans 6:11

- What energizes me spiritually and gives me fuel is I realized that I was dead. But now I'm alive in Christ.
- He says, you were dead in your trespasses, Ephesians chapter 2 and verse 1.
- When I was baptized into Christ, I went from death to life. I was a corpse spiritually. And I was made alive.
- Even so, consider yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

2 With God's Fellowship, My Future Is Very Bright

Jeremiah 29:11; 2 Corinthians 4:16–18

- For I know the plans that I have for you. Declares the Lord plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.
- However devastating and disappointing they are, if you're in fellowship with God, you have a bright future.
- May I add this to point number two? My pain is not permanent.
- My outer man is decaying, my inner man is being renewed day by day. He says, therefore we do not lose heart.
- His momentary light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.

3 Not in This Alone: A Family Who Cares

- Another reason to be revived in your spirit is I'm not in this alone. I have a family who cares.
- Even if you don't have that, you have a spiritual family who cares, who will bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ.
- If you feel like you're neglected and that nobody cares about the very real struggles, reach out for help, and I guarantee you they'll be there.

4 He Gives You Equipment to Face Any Challenge

Proverbs 3:5–6; Psalm 34:4–9; Romans 12:2

- There's not any circumstance that you're ever going to face where the word of God is not relevant to your behavior and your thinking in that crisis.
- His word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
- Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. How blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.
- Be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, and that's where revival begins.

5 Diligence Is the Path to Accomplishment

- I need to remind myself that diligence is the path to accomplishment. Nothing is accomplished by doing nothing.
- When I give attention and effort to knowing the will of God, to really understanding the contents of God's book. This illumination will take all new shape.
- Stay busy, even in pain, even when we don't feel like it. Stay busy in the things of the Lord.

6 Investing in My Soul Always Pays Dividends

- Investing in my soul always pays dividends. And that's what you tell yourself when you would rather sit in the recliner and let your mind go to mush.
- Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
- Every Sunday matters. We're moving the story further down the road.
- Investment in spiritual things pays dividends. Don't ever forget it. It'll revive your spirit when you're feeling low.

THE CHALLENGE

You set yourself to revival. And you'll know the times of refreshing that comes from the presence of the Lord.

MY NOTES