



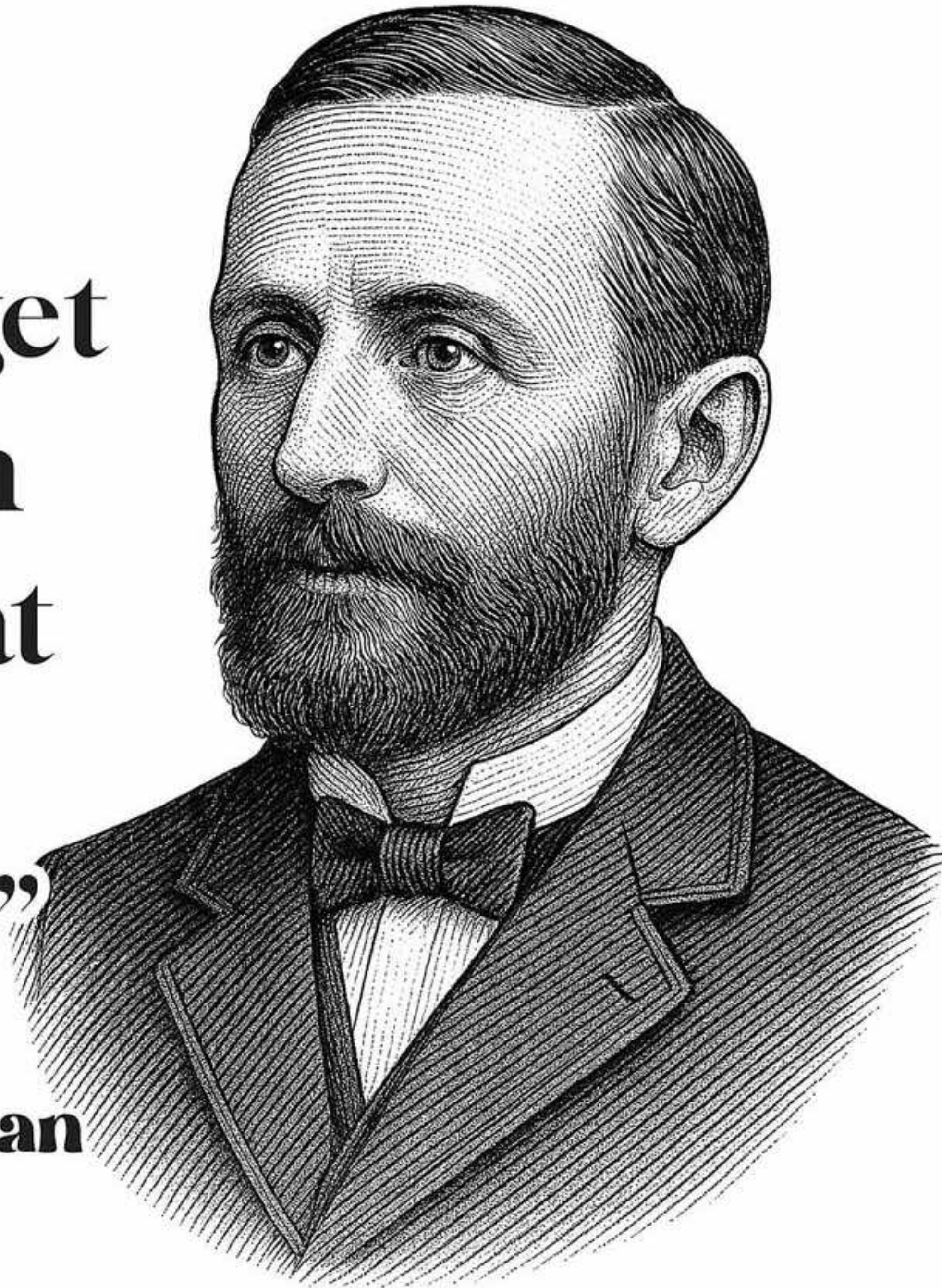
Preparation for an outpouring of the **HOLY SPIRIT**

RENEWAL

What Is It & What Does It Look Like?

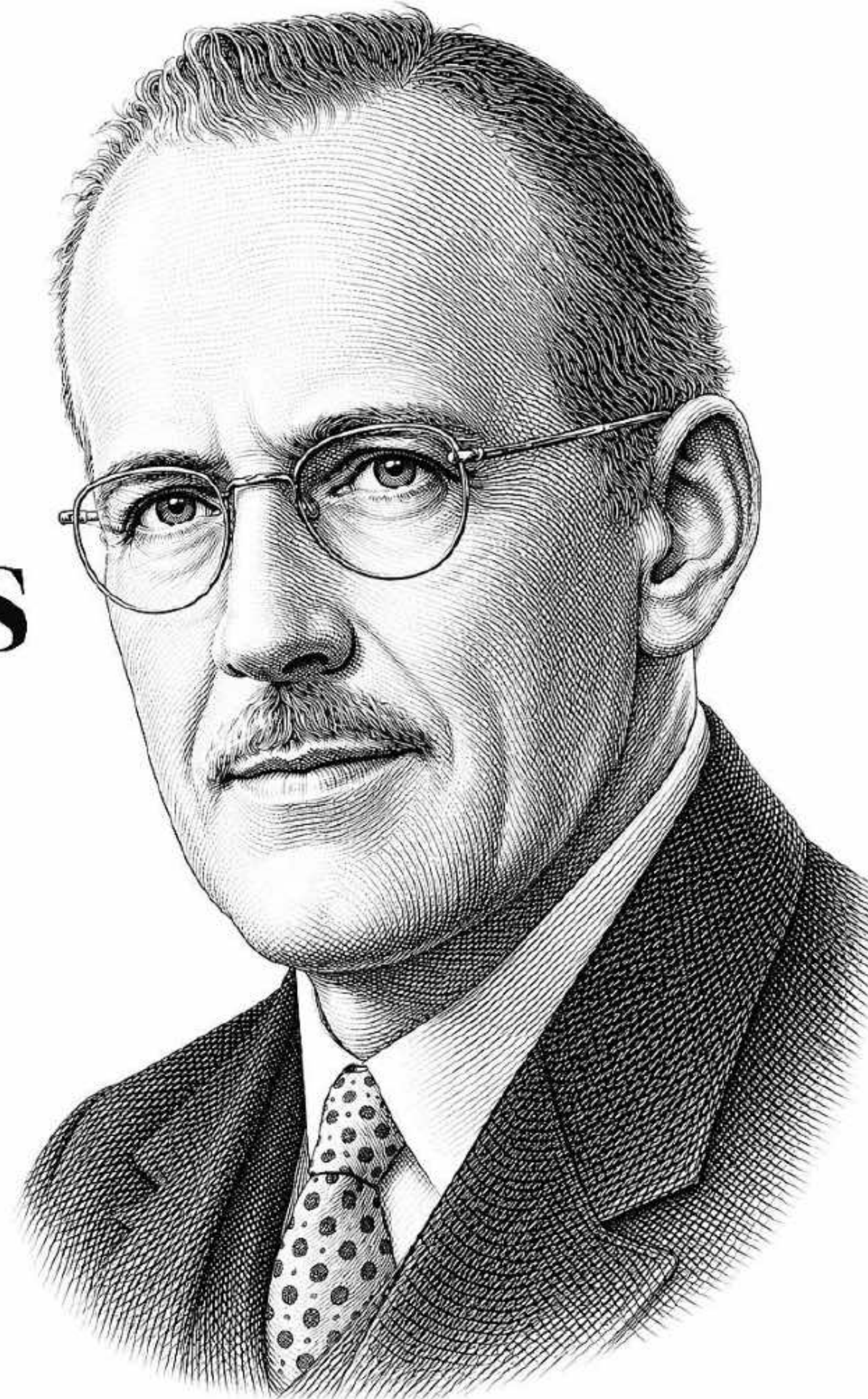
“God is
trying to get
a church
ready that
He can
come to.”

—
Frank Bartleman



**“A
frightened
world needs
a fearless
church.”**

A. W. Tozer



2. Then the Lord answered me and said, "Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run.
3. For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; for it will certainly come, it will not delay.
4. . . . but the righteous will live by his faith." (his faithfulness)

Habakkuk 2:2-4



Lord, I have heard the report about You and I fear.
O Lord, revive Your work in the midst of the years,
In the midst of the years make it known;
In wrath remember mercy.

Habakkuk 3:2

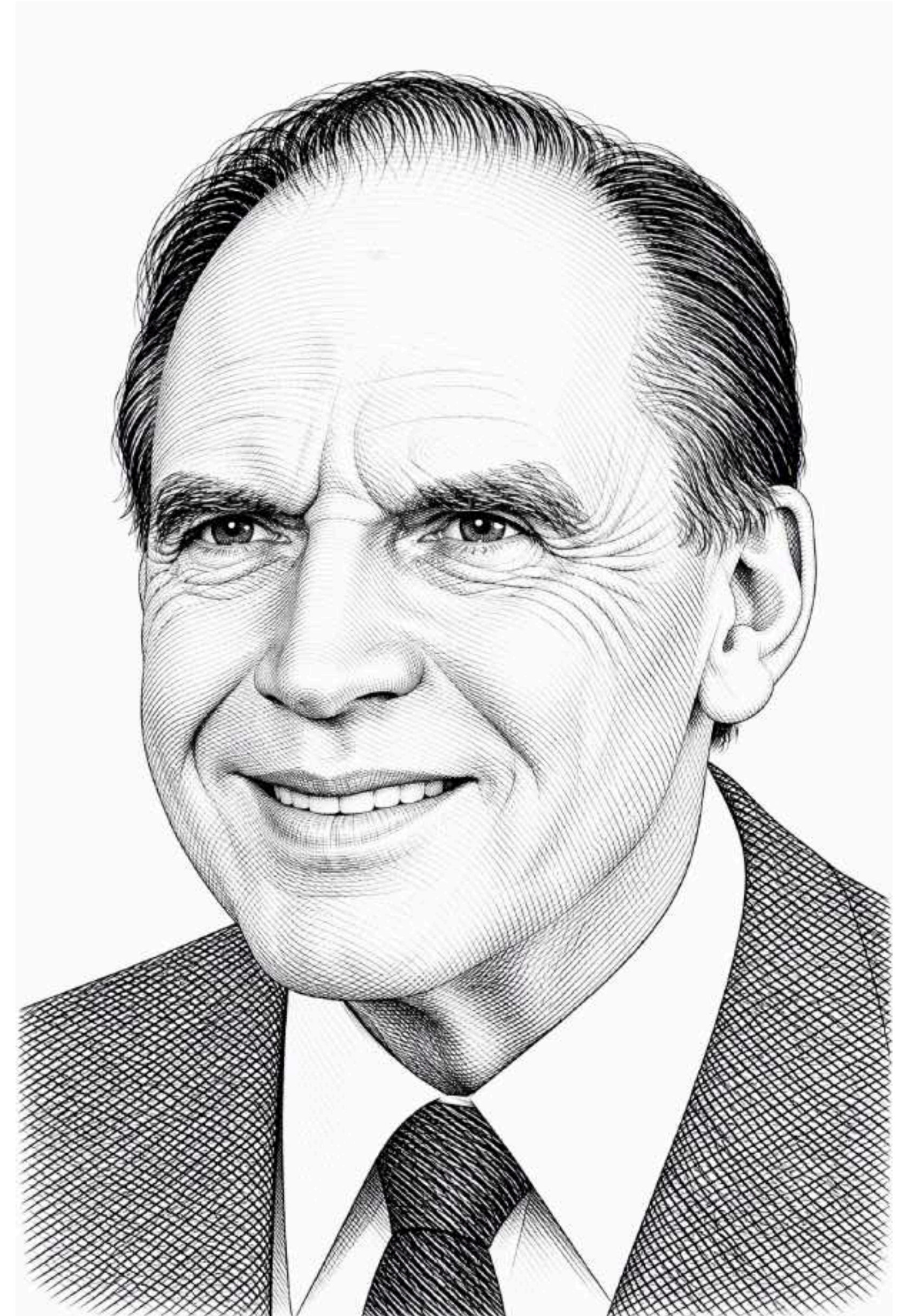
17. Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls,
18. Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

Habakkuk 3:17-18



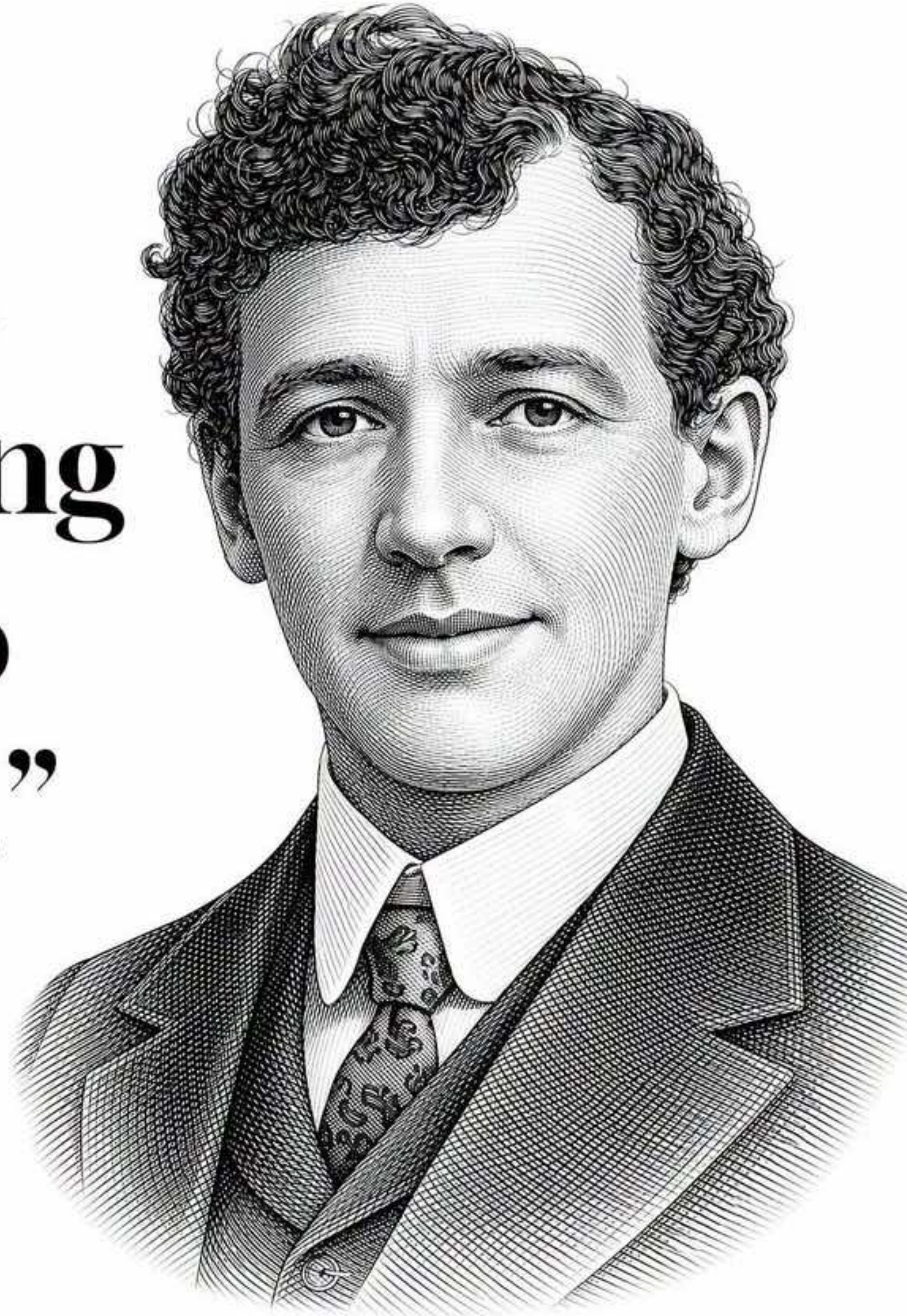
“Revival is God revealing Himself to man in awful holiness and irresistible power. It is God's method to counteract spiritual decline and to create a spiritual momentum in order that His redemptive purposes might be accomplished on earth.”

Arthur Wallis



**“Revival is
God revealing
Himself to
His people.”**

Evan Roberts



REVIVAL means:

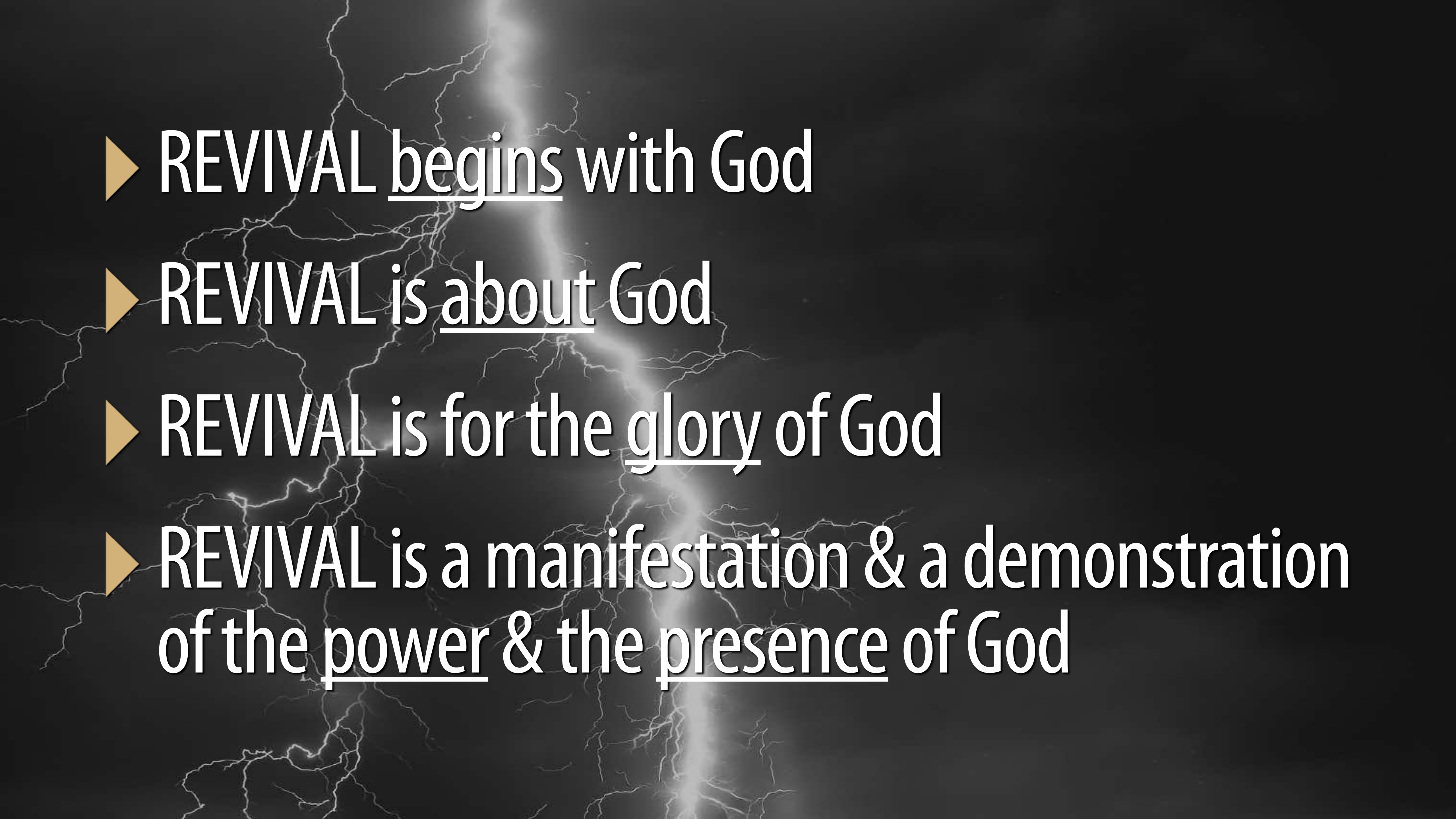
- ▶ the return, recall or recovery to spiritual life from apparent spiritual death
- ▶ the imparting of spiritual life to those who are spiritually dead
- ▶ the imparting of spiritual health to those who are spiritually dying

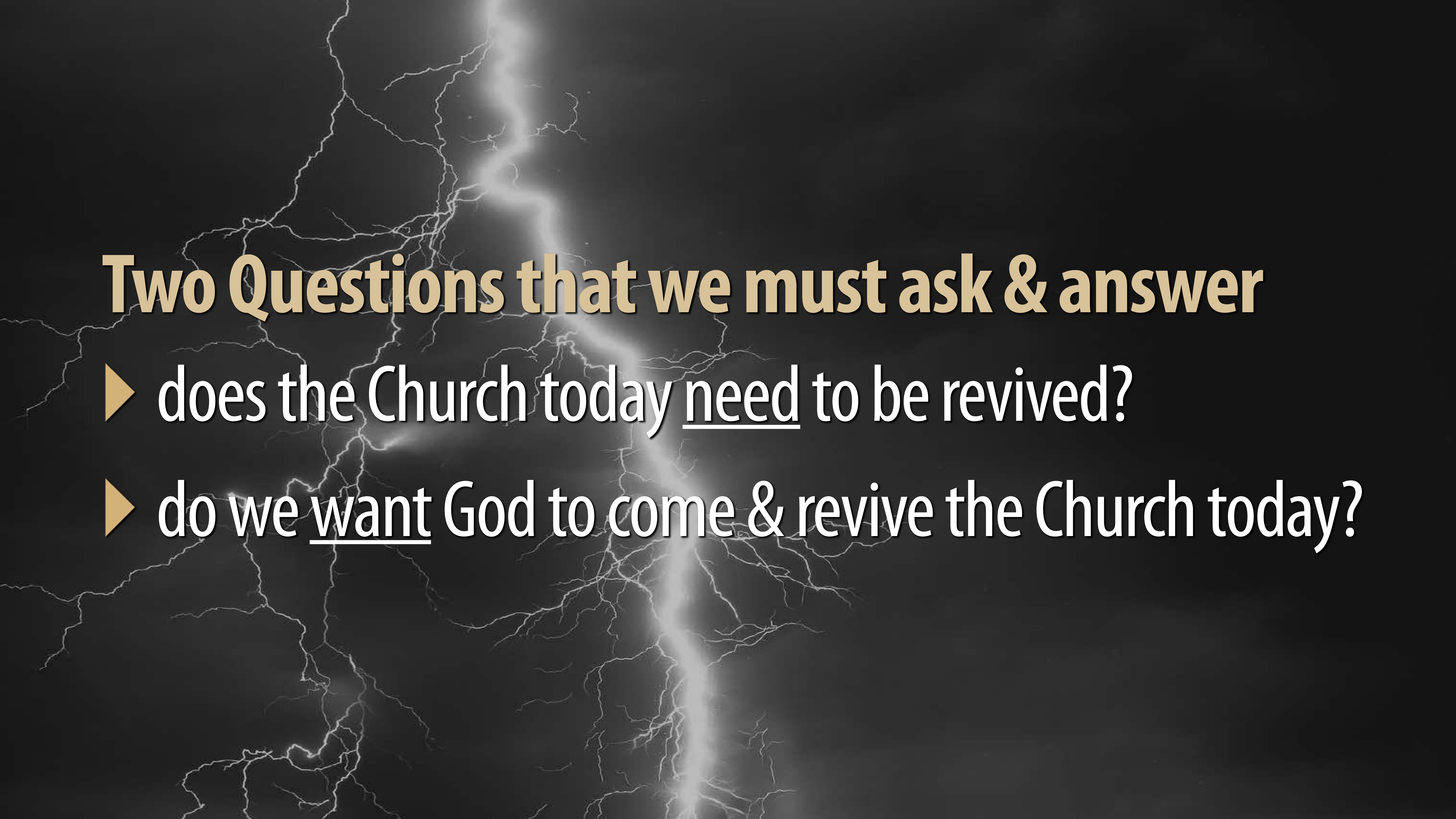
More specifically, **REVIVAL** is needed where:

- ▶ God's people have left their first love, have lost the vibrancy of the Spirit in life & living, & have left the true fear of God
- ▶ the dynamic presence & power of God & the glory of God has been lost in the Church

1. Behold, I am going to send My messenger, and he will clear the way before Me. And the Lord, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming," says the Lord of hosts.
2. "But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap.
3. "He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness."

Malachi 3:1-3

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- ▶ REVIVAL begins with God
 - ▶ REVIVAL is about God
 - ▶ REVIVAL is for the glory of God
 - ▶ REVIVAL is a manifestation & a demonstration of the power & the presence of God



Two Questions that we must ask & answer

- ▶ does the Church today need to be revived?
- ▶ do we want God to come & revive the Church today?

30. An appalling and horrible thing has happened in the land:
31. The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests rule on
their own authority; and **My people love it so!** But what
will you do at the end of it?

Jeremiah 5:30-31

10. To whom can I give this warning? Who will listen to Me? Look, their ears are closed, so they cannot hear. See, the Word of the Lord has become offensive to them; they find no pleasure in it.
13. For from the least of them to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; from prophet to priest, all practice deceit.
14. They dress the wound of My people with very little care, saying, 'Peace, peace,' when there is no peace at all.

Jeremiah 6:10, 13-14

16. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth.

17. Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked . . .

Revelation 3:16-17



- ▶ **Laodicea**: do we think that we have material success & spiritual self-sufficiency yet God says we are lukewarm, wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked?
- ▶ **Ephesus**: have we left our first love?
- ▶ **Pergamum**: have we tolerated corrupt teaching so that truth & compromise have somehow learnt to coexist?
- ▶ **Thyatira**: are we in serious error because of a lack of biblical discernment?
- ▶ **Sardis**: do we have a great reputation of being alive with great activities & programmes, yet God says we are spiritually dead?

16. This is what the Lord says: "Stand at the crossroads and look. Ask for the ancient paths: 'Where is the good way?' Then walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it!'"
17. I appointed watchmen over you and said, 'Listen for the sound of the ram's horn.' But they answered, 'We will not listen!'

Jeremiah 6:16-17



Traditionalism

Traditionalism can preserve things simply because we have always done them that way & that's all we know.

Ancient Paths

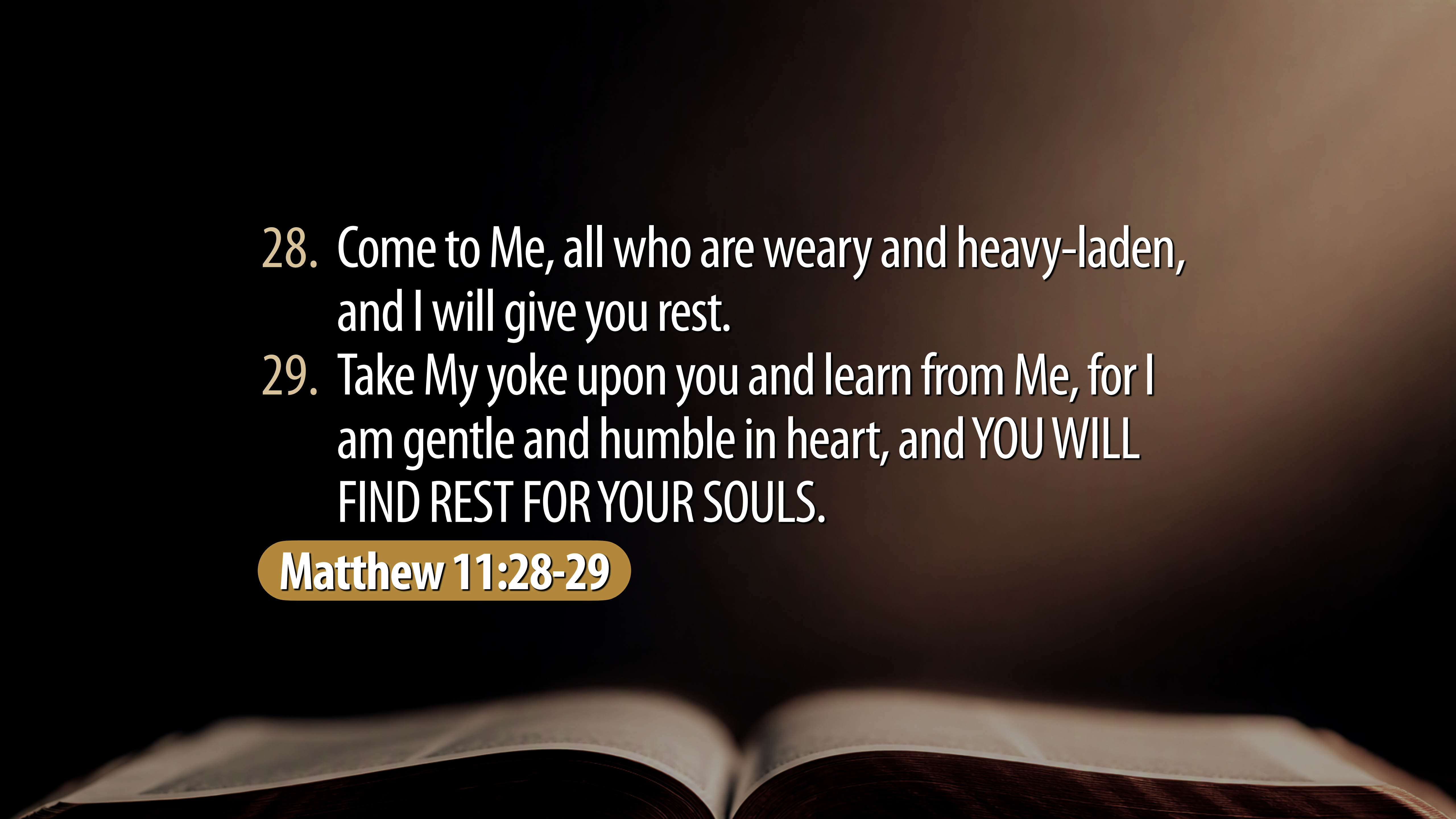
The ancient paths preserve what God has said, the established ways of God, the way God has revealed in His Word.

REVIVAL is not God taking the Church back to the customs of 50, 100 or 500 years ago. It is something far more radical:
REVIVAL is God bringing His Church back to Himself, back to His Word, back to His ways, back to Christ, and back to the life of the Church as He intended it.

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Jeremiah 6:16-17



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28. Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden,
and I will give you rest.
29. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I
am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL
FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.

Matthew 11:28-29

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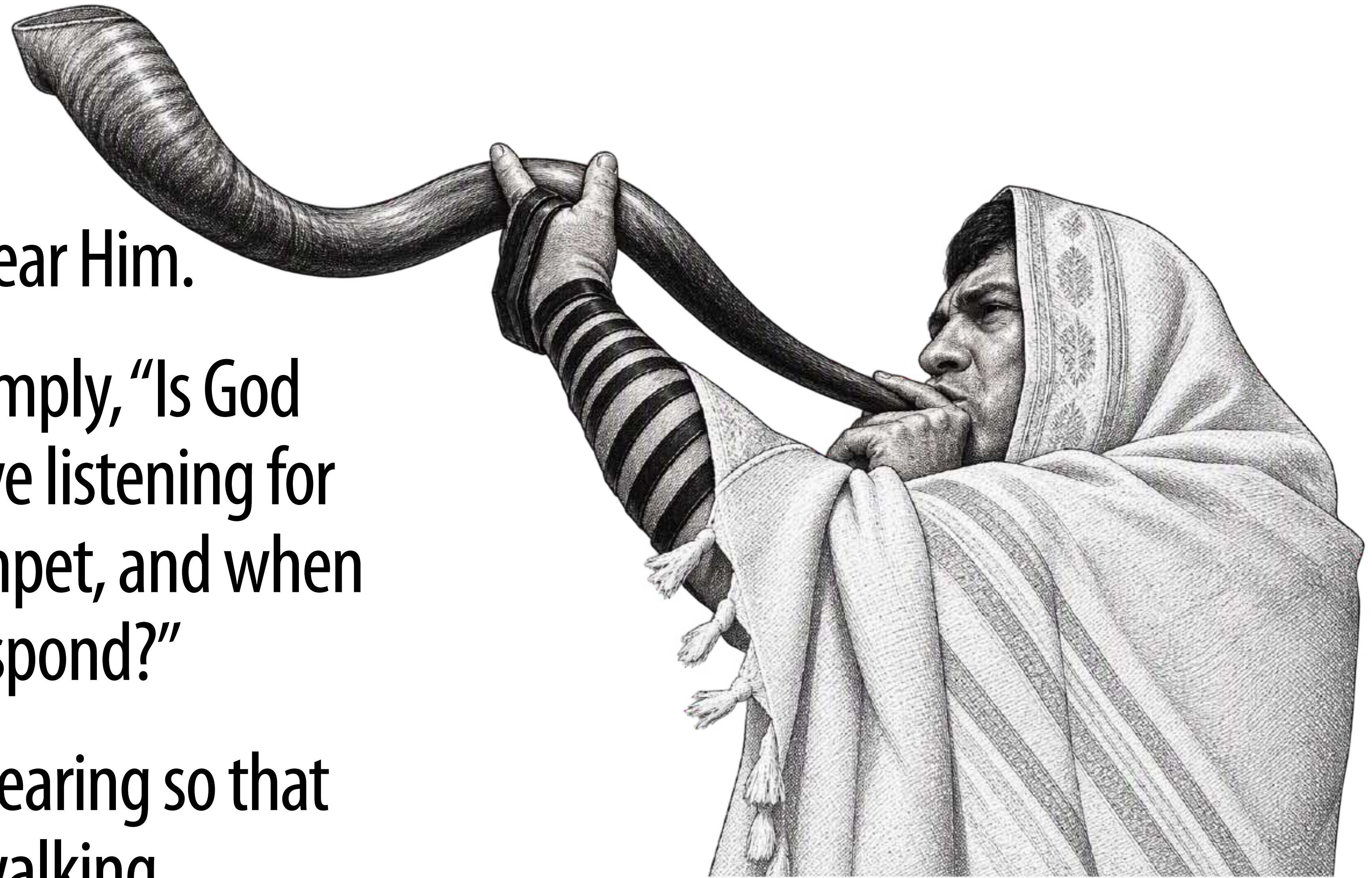
Jeremiah 6:16-17



Revival begins when
God's people recover
their willingness to hear Him.

The question is not simply, "Is God
speaking?" but "Are we listening for
the sound of the trumpet, and when
we hear it, will we respond?"

Revival restores our hearing so that
God can restore our walking.



Reveal Yourself again in all Your glory & majesty to the Church & to our nation

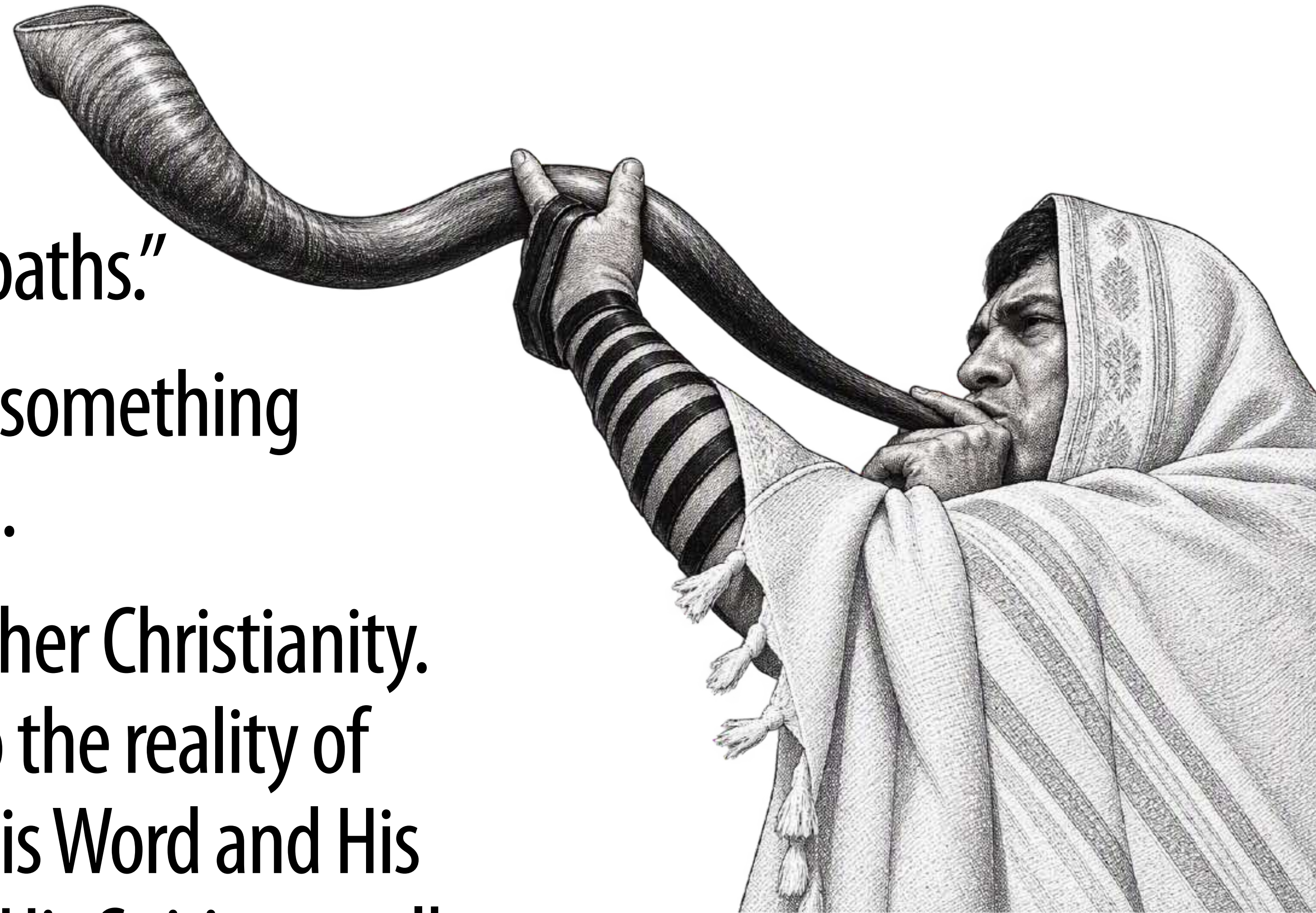
Habakkuk says, in effect:

“Lord, revive Your work.”

Jeremiah says: “Return to God's paths.”

Put them together and you have something very close to a theology of revival.

Revival is not God inventing another Christianity. It is God awakening His people to the reality of Himself, bringing them back to His Word and His ways, and empowering them by His Spirit to walk again in what He has already revealed.



“Revival is the moving of God's Spirit, through the power of His Word, to the hearts of His children, that resurrects to new life those areas which have been lying stagnant, dormant, or out of balance, and that results in new love and obedience to Jesus Christ.”

Del Fehsenfeld Jr.



**“God’s time for
revival is the very
darkest hour,
when everything
seems
hopeless.”**

Andrew Gih



Start Here, Lord

“Revive everything inside this circle.”

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

Psalm 139:23

My Church

*Let Your revival
flow from here*

Your Church Worldwide

*Let Your revival
spread*

My Family

*Let Your revival
reach them*

Our Nation

*Let Your revival
renew our land*

My Community

*Let Your revival
touch our city*

ME

My heart
My thoughts
My attitudes
My words
My actions
My walk with You

My priorities
My relationships
My work
My church involvement
My witness
My obedience

The World

*Let Your revival
bring Your kingdom*

Revival begins with me.

*“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 ...”*

2 Chronicles 7:14