



# GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

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## **Title:** Grace That Produces Revival

*“And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the strange gods and Ashtaroth from among you, and prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. 4 Then the children of Israel did put away Baalim and Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only. 5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. 6 And they gathered together to Mizpeh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpeh. 7 And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpeh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. 9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD heard him. 10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten before Israel. 11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpeh, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Bethcar. 12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpeh and Shen, and called the name of it Ebenezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. 13 So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more into the coast of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel.” (1 Samuel 7:3-13)*

## INTRODUCTION

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*“In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.” (Judges 17:6)*

**Definition:** *Revival*—The sovereign activity of God whereby He renews His people individually and corporately in vigour, affecting both sincerity of belief and quality of behavior

## 1. A COMMITMENT TO \_\_\_\_\_ SERVICE

A. \_\_\_\_\_ in their Service

*“And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)*

*“For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:” (2 Corinthians 5:14)*

B. \_\_\_\_\_ in their Service

*“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.” (1 John 5:21)*

*“Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.”  
(1 Corinthians 10:14)*

*“Holding fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers.”  
(Titus 1:9)*

*“But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:” (Titus 2:1)*

C. \_\_\_\_\_ in their Service

*“Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”  
(Matthew 4:10)*

*“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.” (Exodus 20:3)*

## 2. A CORPORATE \_\_\_\_\_ OF SIN

A. The \_\_\_\_\_

*“And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: And I prayed*

*unto the Lord my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; 5 We have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts and from thy judgments: 6 Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land.” (Daniel 9:3–6)*

B. The \_\_\_\_\_

*“And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.” (Mark 9:29)*

*“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 15:58)*

C. The \_\_\_\_\_

*“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”  
(Romans 3:23)*

*“If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:”  
(Psalm 66:18)*

*“He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13)*

*“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.” (Psalm 51:17)*

*“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

D. The \_\_\_\_\_

*“If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it.” (John 14:14)*

*“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” (John 15:7)*

*“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” (Jeremiah 33:3)*

*“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9)*

### 3. A CONQUEST BY SOLDIERS

A. The \_\_\_\_\_

*“Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God.” (Psalm 20:7)*

*“The adversaries of the Lord shall be broken to pieces; out of heaven shall he thunder upon them: the Lord shall judge the ends of the earth; and he shall give strength unto his king, and exalt the horn of his anointed.” (1 Samuel 2:10)*

B. The \_\_\_\_\_

*“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:” (Philippians 1:6)*

*“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13)*

C. The \_\_\_\_\_

*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” (Psalm 46:1)*

*“O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. 2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;” (Psalm 107:1-2)*

### CONCLUSION

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*“And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (Joshua 24:15)*



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