

WEEK 1

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AWAKEN **A GENERATION**

TO LIFE. TO PURPOSE. TO PASSION.

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Day 1: Restoration of Original Purpose *Spiritual Foundations, Redemptive Blueprints*

From the founding of the very first college in America in 1636, even up to 1860, *nearly every college campus in our nation was founded by Christian denominations or by individuals who avowed a religious purpose.*¹

Why is this significant? **The original purpose of any institution gives insight into its original calling or design.** No matter what its present state or condition, when we understand the original purposes of God over a people, place or institution, we now possess the redemptive blueprints to see that people, place or institution restored—through united prayer!

When we understand the original design, we *see* how far we have wandered from His purposes, where God desires to bring us back, and how we are to pray. In this way, understanding spiritual foundations and roots is critical for calling forth God’s purposes into the future.

Of the original rules and precepts for Harvard (the first college established in our nation), one of their beginning precepts stated this:

Let every student be plainly instructed, and earnestly pressed to consider well, the main end of his life and studies is, to know God and Jesus Christ which is eternal life (John 17:3) and therefore to lay Christ in the bottom, as the only foundation of all sound knowledge and learning. And seeing the Lord only gives wisdom, let everyone seriously set himself by prayer in secret to seek it of Him (Prov. 2, 3).²

More than simply being founded on principles of faith, “the earliest colleges in the United States were . . . founded primarily for theological training.”³

The President of Yale in 1754 declared this, about the original purpose of college campuses:

*The original End, and Design of Colleges was to Instruct, Educate and Train up Persons for the Work of the Ministry.*⁴

From their founding, the original design and purpose of college campuses was to train up young people in the Word of God and in the work of ministry!

We can clearly see this reality when we look at our nation’s history:

- ◆ Of the first 103 colleges in America, 101 of these were founded on the Christian faith.⁵
- ◆ Even up to 1860, among the 246 colleges that had been established, only 17 were state institutions;⁶ the remaining were nearly all founded for a religious purpose.⁷

Today, college campuses serve a highly strategic purpose in the life of our nation. Not only are *all of a nation's future leaders* gathering to be trained and commissioned, but even the best and brightest *from the nations of the world* are being sent to our colleges and universities!

But there is a crisis on our college campuses today: they are in dire need of the presence of God! “The reality is that many universities are not only training future leaders into occupational roles; they are also *systematically shaping hearts and minds* into a *worldview devoid of God*.”⁸ The effects have been devastating on a generation: the very places that once trained young people in the Word of God are now the very places where most young people *lose* their faith. “Having forsaken their original call to (transform the world) for Christ and the kingdom of God, colleges continue to raise up young people to transform the world—but now for the purposes of humanism and the kingdom of man.”⁹

Yet, there is hope. In similar times in our nation's history, when darkness has overtaken our colleges and universities, and when God's people have united in faith to pray for the outpouring of God's Spirit on colleges, He has responded to ***revive a generation!*** God has done it before; let's ask Him to do it again!

Let's pray into the original purposes for which colleges & universities first began:

- ◆ Father, we thank You for Your redemptive purposes that the college campuses of America were founded upon from the very beginning. You intended to raise up a generation who would know You, the One who *is* eternal life, and Jesus Christ Your Son. You alone are the foundation of all sound learning and knowledge. As Your Word says, “*Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away*” (Matt. 24:35). We ask that You would cause the words, ideas and philosophies of man to be uprooted, and that Your words alone would take root in the spiritual foundations of our college campuses.
- ◆ By Your mighty right hand, we declare a ***tearing down*** and a ***divine removal*** of every false ideology, every antichrist curriculum and every humanistic class that seeks to exalt itself against the knowledge of God. We take those thoughts captive to the obedience of Christ, and by Your divine power, we ask for the demolishing of strongholds of humanistic worldview, ideology and teaching. (2 Cor. 10:4-5) Instead, we ask for a ***divine replacing*** of these ideologies, curriculum and classes with those that would affirm a ***biblical worldview*** and that would ***strengthen*** students' faith and relationship with the God of heaven and earth! Instead of students falling away from faith during their college years, we ask that students would begin to ***discover faith*** and to be ***ignited*** in their relationship with You!
- ◆ We declare that our college campuses will return to the redemptive purpose and design for which ALL colleges were first established: to be a place where young and old are trained in the Word of God and for the work of Your Kingdom! We pray that colleges and universities would become ***epicenters of revival***, that would begin to raise up and send out messengers of holy fire into every sphere of culture and society, even to the ends of the earth. Let their college years be the time when students encounter Jesus in a life-changing way, when they are set apart for spiritual awakening, and where they are anointed, trained and commissioned by the Holy Spirit to fulfill their calling!
- ◆ We ask that You would send revival to the college campuses and universities of America. Begin here at (your campus) by restoring the original purpose and design that You have intended

for this place, even before the creation of the world. Regardless of where it is right now, we believe that You are the God who calls things that are not, as though they *are*. Open our eyes to see (your campus) as You see it. Reveal Your redemptive purposes over our campus even now, in Jesus' mighty name, amen.

Group Prayer Directives

Take a few minutes to allow the Holy Spirit to speak to You (as a group) about what His redemptive purposes are for Your college campus. He may impress on your heart: a verse from Scripture, a thought, a picture, a word or a promise.

Once you have listened for a few minutes, share with one another what God is speaking to Your hearts. As you do, take a moment to audio record (on your phone) or write down what God speaks to you.

Any words that you receive from God could be key directives and promises to direct your prayers, in the future!

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Day 2: Return of the Prodigals

Speaking to the Valley of Dry Bones

“Son of man, can these bones live?” I replied, “Lord GOD, only You know.”
—Ezekiel 37:3 (HCSB)

As we survey the spiritual landscape of college campuses across our nation, we begin to see a similar vision that Ezekiel the prophet saw in his day: **a valley full of dry bones.**

- ◆ Among students who begin their college life as Christians, 75% are falling away from their faith, and many are not returning.¹
- ◆ On most university campuses across the nation, the percentage of Christians is less than 5% of the student population.²
- ◆ The consequences of this reality are widespread and felt in many churches across America, as the 18 to 30 age group is almost completely missing from the Church today.³

Behind each of these statistics are real people whose lives have been dramatically altered, whose destinies have fallen in the valley of death, and whose souls could be forever lost—because of the spiritual reality on college campuses. They are *not just a number* lost in a vast multitude of people—they are someone’s brother or sister, someone’s friend, someone’s son or daughter—and the heavenly Father *notices* they are missing. He longs for them to return home; His heart is broken *daily* over them.

How many have fallen away from their simplicity of faith and trust in God during their college years? How many who once walked in the joy of the Lord have turned away to other pursuits, ambitions and worldly pleasures? How many have been led astray by the deceitfulness and futility of man’s reasoning? How many have fallen away from their First Love, and feel too ashamed to come back?

“Son of man, can these bones live?” What is *your* response, when you look out over this valley? When you look at your friend, your brother or sister, your son or daughter who has fallen away while in college? Many in the Church have given up hope, believing this young generation is too far-gone or too hard to reach. What was the hope that God gave to Ezekiel when he had no answers, as to whether this valley of death could ever come to life?

He said to me, “Prophecy concerning these bones and say to them: Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! This is what the Lord GOD says to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you will live. I will put tendons on you, make flesh grow on you, and cover you with skin. I will put breath in you so that you come to life. Then you will know that I am Yahweh.”

So I prophesied as I had been commanded. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. As I looked, tendons appeared on them, flesh grew, and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man. Say to it: This is what the Lord GOD says: Breath, come from the four winds and breathe into these slain so that they may live!” So I prophesied as He commanded me; the breath entered them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, a vast army.

-Ezekiel 37:4-10 (HCSB)

Let's Pray:

- ◆ Father, we call forth Your resurrection power over the colleges and universities of our nation! We declare that nothing is too hard for You, for You are the God of the impossible, who even brings life back from the dead. (Heb. 11:19, 35) Over our campus, we declare that a dead generation is coming back to life. We speak life and we prophesy “REVIVAL” over a generation—that they will live and not die, and they will declare the works of the Lord! (Psalm 118:17)
- ◆ Though others may see a valley of dry bones, we believe an army will arise from our college campuses. (Ezek. 37) We prophesy over every fallen destiny and calling on this campus, that they will be raised back to life. We command the bones to reassemble, we declare flesh will be placed on these fallen destinies and dreams, and we prophesy the *breath of Life back into these slain, that they may live!* Oh God, REVIVE A GENERATION! Awaken every student, every faculty member, and every heart to the purposes of God in this generation!
- ◆ Lord, we lift up the prodigals who have turned away from you, those who are running from their calling, those who You have placed in our lives—draw them back to Yourself, oh God! We believe You are able to bring each of them back to life—and we lift them up before Your throne right now:

(Take a moment to DECLARE the names of those who have fallen away from their faith in God, and call them to be raised back to life spiritually)
- ◆ As Hosea 14:4 (NIV) declares: “I will heal their waywardness and love them freely . . .” Heal this generation of its waywardness, that they would know the cleansing and restoring love of the Father! You are the God who is able to restore the years that the locusts have eaten (Joel 2:25), the years that have been lost by our own sinful choices or that have been stolen by the enemy. We ask that You would restore every prodigal son and daughter back to the place where they *would have been*, had they never walked away from You, and from their calling and purpose! Though this seems impossible with man, we believe that *all things are possible* with You. (Mark 10:27)

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Day 3: Holy Hunger for God's Presence

Transforming Revival Begins with Desperation

“If the presence of God is absent in our lives or communities, it is not because we have an ignorance problem. It is because we have an appetite problem.

“. . . transforming revival is triggered the moment our appetite for God's presence trumps all other hungers in our lives.”¹

—George Otis, Jr.

We certainly see this pattern throughout history, when we take a deeper look at the igniting factors of revival and the people used of God to bring about a revival. Consider the following example of those who experienced a great outpouring of God's Spirit in recent history.

The Hebrides Revival

The Hebrides Islands off the coast of Scotland were in drastic spiritual decline. A spirit of worldliness had overtaken many of the young people; very few attended church anymore. Instead, they spent most of their time at dances, movie theaters and drinking houses.

However, God began to raise up a fervent cry for revival. Two elderly women were moved to pray several times a week for revival, often late into the night. Seven church leaders began to meet in a barn for prayer, pleading with God for months to give them a greater appetite for His presence . . .

Meeting halls began to be packed. People began praying late into the night; lights in certain homes never went out. Hunger for God began to overtake peoples' desire for sleep.²

What was the fruit of these desperate prayers of revival for the next generation? On one occasion, Duncan Campbell described how God supernaturally moved among young people:

There was a dance in progress that night, and while this young man was praying in the aisle, the power of God moved into that dance . . . the young people, over a hundred of them, *fled* from the dance as though fleeing from a plague! And they made for the church. When I endeavored to get up into the pulpit, I found the way blocked with

young people who had been at the dance. When I went into the pulpit, I found a young woman, a graduate of Aberdeen University, who was at the dance. And she's lying on the floor of the pulpit crying, "Is there mercy for me? Is there mercy for me? Is there mercy for me?"³

How did their fervent prayers impact the community as a whole?

Hundreds had been converted, many without a word being spoken to them! Drunkards were trembling under conviction in the drinking house! While people gathered in churches to pray, great conviction of sin was sweeping over districts, causing sinners to fall helpless in the roads. Meetings lasting for hours, and four services being held nightly, with churches (and communities) being transformed!⁴

This is what happens when the presence of God draws near to a community. More than any other answer or breakthrough, we are after His presence! If we have Him, we have everything; without Him, we have nothing. As Lou Engle once noted, "Revival is God's arrival."

Prayer Directive:

- ◆ Take some time to cry out to the Lord as a group, from your own hearts. Ask Him to fill you with a holy hunger and a holy desperation for His presence. Ask Him to give you His heart, to give you His tears, and to break your heart with the things that are breaking His heart. More than any words you could be given to pray, enter into a heart response before Him, of hunger for His presence!

Let's Pray for the Colleges & Universities:

- ◆ Father, we confess that our hunger for Your presence has not yet reached the point of desperation. We have not been broken over our campuses, in the way that is needed to see a revival. Would You break our hearts, with the things that break Your heart? Would You break our hearts *for the people* that Your heart is broken over? We give You permission to expand the capacity of our hearts—to carry a deeper love than we've ever known, to carry Your tears for lost souls, and to carry the burdens of Your heart for our college campus. We want to weep over the lost and broken on our campus.
- ◆ We ask for an all-consuming hunger and desperation for Your presence, that only You can give us—that we would desire You more than anything else in this life! Let nothing else satisfy us but the presence of God, touching an entire generation! Only *You* can heal the brokenness that runs so deep within our campuses. Only *You* can restore the years that the enemy has stolen from this generation. More than anything else You could give us, we ask for this one thing: *that we might behold You all the days of our lives and dwell in Your presence!* (Ps. 27:4) We want the fullness of Your presence—heaven on earth!



- ◆ Like Moses, we ask for Your Presence to go before us and to be with us, for what else will distinguish us from all the other people on the face of the earth? (Exodus 33:15-16) We are not simply satisfied with breakthroughs; we must have You! “But as for me, the nearness of God is my good” (Psalm 73:28, NASB).

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Day 4: Incoming Freshmen

Divine Connection & Protection

“Students come to college with open hearts and minds. They are hungry to know the truth and to discover their life-calling. Many are on their own, making their own decisions for the first time. They are looking for friendship and acceptance—leaving many vulnerable to influence by the wrong crowd.

“These years are the most formative years of young peoples’ lives, the time when ways of thinking are shaped that often affect the rest of their lives. This is where beliefs become solidified, as young people discover the world for themselves, and what they believe about the world.”¹

Prayer:

- ◆ Heavenly Father, we lift up all of the incoming freshmen that will be setting foot on (your campus) for the first time this fall. We ask You to divinely connect them with other believers and with Christian community on our campus! We pray all distractions would be removed from their eyes and from their hearts, as they explore and discover the many options being presented to them. Give them a Spirit of discernment, wisdom and revelation to know what to pursue and what to avoid, as well as *who* to pursue and *who* to avoid. (Eph. 1:17-20) Supernaturally direct every footstep and orchestrate their every moment, that freshman students would be led into the exact purposes, plans and communities that *You* have prepared for them during their college years. (Eph. 2:10)
- ◆ Remove all anxiety that would try to arise in students’ hearts, especially among incoming freshmen, as they seek to find community on campus. Fill their hearts and their minds with Your peace that surpasses all understanding (Phil. 4:6-7), that they would be protected from making foolish decisions or getting involved with the wrong crowd. Instead, let them experience Your perfect love which casts out all fear. (1 John 4:18) We pray they would know the height, the depth, the length and the width of Your love, and that they would be rooted and anchored in that perfect love of the Father. (Eph. 3:17-18) Let them not seek acceptance from people, but rather *live out of the acceptance* that can only come from God through Christ.
- ◆ We declare that these years will not be a time of rebellion, wandering or pursuing after the pleasures of this world, but rather it will be a time of discovering and encountering the heart of God for themselves, and becoming rooted and established in Christ, alongside other believers! Let Your Word be a lamp to their feet and a light for their path. We declare their faith will be strengthened during their college years, and they will be sent out from this place into the Kingdom commission you have ordained for them.

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Day 5: Releasing of the Father's Heart To Love as He Loves, Laying Down Our Lives

“Simon son of John, do you love me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”
—John 21:16 (NIV)

One of the greatest ways we can love God is by loving His children. As we read through the gospels, it's clear that the Father greatly loves His children. He is a Good Shepherd who desires that not one will be lost, but that all will be drawn to Him. (2 Peter 3:9)

In Ezekiel 34, the Lord begins to draw near for judgment against the shepherds, because they were not truly caring for the sheep. Instead, they were feeding themselves and allowing their sheep to starve and to be devoured by wild animals! In verse 4, the Lord says: “You have not strengthened the weak or healed the sick or bound up the injured. You have not brought back the strays or searched for the lost. You have ruled them harshly and brutally.” (NIV) He continues in verse 6: “My sheep wandered over all the mountains and on every high hill. They were scattered over the whole earth, and no one searched or looked for them.” You can sense the grief that Father God has when His children are scattered, with no one to search or look for them.

When God removed His favor from the first king of Israel, He began to seek another man—“a man after his own heart” (1 Sam. 13:14, NIV). Who did He find to replace Saul as king? A young shepherd boy named David—literally, a man who had the same heart as Him! He is the Good Shepherd, and He found a shepherd who would care for His people well. He knew that since David cared for the weakest and most helpless of animals in the hidden places, that he would also care for His people with great compassion once he became a king!

Let's Pray:

- ◆ Father, we want to carry Your heart for the students, the faculty and staff on our campus. We want to love with the same intensity and depth that You love. We want our hearts to be broken over those who are lost, wandering, scattered, alone, weak, sick, injured and in danger of being devoured. We want our hearts to break for lost and prodigal souls, just as Yours does. Give us the heart of the Good Shepherd, that we would be willing to lay down our lives for Your sheep (John 10:11), that we would seek out and search for the lost, that we would be willing to stop for the one, and to take time to *love* the one!

- ◆ Fill us with the Father's heart and release the Father's love through us—that we might see a fatherless generation healed and redeemed! Release Your Spirit of Adoption over a generation, that they would *know* You intimately as a Father. (Rom. 8:15) Give us courage to go out to the highways and to every place, and compel people to come in, that Your house would be full! (Luke 14:23)
- ◆ We pray for a release of the perfect love of the Father that casts out all fear. (1 John 4:18) Remove everything that would keep us from trusting You, from fully surrendering and obeying You! We pray for an infilling of the love of the Father that will set us (and this campus) free from the love of the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. (1 John 2:15-17)
- ◆ We lift up every campus ministry leader, pastor, volunteer, staff, student and faculty—who knows You and serves You in any way—that they would be filled with the Father's love for those on our campus! We pray that by knowing this love personally and intimately, that we would be able to love others in the same way that You do. We can *only* love because You first loved us! (1 John 4:19)

Day 6: Identity Defined by His Words Alone

“As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

—Matthew 3:16-17 (NIV)

Before Jesus ever performed a miracle, healed the sick, raised the dead or began his public ministry, He was first and foremost *God’s Son*. He lived out of the place of intimate relationship, living to please the heart of the Father in the secret place. Because of this, He was free from the fear of man and the opinions of man! He did not live for the honor, glory or praise that comes from people—He *only wanted* to receive this from His Father in heaven.

When we live from the place of **right relationship with the Father**—abiding in the secret place, seeking to please and delight *His* heart through obedience, walking in surrender and holiness, and receiving His love—*this is the place where our identity becomes unshakable*.

This right relationship with God becomes an anchor for the soul, preserving our life from many deadly snares—the fear of man (Prov. 29:25), seeking the praise of man (John 12:43), being influenced by the words and ideologies of man (Isa. 55:8-9), which ultimately leads to embracing the false identities of man (Mk. 8:28-29).

The issue of identity is huge! What we believe about the core of who we are will determine the core of how we live. When our identity is founded on *our own thoughts, understandings or ways*, or on the *thoughts or ideas of others*, we will completely miss who we were created to be in God!

When our identity is found in *how others perceive us* or *what others say about us*, we are living from a dangerous place. If we live by the praise of men, we will crumble at the criticisms of men.

Words play a critical role in the shaping of our identity. What words are we living *by* and whose words are we living *for*? Only *He* has the right to define who we are. Only *He* truly knows who we were made to be and what we were made to do. Whatever He says of us—this is reality, this is the truth about our core identity. If He was the One who made our hearts in the first place, isn’t He the only One who *truly understands* what will cause this heart to come alive?

Augustine, a man who lived 354-430AD, spent a great part of his life pursuing every fulfillment that he could possibly gain in this life—accomplishment, pleasure, wealth, honor, knowledge, spirituality—only to find he was completely empty and dissatisfied on the inside. One day, he found what he was truly looking for. The conclusion that he came to, at the end of it all, was this:

*“You have made us for yourself, O Lord,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in You.”¹*

We were made for *Him*. We were made for **relationship with God**, to live in His presence, to behold His beauty and to be sustained by His words. If you remove a man from the presence, beauty and words of God, his spirit will die—just as a person’s body will die without food, water and air. *God’s words* are our daily bread, *His presence* the air that we breathe, and *He* sustains us by His living water, which flows from His throne!

Prayers:

- ◆ Father, we ask for Your perfect love to pour out over a generation, bringing healing to our broken ways of thinking and believing, which we have come to embrace. Speak *Your words* of identity, purpose and destiny over every heart that attends *(your campus)* ! We pray that Your Word would be a sharp, double-edged sword, dividing between soul and spirit. Reveal the thoughts and intentions that come from the human soul, that we may surrender them to You! Lord, also reveal the thoughts and intentions that come from the Holy Spirit, that we may receive Your transforming power and words into our lives. (Heb. 4:12) We declare that *Your thoughts* are higher than our thoughts, and *Your ways* are higher than our ways! (Isa. 55:8-9)
- ◆ Jesus, shine Your light over our campus, upon the hearts and minds of every person at *(your campus)* . Reveal truth from the Word of God, and begin to wash away all confusion from the minds and hearts of a generation, regarding their identity and their purpose. (Eph. 5:26) Let the words of men fall away and begin to wither, that we would no longer be rooted in them. Instead let us be rooted in the Word of God, which endures forever, that we would be like a tree planted by streams of living water! (Jer. 17:5-8)
- ◆ Lord, cut off every critical, hurtful, prideful, flattering, deceptive and confusing word from the hearts of this generation. Let God be found to be true, and every man a liar! (Rom. 3:4) In addition, we break off agreements with the fear of man, seeking the praise of man, and we surrender every word that comes from the flesh, the world and the enemy. Instead, we will receive *only* those words which come from heaven, for we acknowledge that man cannot live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceeds from the mouth of God! (Matt. 4:4) We declare **Your Word** to be the *only* truth and the *only* reality that is allowed to shape the identity and the heartbeat of this generation!
- ◆ We declare the truth over this generation: that “none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord” (Rom. 14:7-8, NIV). We declare that profound truth that Augustine discovered, over our campus: “You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.” Jesus, let every heart find its rest in You—the only true God—who is eternal life (John 17:3). In Jesus’ name, amen!

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Day 7: The Body of Christ

Loving God, Loving One Another, Loving Our Campuses

Jesus loves His people—the Church, the Body of Christ, His Bride! One of the primary ways we love God and show the world that we are His, is by our *love for one another*:

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
-John 13:35 (NASB)

“This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.”
-1 John 3:16 (NIV)

One of the best ways we can love one another is by keeping our brothers and sisters in our hearts, through prayer! (Eph. 6:18) Let’s take a moment to pray for the Body of Christ, our family on campus, who is “the fullness of him who fills everything in every way” (Eph. 1:23).

Prayer Declarations:

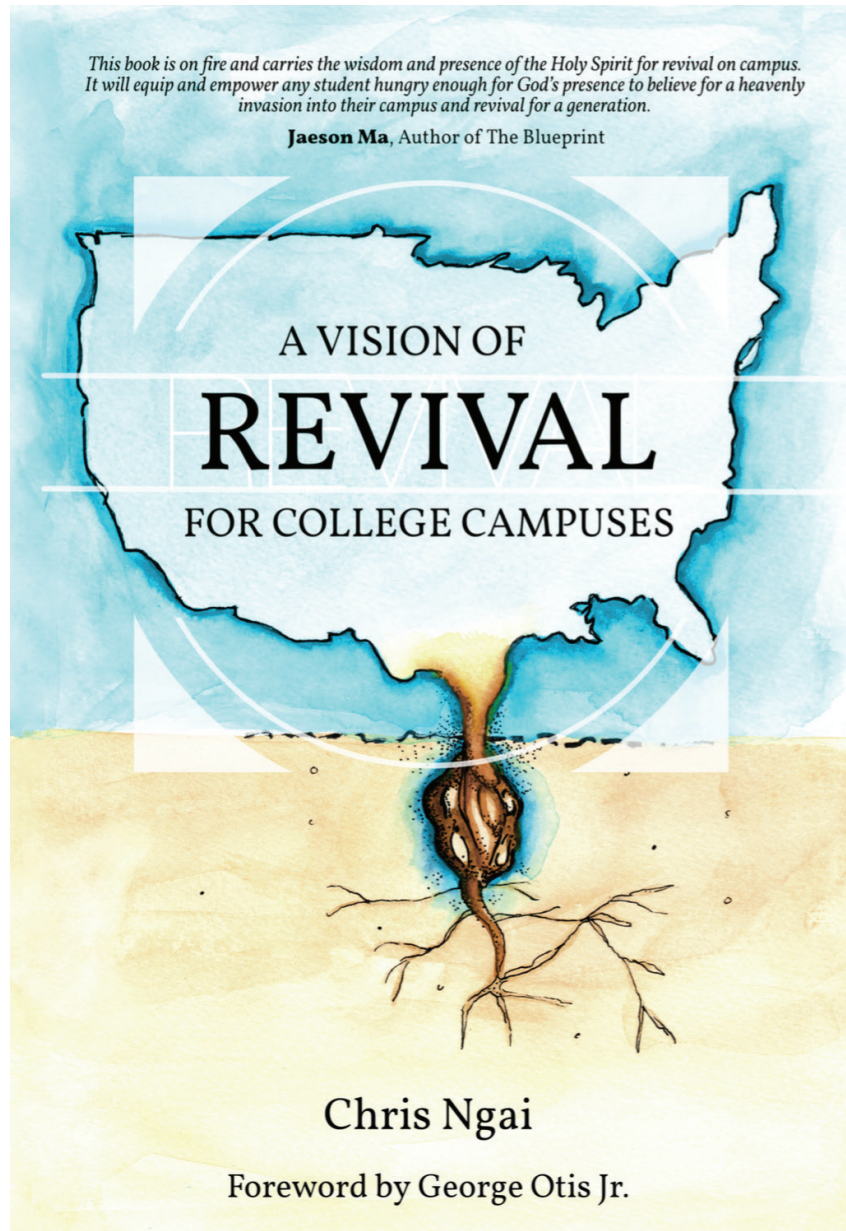
- ◆ **A Return to First Love** (Rev. 2)—Father, we thank You for those who have been laboring on our campus through the years. Thank You for their faithful service, perseverance, and willingness to lay down their lives for the student body! Thank You that when others have given up, they haven’t. We pray for any leaders, volunteers or students who have lost their joy, the *reason* why they do what they do, that You would restore that to them. If any have lost their First Love, would You open their eyes to see the height from which they’ve fallen, and would You give them grace to repent and to return wholeheartedly! Restore the joy of their salvation, the joy of laboring and sacrificing, the joy of having something to offer You! Restore their love for Your presence, for prayer, for the Word, and for the secret place—that they would be rooted from that place, and that it would become the joy of their hearts to be with You!
- ◆ **Complete Unity** (John 17:20-23)—We lift up the leadership teams within each of the ministries, both staff and students, that they would be in complete unity with Your Holy Spirit—and as a result, in complete unity with one another! Remove every hindrance that would keep ministry leadership teams from being able to move together as one.
- ◆ We also pray that You would unite the various leaders, ministries and believers *together as one*, in *one vision* under heaven, in one heart and mind, and with genuine love for one another. We pray that Your people would become more than co-laborers or acquaintances—but that we would become friends! Open our eyes to see one another, and open our hearts to begin to lay down our lives for one another! (1 John 3:16)

- ◆ **Effectiveness in Reaching Students**—Thank You, Father, that it's *to Your glory* that we bear *much fruit*, showing ourselves to be Your disciples! (John 15:8) We ask that the campus ministries and churches on our campus would bear much fruit, that they would be effective in reaching new students, as well as discipling and encouraging current ones. We pray that their communities will be strong and unified in love. We pray that they would abide in You, and allow Your Spirit and Word to abide in them—that they would be perfectly led by You every step of the way, every decision they make and every conversation they have. Let there be *lasting, eternal fruit* that remains! (John 15:4-5, 16)
- ◆ **Protection Over Leadership**—Lord, we pray that You would protect the hearts and minds of every leader on our campus, from every scheme of the enemy that would seek to discourage, compromise, ensnare or disqualify them from the fullness of Your prophetic promises over their lives! Protect them from the evil one (John 17:15), that they would not be outwitted by the enemy, nor unaware of his schemes (2 Cor. 2:11). We ask that You would strengthen them with power through Your Spirit in their inner being, that Christ would dwell in their hearts through faith! Help them to stay rooted and established in the love of Christ. (Eph. 3:16-19) Above all else, help them to guard their hearts, for from that place flows the springs of life (Prov. 4:23, NIV, NASB). Give them Your words of life, strength and encouragement at strategic moments throughout this next year. In Jesus' name, amen!

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