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Day 8: Preparing the Way of the Lord A Movement of Repentance and Holiness

*“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out,
that times of refreshing may come from the Lord . . .”*
—Acts 3:19 (NIV)

“. . . without holiness no one will see the Lord.”
—Hebrews 12:14b (NIV)

If we truly want to see the presence of the Lord flood our campuses, we must prepare the way for the refreshing waters to come! As these scriptures clearly tell us, His outpouring and His presence being revealed *first depend* on these conditions: repentance and holiness.

John the Baptist came to prepare the way of the Lord. His message and his baptism were both of repentance. People from the entire region began coming out to confess their sins and to be baptized, as a sign of their repentance. He called them not only to confess, but also to *turn* from their sins, bearing fruit in keeping with repentance. (Matt. 3:2-3, 5-6, 8) This heart preparation allowed for the ministry of Jesus to be revealed to Israel, and for heaven to draw near to an entire people!

Frank Bartleman of the Azusa revival said this: “The depth of any revival will be determined exactly by the spirit of repentance it obtains.”¹ There cannot be a *lasting* move of God without a *deep* movement of repentance among us. Before and during the great Welsh revival that brought 100,000 souls into the kingdom in less than a year, Evan Roberts was given a message to share every night, about the four conditions of receiving the Holy Spirit. The first condition was this: “We must confess before God every sin in our past life that has not been confessed.”²

Are we ready to prepare the way of the Lord? For without repentance, there will be no times of refreshing. Without holiness, *no one* will see the Lord!

Prayer Directive: Confession & Repentance

As we go into a time of prayer, let’s take time to allow God to search our hearts and to reveal anything that is not pleasing to Him. As He reveals it, let’s confess it and bring it out into the light—that no offensive way or thought would remain in us.

As we enter into this time of confessing our sins, it's vital to take ownership over the sins we each have committed. Do not use the generality, "We, the Church, have sinned," as it is *all too easy* to be thinking about other peoples' sins. Rather, make it personal: "Lord, *I* have sinned before You. *I* have been prideful towards others. *I* have held unforgiveness and grieved Your heart . . ."

The Bible tells us, "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, ESV). Also, we are encouraged: "Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much." (James 5:16, NASB)

- ◆ Lord, is there any way *in me* that is offensive? Is there anything that I have not confessed or surrendered to You? As the Psalmist wrote, "Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting" (Psalm 139:23-24, NIV).

(Take time now to ask God to search and reveal our hearts, and to confess our sins before Him. Do not rush this time, but take as much time as is needed to go deep. After confessing each sin, ask God to show you how *He* wants you to see and think about those things, how He wants to replace that way of seeing, thinking & acting.)

Closing Prayer

- ◆ Father, we are longing for times of refreshing to come to our campus! We ask that You would release a spirit of humility, prayer and repentance among the student body of (your campus) . We are asking that You would release a *movement of repentance and holiness* that would sweep through the student body, even among the professors and administration, that *every heart* would be consumed with longing for Your presence! Let this campus become an altar, and every heart a living sacrifice upon that altar, upon which the fire of heaven will fall! In Jesus' mighty name, amen.

Endnotes

1. Frank Bartleman, *Azusa Street* (Plainfield, NJ: Logos International, 1980), p. 9.
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Day 9: The Refiner's Fire

Preparing for the Coming of the Holy One

See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.

—Malachi 3:1-2 (NIV)

The Lord speaks through Malachi about a time that is coming in the last days, when His people will be seeking and desiring His presence—and suddenly, He will come! But when He comes, it will be in a way that is different than what they're expecting: it will be *as a refiner's fire, a cleansing soap*.

In other words, His people will be crying out for the presence of God to come—not fully realizing that He is also the Holy One, the all-consuming fire! (Heb. 12:29) As He begins to draw near, that holy and purifying fire will begin to draw out all our impurities to the surface, just as a refining fire does with gold or silver. His people will begin with a longing for His presence, but in order to actually *see* the fullness of God draw near, it will require a purifying, a consecrating, a surrendering of our sins and a giving up of things in our lives that are not pleasing to Him. These things are incompatible with a holy, jealous God, who will not be satisfied with a half-hearted, compromised Bride. He must have *all* of our hearts, *all* of our souls, *all* of our minds, *all* of our strength. He is holy, and He can only live among those who walk with clean hands and a pure heart, who do not lift up their souls to an idol, or live by what is false. (Psalm 24)

Prayers on Behalf of the Body:

- ◆ Lord, we give You permission right now, to come as an all-consuming fire over the hearts of Your people. We do not want You to come on *our* terms, but to come on *Your* terms. Come as You are, not as we want You to be! Forgive us for allowing You to come only so far, and pushing You away, when You bring our impurities to the surface. We do not want to reject the gentle conviction of Your Holy Spirit, nor avoid the intensity of Your refining fire.
- ◆ We repent for the times when You have brought things to the forefront in our hearts, but we haven't been willing to allow You to speak into them. Forgive us for the times we've resisted You, when You've come to convict us of sin, righteousness and judgment. (John 16:7-11) Give us the grace not to shut out Your voice of conviction, but rather to welcome You into our lives.
- ◆ As we go through the testing of the fire, if there's anything that's not of You, give us the willingness and the courage to deal with it *immediately and decisively*. If there's anything that we are

leaning on or turning to, besides You, give us grace to surrender and nail those things to the cross. We want You to be our *everything*, that we could truly say, like the Psalms declare: “All my fountains are in you” (Ps. 87:7, NIV), “My whole source of joy is in you” (Ps. 87:7, HCSB).

- ◆ Lord, help us to *yield* to the cleansing fire and the purifying soap of Your Holy Spirit—that our lampstands would not be removed from any part of Your Church. (Rev. 2-3) We pray that we would submit to Your corrections and rebukes, knowing that You discipline the ones you love, those who You have accepted as Your sons and daughters (Heb. 12:6). Let us not lose heart (v. 5), but rather let us clearly see *Your heart*—that everything You do, even Your correction and discipline, comes out of Your great love for us!
- ◆ Father, You have taken us out of Egypt—out of the world, out of slavery to sin. You have brought about a great deliverance and freedom among Your people. Like the Israelites, You are leading us through the wilderness and preparing us to enter the land of promise. However, we also recognize we *cannot* enter the Promised Land, until You purify us in the wilderness *first*.

Lord, You have taken us out of Egypt, out of the world. Now, take Egypt *out of us*. Remove *everything* in us that would desire to turn back to the world. Remove *all unbelief* in regards to who You are and what You’ve spoken. We don’t want to remain in the wilderness or die in the desert! Give us an undivided heart, give us the mind of Christ, and lead us into the fulfillment of every promise You’ve spoken! In Jesus’ mighty name, amen.

Day 10: Overcoming Distraction

If We Would, Then We Could

One weekend, there was a revival conference being held at Arizona State University. The title of that morning's session was "Defeating Distraction," and it addressed the topic of distraction as being one of the major hindrances to revival in the West. Immediately after the session was over, a girl who wasn't at the gathering (and had no idea about the teaching) sent a text message to the coordinator. The text message said this:

"Had a dream last night where God or an angel was telling me, **If we would live undistracted we could overcome / take the land / defeat the enemy in one day.**"

Those at the gathering couldn't believe how clear this confirmation from heaven was! At first, they were amazed at the idea of being able to take the land, possess the promises and defeat the enemy in only *one day*. But then the Lord drew them to the condition of this promise: "If you would **live undistracted . . .**" They realized that God was saying, *in order to be ready for the moment or the day of breakthrough*, it would require an ongoing lifestyle of *living free from distraction*.

Then the Lord highlighted another few phrases from the dream: "*If we would . . . (then) we could . . .*"

They began to realize that it all comes down to this one key: **If we are willing** to remove distraction from our lives and if we are willing to *live a life free from distraction*, then we will have the spiritual focus, wholeheartedness, courage and strength to *take the land, to defeat the enemy, and to possess the promises of God!*

Are you willing?

Prayer:

- ◆ Father, we confess that we are a *distracted people*. Our minds are preoccupied with so many thoughts, pursuits, ambitions and activities. We are not single-minded or single-focused in pursuing the Kingdom of God. You said that if we would *seek first* Your Kingdom and Your righteousness, that all other life provisions would be given to us as well (Matt. 6:33). We ask for the power of Your Holy Spirit to "take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (2 Cor. 10:5, NIV). Give us the willingness and power from heaven to "set (our) minds on things above, not on earthly things. For (we) died, and (our lives are) now hidden with Christ in God" (Col. 3:3, NIV). We put off the mind of sinful man, and we put on the mind of Christ—in the name of Jesus! (Col. 3:5; 1 Cor. 2:16)

- ◆ Father, we also confess that our hearts are divided. They are weighed down with the worries, cares, riches and pleasures of this life (Luke 8:14). They are divided by affections for so many other things, and we have not been wholehearted in the pursuit of Your promises. Our prayer is that of Psalm 86:11—“Teach me Your way, O LORD; I will walk in Your truth; Unite my heart to fear Your name” (NASB). Take the divided pieces of our hearts and unite them together as one—to become wholehearted towards You. As Ezekiel 11:19 says, we ask that You would give us “an undivided heart and put a new spirit” in us; remove from us a “heart of stone” and give us a “heart of flesh” (NIV).
- ◆ We acknowledge that “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matt. 26:41, NIV). Help us to watch and to pray with a wholehearted focus, so that we will not fall into temptation or distraction. Give us strength in our spirits to overcome the weaknesses of the flesh—by the *power of Your Holy Spirit!* We pray the prayer of David in Psalm 51: “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me . . . Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me” (v. 10, 12; NIV).
- ◆ According to the promise You gave in the dream, we ask that You would give the Body of Christ at (our campus) the grace and willingness to live undistracted, that we could *defeat the enemy, possess the promises and take the land in one day!* In the mighty name of Jesus, amen!

Day 11: Entering the Land of Promise

The Courage of Joshua, the Wholeheartedness of Caleb

Think about this for a moment: out of a whole generation of Israelites, who *saw the mighty works of God*, who were led daily by the glory of God *as a cloud by day and a fire by night*, who saw miraculous provision of food in the desert and water from a rock, who were delivered from the most powerful army in all of the world—out of this *whole generation* of Israelites, *only two* of them were able to enter into the Promised Land. These two men were Joshua and Caleb.

What was it about the hearts of Joshua and Caleb, that set them apart from all of the other Israelites, and allowed them to set foot into the promises of God? How did they cultivate their hearts in the wilderness before God, that set them apart from every other, and gave them the faith and strength to take the land?

Before Joshua ever became a leader among God's people, he was simply a young aide to Moses. When Moses would meet with the cloud of God's presence in the Tent of Meeting, Joshua was right there with him. But *even after* Moses left to return to the camp, Joshua would *remain in the presence of God*—he “did not leave the tent” (Ex. 33:11, NIV). Joshua cultivated intimacy with God and prioritized His presence, not wanting to leave that place. He lived in the secret place before the presence of God, and this prepared him to lead a people into the Promised Land.

When the 12 spies were sent to survey the land, 10 came back with a fearful report that caused all of Israel to lose courage. But Caleb silenced the people and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it” (Num. 13:30, NIV). When the people refused and talked of stoning them, God declared that *not one of them* would live to see the land promised to them, except Joshua and Caleb. Then in Numbers 14:24, we see a glimpse into the heart of Caleb, directly from the mouth of God: “But because my servant Caleb *has a different spirit* and *follows me wholeheartedly*, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it” (NIV).

Prayer:

- ◆ Father, we ask that You would make us a people who *have a different spirit* and who *follow You wholeheartedly*, just as Caleb did in his day. (Num. 14:24) Set us apart from all the others around us! Let us be a people set apart by our faith and by our courage, ones who refuse to be influenced by, or believe, the bad reports all around us. (Num. 13:32) Let us not be intimidated by the giants in the land, but let us have full assurance of *Your faithfulness* and *Your ability* to lead us into every promise You have spoken! (Num. 14:9)
- ◆ We lift up the Body of Christ at (our campus) , that You would give us **the courage of Joshua and the wholeheartedness of Caleb**. Let us not be led by what we see with our natural

eyes, nor influenced by the current conditions or spiritual oppression over the land. Instead, give us eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying over our campus! (Rev. 2-3) Whatever *You* are speaking to us, give us the courage to believe *with all of our hearts* and to *possess your promises by faith!*

- ◆ Let us be a people who abide in Christ, who linger in the secret place of Your presence. Your Word says that if we abide in You and You in us, that we will bear much fruit—for apart from You we can do nothing! (John 15:4-5) Teach us to wait upon You, that our strength would be renewed, and that we would “run and not grow weary” and “walk and not be faint” (Isaiah 40:31, NIV). Enable us to persevere until we see *all the fullness* of Your promises come to pass at (your campus) ! What *You* began in us and on our campus, we believe You will be faithful *to bring it to completion* (Phil. 1:6)—in the mighty name of Jesus, amen!!

Day 12: Laborers for the Harvest

A Divine Commissioning from Heaven

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
—Luke 10:2b (NIV)

Truly the harvest fields are great on the college campuses of America, and the laborers are quite few:

- ◆ Of the 4,949 college campuses in America, nearly 3,811 campuses (77%) are considered unreached. They do not have a single community of Christians sharing the hope of Jesus.¹
- ◆ In the fall 2019, there will be an estimated 20 million students who will be attending colleges in America.²
- ◆ On nearly every campus nationwide, the student population of Christians on the campus is less than 5%.³

Question: If only 5% of the student population on your campus is Christian (as is the average on campuses across the nation), how many believers and unbelievers are currently attending your campus?

Believers: _____

Unbelievers: _____

Thankfully, there is a way to respond to this vast need for laborers on college campuses—**PRAY!**

Only God can raise up the right workers needed at the right times and in the right places, to do the work *He* has called them to do.

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”

-Romans 10:14-15 (NIV)

Let's Pray:

- ◆ Father, as we look upon the great need for workers on the college campuses of our nation, we are reminded that *only You* know the right people who are ready to be raised up, commissioned and sent out into Your harvest field. We come into agreement with Your Word in Luke 10:2, and we ask the Lord of the Harvest—send out workers into Your harvest field, all across this nation onto the college campuses and universities!! Raise up prayer warriors, campus ministers, pastors, fathers and mothers, alumni, students, faculty and staff who will be sent into every college campus to be part of the next Great Awakening on the colleges of America!
- ◆ On (your campus) , we ask that You would raise up a movement of students who will carry the Isaiah 61 anointing by the Holy Spirit: “to proclaim good news to the poor,” “to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD’s favor and the day of vengeance of our God” (against the spiritual enemies holding people captive), “to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve . . . to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair” (v. 1-3, NIV). Let Your Spirit of awakening rest upon the student body, that they would begin to see great signs, wonders and miracles break out in their midst—especially the miracle of salvation and the surrender of prodigal hearts!
- ◆ On (your campus) , we pray that You would raise up faculty and staff who will be placed in key positions, to influence the college at strategic moments for the Kingdom of heaven. Raise up believers into key advisory and leadership positions, as you did in the days of Daniel and Joseph, that they would have *the word of the Lord* for the hour, and the answers to future crises on our college campus. We pray that You would divinely connect believers together in one heart and mind, and that a holy boldness would come upon them to share the gospel and to lead many of their colleagues to salvation in Jesus! Break every spirit of fear and intimidation off of their hearts, and give them favor and boldness to be able to reveal Your Kingdom in the places where they are planted. We pray a divine covering of protection over their jobs, that the enemy would not be able to short-circuit their ministry on campus! Grant tenure to the faculty that You desire to use for Your glory, that they could operate in even greater openness and boldness on our campus!
- ◆ On (your campus) , we pray that You, Lord, would raise up additional workers for the harvest here on campus! We ask You to raise up campus ministry leaders, pastors, volunteers, fathers and mothers, and alumni who would be willing to sow their lives into this campus through prayer, through discipleship & mentoring, through financial support, through serving in existing ministries or planting new ones, and through sharing the gospel on our campus! Lord, unite the generations as one in the Great Commission for this Great Awakening that’s coming to the colleges! In Jesus’ mighty name, amen.

Endnotes

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Day 13: Healing of Broken Families Turning the Hearts of the Generations

“See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

—*Malachi 4:5-6 (NIV)*

A young person’s sense of security and well-being is greatly shaped by the stability or instability of life at home. Their perception of God and their own identity is often shaped by their relationship with their father, and their ability to express empathy, compassion and healing concern often shaped by their relationship with their mother.

Unfortunately, many young people in our day have experienced the pain and heartache of broken families, fatherlessness, and emotional separation from their parents. Rather than being the exception, it has become the norm. Divorce has become rampant, shaking the very foundations of the home life. Families have allowed personal pursuit, selfishness, busyness and distraction to overrun the home life. Technology and media have replaced family time and quality connection on the heart level. Instead of being a safe place or a place of belonging, homes have become a place of isolation, insecurity and disconnect.

But the greatest tragedy of all is that we have neglected to call upon the name of the Lord or to invite Him into our families regularly and in the midst of our family crises. As a consequence, the presence of God is completely missing from most families and homes today. God desires to restore families. *As His Word promises in Malachi 4*, He is pouring out a grace (in these last days) to *see* the hearts of families turn towards one another!

Prayers to Restore the Family:

- ◆ Lord, turn the hearts of sons and daughters back toward their fathers and mothers, and the hearts of fathers and mothers back toward their sons and daughters. (Mal. 4:5-6) Where there has been dishonor, disregard or distance in the hearts of the young generation, would You replace that with honor, regard for the sacrifices and love that *has* been shown toward them, and a desire to draw near and restore relationship by the power of the Holy Spirit. Over the hearts of fathers and mothers, where there has been indifference, selfish ambition, busyness and distraction, would You replace that with the Father’s heart of love, with a desire to give up personal pursuit in order to lay down their lives for their children. Give parents a willingness to set aside busyness and distraction to spend quality time and give their full attention to the needs of their

sons and daughters, and to demonstrate Your heart toward Your children. Help families to be *present* with one another.

- ◆ Lord, **restore the family altar**—we're asking that families would begin to pray together on a regular basis, even if these prayer times must happen over long-distance, using technology. We thank You that it is never too late to begin praying with one another as a family! We ask that You would restore family Bible reading times, testimony times, and that Your presence would become the central focus of the family. Lord, move on the hearts of family members to humble themselves before one another, that we would even begin to see confession of sins, repentance and reconciliation take place between members of the entire family—between parents and children, brothers, sisters, husbands and wives! We believe You are able to bring revival to the family, and that You are able to restore all the years that the enemy has stolen from them—that they could begin to reflect the unity that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit walk in with one another!
- ◆ Father, we are asking You to bring peace and stability to the home lives of students and faculty. Where divorce has been rampant and removed the security of the home life, we ask that You would turn the hearts of husbands and wives—both old and young—back toward one another. Heal broken marriages. We declare a shift in the hearts of husbands toward loving their wives, and the hearts of wives toward respecting and honoring their husbands. (Eph. 5:33) We ask that miraculously, those who have been divorced would suddenly be drawn back toward one another, to honor the vows of their youth and to honor the God of heaven. Let husbands and wives begin to renew their vows with one another! (Mal. 2:13-16) We pray that the impact this will have on the lives of students will be profound, and release healing of the heart, healing of their sense of security that can only come from family, and healing in their identity. Reveal Your jealous love for marriages and families, and do a mighty work of restoration—in the *powerful* name of Jesus—amen!

Day 14: Student Health: Emotional, Spiritual, Physical Healing & Wholeness for a Generation

“Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.”
—3 John 1:2 (NASB)

“Your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit . . . honor God with your bodies.”
—1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV)

The emotional and mental health of college students *has become a growing concern* among college counseling centers. According to a recent national survey, 95% of counseling center directors expressed *increasing concern* by the numbers of students “with significant psychological problems,” and 70% indicated an *increase in* the numbers of students “with *severe* psychological problems” from the previous year.¹

Anxiety & Depression: In a recent survey conducted among counseling centers on college campuses, they found that “Anxiety is the top presenting concern among college students (41.6 percent), followed by depression (36.4 percent) and relationship problems (35.8 percent).”²

In fact, “75% of all individuals with an anxiety disorder will experience symptoms before age 22.” According to a professor and chair of a psychiatry department, all national surveys unanimously reveal “a distinct rise in the number of mental health problems” on colleges and universities, and depression has doubled in the last 15 years.³

Drugs: According to Addiction Center, “College students make up one of the largest groups of drug abusers nationwide” and are “twice as likely to abuse drugs and alcohol than those who don’t attend college.”⁴

Alcohol: “Alcohol is the most popular and dangerous drug on college campuses by far. To many, drinking is synonymous with the college experience.”⁵ According to a national survey taken in 2016, 57% of college students drank alcohol in the previous month, 38% had engaged in binge drinking, almost 11% in heavy alcohol use.

The consequences of excessive and underage drinking have been more destructive than many have realized. Statistics indicate that drinking among college students has led to an estimated 1,519 student deaths annually, 696,000 assaults, and 97,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year.⁶ Fraternity and sorority members are up to 26% more likely to binge-drink, according to the US Department of Education’s Higher Education.⁷

Sexual Assault: Somewhere between 20% and 25% of female students have experienced an attempted or completed sexual assault during their college years, with about 84% of incidents occurring during their first two years of college. At least 50% of all incidents involve alcohol use. “Students living in sorority houses and on-campus dormitories are 3 times and 1.4 times (respectively) more likely to be raped than students living off-campus.” More than half of these incidents are never reported.⁸

STD’s: Young people have the highest rates of sexually transmitted diseases. In 2015, the combined total cases of three major STD’s reached an unprecedented high in the U. S., with young people (age 15-24) accounting for a large number of these cases.⁹

Suicide: The CDC reports that “suicide is a leading cause of death in the U.S.” Between 1999 and 2016, suicide rates have increased in almost every state, with half of the states reporting more than 30% increase. Leading factors contributing to suicide include: a relationship problem, substance abuse, a crisis, a physical health problem, a job/financial problem, etc. (2016).¹⁰

In 2017 alone, among young people ages 15-24, 1,225 females and 5,016 males committed suicide. Research revealed an increase in suicide rates especially among young men,¹¹ and that “adolescents are of particular concern, with increases in social media use, anxiety, depression, and self-inflicted injuries.”¹²

Let’s Pray:

Father, we pray for a **movement of holiness, righteousness and purity** *on the college campuses of America*—that will cause the student body to be washed clean by the blood of Jesus! (1 John 1:7; Heb. 9:14) Though our sins are as scarlet, we ask that You would purify us and make our campus as white as snow! (Isa. 1:18; Ps. 51:7) We declare a *turning* in the hearts of students and faculty, to willingly offer their bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to You. (Rom. 12:1-2) Uproot the lies that they are unable to break free. By Your power, break off every soul tie, every addiction and every deception that would try to hold their souls captive to their own desires. We pray for a revelation of the beauty of Your holiness (Ps. 27:4; 29:2), that they would desire to seek You and to honor You above all, to turn away from *all sin, and to be holy as You are holy!* (1 Peter 1:15-16)

Lord, we ask You to **break off every addiction to alcohol, drugs, pornography, sexual immorality and perversion** among the student body and the faculty. We ask for the power of Your Spirit within hearts to renounce all agreements with destructive lifestyles and sin-patterns, and to find *complete freedom, cleansing and healing by the blood of Jesus!*

We declare **the joy of the Lord will be this generation’s strength!** (Neh. 8:10) Thank You that the power of anxiety, worry, depression and fear is being broken off right now, by the power and the blood of Jesus! You said that we don’t have to be anxious about *anything*, but that in everything by prayer, petition and with thanksgiving in our hearts, we can present our requests to You. Your promise is that when we do this, the peace of God that surpasses *all understanding* will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus! (Phil. 4:6-7) We receive this promise as a generation and as a campus community!



Anoint this generation with the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise to break off the spirit of heaviness! (Isa. 61:3)

We declare **the spirit of death and suicide is being broken off of our campus**, that it has *no place* in the hearts and lives of young people any longer. We declare this generation *will live and not die*, and they will declare the works of the Lord! (Ps. 118:17) We pray a breaking off of rejection, isolation, loneliness, hopelessness and despair, and we speak the truth over a generation: “The LORD is the one who will go before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or abandon you. Do not be afraid or discouraged.” (Deut. 31:8, CSB) In the name of Jesus, we silence the voice of the Accuser over a generation, and we declare deliverance from all thoughts of self-rejection and self-hatred. Instead, we release the Spirit of Adoption and sonship (Rom. 8:15), to see a whole generation adopted into the perfect love of the Father!

We release **angelic protection all across our campus**, over those who the enemy would try to victimize through sexual assault, violence or any kind of abuse (emotional, physical, mental or verbal). Deliver both the students and faculty who the enemy would try to victimize, as well as those who the enemy would try to raise up as perpetrators. Father, You are not willing that *any* should perish, but that *all* should come to repentance! (2 Peter 3:9)

We declare that by the power of Jesus Christ **our campuses are a suicide, drug, alcohol and promiscuity-free zone!** Spirits of death, depression, oppression and hopelessness have no place on this campus, in Jesus’ mighty name.

“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves“ (Col. 1:13, NIV).

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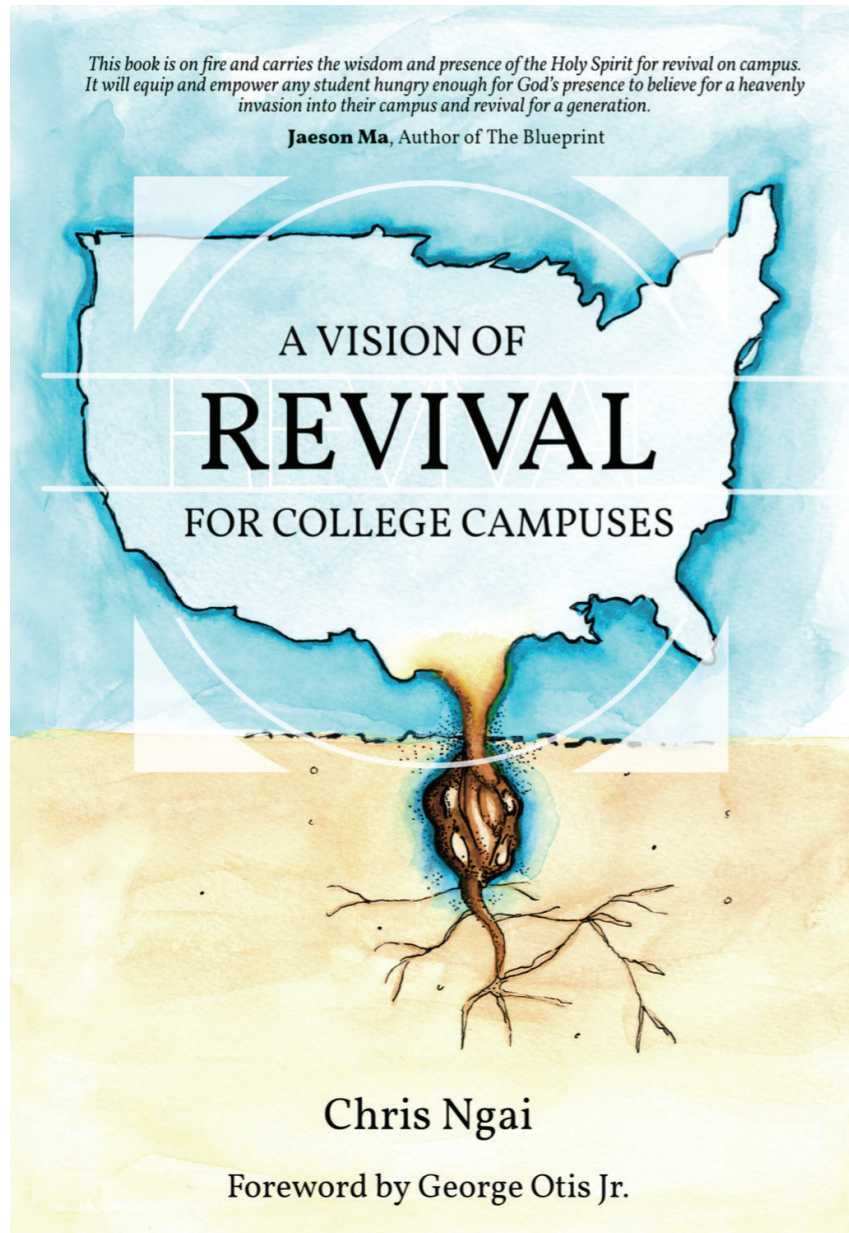


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