STAY IN THE RIVER!

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DEDICATION

To my sons and daughters
in every nation

PREFACE

This booklet is a transcription of a teaching series that I produced on cassette. The sermons were transcribed and reproduced in booklet form with minimal editing to maintain the integrity of the message and the spirit of the sermon itself. I hope that what the booklet lacks in literary excellence will be superseded by the anointing emanating from the words of its message.

The purpose of this booklet is not to impress the reader with a flowery array of literarily significant prose, but rather to challenge him with a message that I believe is critically relevant to this prophetic generation and to the coming time of revival that God is preparing for His church. I pray that God will bless you, touch you, fill you with His fire, fill you with His glory, and rub you down with His anointing today as you enjoy this booklet entitled Stay in the River!

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you so very much for your purchase of this booklet entitled Stay in the River! I'm praying for you as we begin this study, and I believe that the Spirit of God will rest upon you mightily as you get into the Word of God and discover ten power principles that will help you stay in the river of God.

I believe teaching should be more than information. The best and most anointed preachers and teachers who have ever lived are alive today, and I believe that their ministry ought to bring an impartation and an experience to the listener. I see a whole new generation of young men, women, and even small children who are powerfully anointed by God. Perhaps you're one of them, or maybe your children are members of a new generation that's been marked by the Spirit of God. If so, I want you! Hallelujah, God wants you! The angels want you! The world is calling for you! Nations are calling you! People are calling you! The villages, cities, and nations of the world are calling you! A worldwide crisis is calling you! The creation is waiting and groaning, anticipating the manifestation of the sons of God. Who are the sons of God? They're those who are led by the Spirit of God, those who will abandon themselves into the hands of the Almighty. They're those who will say, "You are the Maker, I am the created, I am the vessel. Make me, shape me, mold me, fire me, fill me, use me, and pour me out." That's the best prayer of today. "You're the Potter. I'm the clay. Make me what You want me to be."

Lord I pray for those who are reading this booklet right now. I pray that the Spirit of the Living God will fall on them. Holy Spirit of God,

whoever has come into the possession of this booklet has done so because he or she is hungry and thirsty. They've come into the possession of this booklet because their hearts are crying out for deliverance, for the deliverance from carnal limitations, carnal bondages, and carnal interests of busyness. There's such a cry in the heart of your people today to experience the glorious liberty of the children of God. Lord, I pray right now, from the beginning of this booklet, that like a cloud, a cloud of glory, a cloud arising out of the east and moving steadily forward, I pray that Your presence, the cloud of Your presence, the cloud of Your glory would move upon them until they are totally saturated in Your presence, in Your glory, in Your fire, in Your anointing. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

STAYING IN THE RIVER

This booklet deals with the subject of living in the revival. As you see, the title is Stay in the River! When I talk about the river— being in the river, time in the river, splashing in the river—basically, what I'm saying is living in the anointing, living in the revival that's sweeping the

nations today. The Spirit of God is visiting many of our great churches around America and around the world and is touching multitudes of people. Many of you reading right now have been touched by this new wave of revival. You love the drinking meetings and the river meetings. These are different words or phrases that I will use to describe the same experience. It's basking in God's presence—the river of God, the glory of God, the presence of God, the anointing of God. These all speak of the same thing to me, God's glorious, wonderful, intimate, manifest presence. That's exactly where He wants you and where He's called you to be. I know that's where you desire to be—basking in His presence and His glory—living in Him every day. So I'm going to give you ten power points on how to stay in the revival every day. Probably the most commonly asked question that we encounter in America as well as overseas is this: "Brother Dan, how do I stay in the river? How do I live in this place of revival?" I'm going to do my best to tell you.

But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn:
I shall be anointed with fresh oil. *Psalm 92:10*

That's what I'm talking about—being anointed, staying anointed, abiding in the anointing, living in the anointing, and staying saturated with the fresh oil of heaven . . . every day.

Turn back a couple of pages in your Bible to Psalm 89:20. "*I have found David my servant."* Friends, God is finding you. He's finding you right now. He's with you right now. He's reading this booklet with you

right now. God has found you! He's been looking for you—He found you! *"I have found David my servant."*

Are you the servant of God? Yes, you are. Admit it. Be bold in it. Take confidence in the fact that you are the servant of God. *"I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him."* Now that's interesting because it's not the oil of man. It's the oil of God. *"With **my** holy oil have I anointed him."*

When Jesus came back from being tempted by the devil for forty days in the wilderness, He went into the temple where the priests were assembled. He walked in and announced that the Spirit of God was upon Him because God had anointed Him. That was foreign to them. They had never heard anyone say or even imply that God had anointed him. The only kind of anointing they knew was when the priests poured their oil upon the people. The Bible says that they wanted to kill Him. They were insane with anger at the very insinuation that Jesus was anointed by God, Himself.

If you're anointed today, who anointed you? —God. *"I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: with whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him."* What a promise of God! Verse 22, *"The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted."* God has something very powerful for you. Reach out for it right now.

POWER POINT 1

YOU MUST SEE YOUR NEED FOR

FRESH OIL EVERY DAY.

You must see your need. That sounds simple, doesn't it? Yet many fail to see that they need to stay in the river of God's presence every day! Are you convinced of your need for fresh oil, fresh anointing, and fresh presence every day? I believe you are. I believe it's safe to move on to point two because I think you agree that you need God every day. You need His touch every day. Friends, let's face it, we're addicted! Let's face it, we can't quit any time we want to. Let's

admit it, we can't give it up. We like it! We want fresh oil, fresh anointing, and a fresh touch every day.

Can you have it? Yes, you can. Can you see your kids every day? Yes. Your wife? Yes. Your husband? Yes. Do you eat every day? Yes. Do you drink every day? Yes. Can you be anointed every day? Yes. Not only can you walk in the fresh anointing every day—you should! It's offered to you. It's your heritage.

Pull God out of the typical Sunday morning/Wednesday night routine. Put Jesus in the center of your life and give Him this portion (yourself) every day. Deuteronomy 32:9 says, "*For the Lord's portion is his people*." Have you given the Lord His portion today?

You must come to His table every day to receive your portion and give God His. What's your portion? Psalm 23:5 tells you, "*Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*" You can come to the table of the Lord's presence every day to be freshly anointed and filled to overflowing.

POWER POINT 2

DO NOT ALLOW FORM, EMPTY RITUAL, OR DEAD TRADITIONS TO OVERPOWER YOU OR PUSH YOU AROUND SPIRITUALLY.

Do not allow form, empty ritual, or dead traditions to overpower you or push you around spiritually. In other words, hold tight to what's real to you.

Is the revival real to you? Hold tight to it. Is the fresh moving of the Spirit of God real to you? Hold tight. Is what God has done in your life in the last few months or the last year or two real to you? Hold tight

to it. Don't allow empty vain traditions and forms of religion to push you around. Hold on to what's real to you. Go with the reality.

Jesus said in Matthew 15:9, *"But in vain they do worship me."* The word *vain* is a Greek word that means empty. *"But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."* Religious people and religious spirits will attempt to manipulate and control you with the commandments of men.

In Mark 7:13, Jesus said to the religious leaders, *"You make the Word of God of none effect through your traditions."* Take note of this: the devil will never waste his time challenging dead religion and traditions! Let me say that again: the devil will never waste his time challenging dead religion and traditions. He promotes it. He promotes dead religion, vain traditions, and vain, empty worship. He'll never challenge that. That's why someone that's outside the revival is not going to be challenged like those of you who are moving in the revival.

The devil will challenge you, friend. Those who are clinging to dead form, empty worship, and vain traditions are no threat to the devil. They are no threat to anything except themselves. Satan will not challenge religious activity. He promotes it. He encourages it. He'll sing you to sleep. He'll lull you into some twilight fog of indifference if you allow him to. The devil will never waste his time challenging dead religion and tradition.

The devil opposes truth. If God has touched you in a real way, the devil will challenge that. He'll challenge the reality of what God has done in your life. Your responsibility is this: *don't sacrifice your reality*

for someone else's theory. Don't give up or abandon what's real to you for someone else's theology. Go with what is real to you. If God has done it, you know He's done it, and it's real to you, hang on to it. That's an important key to staying in the revival.

POWER POINT 3

DON'T WAIT FOR A

CHURCH MEETING.

There's always a worship service going on in heaven. Right now, this very minute, there's worship in heaven. My point is this: you're a citizen of heaven, and back in your "hometown," there's always a worship service going on around the throne. Hallelujah, it's glorious! Talk about revival songs, they've got them! Talk about river songs, they have them! Talk about time in the river, I mean literally, they have it! Guess what, friends. You don't have to wait until you die. You can go there now by the Spirit. You can join right now. You can put this booklet down and pop on your CD or cassette tape of river music or revival music. After just a few moments of worshiping God—guess what? You'll be joined right in with the heavenly throng around the glorious throne and presence of God. You'll be right there.

You can't wait for a church meeting. They don't happen frequently enough. I've discovered I'm not satisfied even when there are meetings every day! On many of our missions, we have meetings every day and sometimes twice a day for days at a time, but I never get satisfied. I always get more and more hungry. The more time we spend in the river, the more time we want to be in the river. So don't wait for a church meeting. You have to learn to drink on your own. You're not living in the nursery. You don't have to wait for the nanny to come and pop a bottle in your mouth. You're mature enough now to know how to go to the refrigerator or to the water faucet and get a drink for yourself. The same thing applies spiritually. It's time for you to learn how to draw from that well that never runs dry. Let's look at the book of Proverbs.

> *Blessed is the man that heareth me, watching daily at my gates, waiting at the posts of my doors. For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord.* *Proverbs 8:34-35*

Hallelujah! We should be waiting at His gates, watching at the posts of His door every day. Psalm 84:10 says, "A day in thy courts is better than a thousand any place else." It's so wonderful to be in the presence of Jesus!Power point number three again: *don't wait for a church meeting*. There's always worship going on in heaven. Join in. How do you do that? The number one way that I've discovered is with anointed worship cassettes and CDs. We have many such items and

produce new materials constantly through our ministry. That's the number one way for me to stay in revival is through anointed, "cutting edge" worship cassettes and CDs. We keep them playing in our office constantly. We keep them in our home constantly. We keep them playing in our automobiles constantly.

The terms "cutting edge," river music, oily music, and anointed music are all different ways of describing the same thing. These are songs that are conceived in heaven, then birthed into the earth through the ministry of divinely ordained minstrels and psalmists who are given as an extension of the river of God. So consequently, just for the price of a CD, you can have the river of God freshly flowing through your life. You can be anointed with fresh oil by simply playing a cassette tape or CD and allowing it to minister to you with anointing. The river of God will flow over you. You will be filled, and you will be in the river. Then, as you step out of that place into your affairs and activities, the river that's in you will flow through you touching others. That's a good description of revival.

What God does in you, he will do through you. If you are filled yourself, out from you will flow a continuous stream to fill others. If you will allow God to touch you, you will touch others. I would call that revival. I'd call it revival on a personal level, and that is what all revival really is. Revival is when people living in the river, soaking, dripping, saturated, and wet with the life of God and the river of God, get out of the river and drip on other people. That's what revival is, and when you

get enough people doing that, the city is affected. Then when you get enough cities doing that, the nation is affected with revival.

We've yet to see a nation fall for the Gospel, but we're going to see it in this generation. Some of you reading this booklet will be right in the middle of that move. For others of you, it will be your children, but somebody's going to do it! You should gather your children around and read them this booklet. There is something in here. There is something alive, tangible, and real that's flowing through the very words in this booklet. There's something flowing out right now, looking for a place to connect supernaturally and divinely with people who are destined by God to be used in this last day. May I make a suggestion? Buy the "Staying in the River" cassette tape series and play it for your small children while they're taking their nap or sleeping. If they're old enough to understand it, let them listen to it, and the Spirit of God will get on them.

Again, power point number three: *don't wait for a church meeting*. Why wait? There's always a meeting going on in heaven . . . enter in! As I've said, the primary way I do it is through anointed cassette tapes and CDs. You may contact our ministry for a list of available products. We have many that we'll recommend or make available to you.

Another way to stay in revival and stay in the river is to feed your spirit on what I call revival rations. That's what this booklet is intended to be for you. This is revival rations, friends. When soldiers are sent off to war, we send them war rations, specially prepared nutritious food to

sustain them in battle. Likewise, you need revival rations, something that will feed your spirit with a word for today.

There are cassettes and books that are prophetic in nature and substance. All the Bible is the Word of God, but not all the Bible is the Word of God for today. Jesus said, *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds (present tense) out of the mouth of God."* You live on the proceeding word, not the proceeded word. You don't live on what God *did* say. You live by what God *is saying*. What He said yesterday is wonderful, it's true, it's accurate and it's powerful; but what He's saying today supercedes what He said yesterday. The church in the wilderness was fed with supernatural manna every day, manna wet with the dew of heaven. My prayer for this booklet is that it would be like manna wet with the dew of Heaven; however, nothing will take the place of you reading your Bible. Nothing will take the place of the Word of God in your life. Whatever else you may do, read your Bible!

I want to quickly go back over the first few points:

1. You must see your need for fresh oil daily.
2. Hold tight to what's real to you.
3. Don't wait for a church meeting. There's always a worship meeting going on in heaven. Join in.

POWER POINT 4

STAY IN GOD'S PRESENCE.

Don't let anyone pull you out of the river. Is that a challenge? Yes. Is that easy to do? No. Can you do it? Yes. Are many doing it today? More than you think. Stay in God's presence. He never leaves. He never quits. He never gives the benediction. He never does as I do many times in our "Fire and Glory" meetings around 11:30 or 12:00 at night. I stand up and say, "O.K. go home!" God never does that. When you're in His presence, you **are** home. He never leaves. He never quits. We're the ones who reach our level of hunger and tolerance. We're the ones who withdraw from His presence. So don't withdraw. Stay in there. Learn to abide every day. Live every day in His wonderful presence. Are there people doing it? Yes, there are people that do it, and you want to do it! That's what I'm telling you and teaching you in this booklet. There are some practical ways to stay in the river.

In our overseas ministry, it's not uncommon to see people come into our revival meetings dry, beat up by religion, beat up by traditions and vain worship. They come and get "dragged" right into the river of God. One thing about the river, if it's moving and you get in, when you get out you'll be in a different place. It's not hard to move forward in God. Just get in the river. The river will move you. We see so many lives transformed, and God wants to use you in the very same way.

Praise God, aren't you excited? Aren't you excited about the Spirit of God? Aren't you excited about this booklet entitled Stay in the River? I'd love to have your testimonies. I'd love to hear what God is doing in your lives.

As I told you earlier, one of the most commonly asked questions that comes to our ministry team is, "Brother, how do I stay in revival? How do I stay in the river?" It's not hard. It just takes a desire, a hunger, and a thirst on your part. You can do it. God has called you to do it. You don't have to get out of the river. I don't care what anybody tells you, you don't have to conform to religion. You don't have to conform to dead traditions. You don't have to please anybody but Jesus. The Bible says in Proverbs 16:7, "*When a man's ways please the Lord, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.*"

I'm tired of people dragging me out of the river, aren't you? I'm tired of people trying to push me around spiritually, saying, "Oh, don't get too wild." Man, I want to be more wild. I want to be like David when he told Michal, "Honey, you haven't seen anything yet. I'll be yet more vile on the morrow because it was before the Lord." (See II Samuel 6:22) Hallelujah!

The Lord set a river to flow out of His throne to water His garden. You're His garden. You are His husbandry. You are the planting of the Lord. You're the tree of the Lord. You need the water of the Lord. If you want to be in the river, get in the river. If you don't want to get out, don't get out. You don't have to let anybody pull you out, but it may not be easy. That's why we're producing this booklet. As I said in point

number 2, the devil will never waste his time challenging dead religion. He won't challenge the theology of dead, vain religion. He's only going to challenge what's real in you. Don't sacrifice your reality for someone else's theory.

POWER POINT 5

STAY FRESH IN THE REVIVAL

BY YIELDING TO GOD EVERY DAY,

EVERY PLACE,

EVEN IN CHURCH.

You're going to encounter enormous spiritual opposition in your mind when it comes to this whole idea of yielding to the Holy Spirit. For one thing, to yield to the Holy Spirit is humbling. It can be humiliating. Allowing the Holy Spirit to touch you, fill you, or manifest Himself through you in a public place can be very unsettling, but you must do it. In a church service, (and I already told you—don't wait for a church service, so I'm not reversing that, but I'm using it as an example) the Holy Spirit of God needs someone who will welcome and entertain His presence—so He comes to you. Let's say He comes to you with a spiritual gift or as a cloud of glory. He may come as the fire or the rain. Perhaps those around you are not experiencing anything; but the Holy Spirit, like a dove, is looking for a place to descend. He wants to descend upon someone. He wants you to be His landing site. He wants you to be a conductor, not a resistor. If He comes upon you and you receive Him, then the Holy Spirit has a place to manifest Himself. If you'll yield to Him and welcome Him, the anointing in the whole atmosphere will increase. If a second person will yield, it will increase the more. If a third, a fourth, a fifth, a hundredth, a two hundredth, and a five hundredth person will yield to the Holy Spirit, friends, you've got revival on your hands.

What resists revival is resisting the Holy Spirit. The resistance to revival has to do with the unknown. You must deal with the mystery of what's going to happen when the Spirit of God comes on you. You can predict all you want to, but until the Spirit of God touches you and you yield to Him, you don't know what you're going to do. Even the critics don't know what they're going to do. They may criticize you. They may criticize me. They may sit back, look down their long, religious noses and say, "Well, I would never act like that." But the truth is, they don't know how they will act when the Spirit of God comes on them. They don't know what they will do when the fire of God falls on them. Nobody knows, Hallelujah! That's the fun of it. Say, "Come on Holy Spirit. Come. Fall on me right now. Visit me right now." Then just yield wherever you are. I'm not telling you what's easy. I'm telling you what works: yield to the Holy Spirit every day in every place. It takes humility and discipline. It is not easy to live a life yielded to the Holy Spirit.

POWER POINT 6

EMBRACE THE CURRENT MOVE OF GOD EVEN IF IT REQUIRES

GREAT CHANGE.

When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory. *Psalm 102:16*

Some think that the revival is detrimental to the church. Can you imagine that? Some think this move of God, this outpouring of the Holy Spirit is detrimental to the church. Who in the world ever heard such a thing? *"When the Lord shall build up Zion"* — you see, He's got some building to do in Zion, and when He's finished, "*He shall appear in His glory."* He's not hurting the church. He loves the church. He's coming for a glorious church. He's coming for a church without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. He's not doing anything detrimental to the church. The only way the move of God, the revival, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the flowing of the river (all that means the same thing) are detrimental to your church is if your church is not of God.

If your church is resisting revival, it's resisting God. If you're resisting the moving of the Spirit, you're resisting God. It's like one pastor said, "I don't much like this 'Joy' revival, this 'Fire' revival, so I'm going to wait for the next move of God." No, you're not! You can wait, but friends, you don't jump over any spots. You don't move ahead by virtue of anything except yielding to God. You take one step at a time, one camp at a time. It would be like an Israelite saying, "We're going to pack up our tents and move only a few hundred yards. Then we're going to re-erect our tents; so I think what I'll do is just stay here and let

everybody move. Then when I see them move again…" No, no, no! It doesn't work that way. That's like the priest saying "I'll go to the brass altar and offer blood sacrifice, but I had a nice shower this morning so I don't want to go to the laver. I'll just go straight in . . ." No, you won't go straight into anything. You're going to do it God's way or not at all. There's no picking and choosing. This is not a smorgasbord. This is not a spiritual buffet.

God has sent His river, and we want the river! Hooray for the river! The deeper the better! The faster the better. I like the white water rapids. I like to get in the fast moving water and let the glory of God, the presence of God, the power of God, and the fire of God sweep over me in waves and billows.

"When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory." When He appears, He's going to appear in His glory. And whom He's going to appear to is a glorious church. And whom He's going to take out is a glorious church, but the church isn't glorious as we know it right now. He's going to make it glorious with His presence. He's going to make it glorious with His river. He's going to make it glorious with His fire. He's going to purify it as gold is purified in the fire. He's going to wash it with the washing of the water of the Word.

There was a law in the nation of Israel concerning the spoils of war. All of the spoils that were brought into the camps of Israel had to be purged from their uncleanness. They had been defiled by the idolatry of the nations from whom they were taken. So the spoils of war had to be cleansed. The law of cleansing was this: if it was a hard item

such as rock or steel, it had to be purged by fire. If it was soft and supple, it was purged by water. (See Numbers 31:21-23) The point is this: the hard areas of my life, God will purge with His fire. The soft, yielded areas, the supple areas, and the flexible areas, He'll purify with water; but for sure, I'm going to be pure. For sure, the church is going to be pure, without spot or blemish or any such thing. He's doing it now, and that's the whole point of being in the river.

That's the whole point of revival. That's what all this is about. It's not about laughing. It's not about screaming. It's not about running. It's about holiness. It's about separation. It's about change, being changed into the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's what you're hungry for. We attach all kinds of terms and descriptions onto it, and they're wonderful, but the objective is change, being changed into the image of Jesus. The river of God is about changing, growing, and coming to the fullness of the measure of the stature of Christ. Is that possible? The apostle Paul seemed to think so. He seemed to think that there was a potential for a man or woman of God to embrace the dealings of God, be changed into the image of Jesus, and grow up to His stature.

If you're a single man or woman looking for a spouse, you're not looking in the kindergarten. You don't go to the day school and look for a husband or a wife. Why? Is there something wrong with day school students or kindergartners? There's nothing at all wrong with them. They're wonderful, they're precious, they're cute, and they're entertaining, but they're not of your stature. That's no reflection on them, they're simply not of your stature. They are not prepared for

marriage. It's not because they're bad, but because they're young and they need time to grow. So this is about change. This booklet is about change. Staying in the river is about change.

As the Lord builds up Zion, He'll appear in His glory. That's what He wants to do. That's what He's going to do.

POWER POINT 7

BELIEVE GOD AND

BEFRIEND GOD.

I'll never forget the day that God showed me the only two things that Abraham, the Father of our faith, did for God: he believed God and he befriended God. Isn't that wonderful? You can do that. Abraham believed God and befriended God. You can do it. This revival is about believing God for the harvest of the nations. This revival is about

befriending God, being His friend, and walking with Him in the breeze of your day. That's what it's about.

That's why the devil, religion, traditions and vain, dead forms and rituals oppose it so much—because those are antichrist things. *Anti* means "instead of, in the place of" Christ. Religion is antichrist; it stands in the place of Christ. Many traditions are antichrist because they take the place of Jesus in your life. Jesus has given promises to you concerning your future. Believe them! So few people relate to Jesus on the personal friendship level. Jesus is God. Jesus is Lord and king, but never forget that the God, Lord, and king of all creation wants you as His own personal friend.

POWER POINT 8

STAY HUNGRY FOR JESUS.

This is about Jesus. This is about Him seeing the travail of His soul and being satisfied. This is about Jesus having a people called by His Name. It's about a generation that has been prophetically revealed in the Bible to come forth. That generation will show forth the praises of Him that has brought them out of darkness into His marvelous light. Jesus is calling a generation that will worship Him. Jesus is calling a

generation that will carry Him to the nations. They will be a "willing people." (See Psalm 110:3) The Hebrew rendering of *willing* is "those who will give themselves as freewill offerings in the day of His army."

This is the day of His army. This is the day of His power. That's what this revival is demonstrating. It's a demonstration of signs, wonders, and the supernatural power of God. He's called you to it, you're hungry for it, and you're in it. You're in it now. It's flowing over you now. The river of God is flowing over you right now. You're in it! You may say, "Brother Dan, I don't feel it." —You're in it! It's flowing out to you. I can see it. I can see it with the eyes of my spirit. It's flowing to you, through you, over you, around you in swells and waves and billows —saturating you, filling you, changing you, and moving you a little further upstream.

How do you stay in revival? By staying hungry for Jesus, never being satisfied with anything else, just hungry for Jesus.

Oh, you're so wonderful, Jesus. His presence is here. There are angels surrounding you right now. His presence is here with me and there with you.

Don't you see that it's all a work of the Spirit? It's not a work of your mind. It's not comparing yourself or your experience with others. It's not that at all. It's about Jesus. He **is** the river. He **is** the tree of life. It's about Jesus. Revival is about Jesus doing a work in you, being real to you, working in you, and working through you. Whatever He can do in you, He can do through you. It's about change, being changed from glory to glory, faith to faith, strength to strength, worship to worship,

and dedication to dedication—ever higher, ever deeper, but it's in Jesus. It's in relationship. It's in the knowledge of God. Revival is in the personal, intimate, experiential knowledge of God. I'm so hungry for it! Aren't you? Stay hungry for Jesus. Tell yourself, "Self, get hungry. Self, get thirsty." Stay hungry. Stay thirsty.

POWER POINT 9

KEEP YOUR HEART FREE

FROM SIN, BITTERNESS,

AND RESENTMENT.

Keep your heart free from sin, bitterness, and resentment. Everything that happens is not going to please you. You may be tempted to be resentful. Not everyone will treat you kindly. You may be tempted to become bitter. You may be tempted to become critical. You may be tempted to step over the boundaries of righteousness into the land of sin. I'm not justifying anything. I'm not excusing anything. I'm not patting sin gently, but I'm saying this: you may not walk

perfectly (you probably won't), but one of the most marvelous opportunities in all the Bible is the word *repent*. Repent means to change your mind, turn around, and say, "God, I've been going this way, but I'm not going this way anymore. I'm turning around."

Read what the apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:13. "*Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do."* This one thing, not a whole list of things, not two hundred things, not fifty-five ways. *"This one thing I do, I forget those things which are behind, I reach forth unto those things which are before."* There's something before you, my brother. There's something out there before you, my sister. Reach for it. He says in verse 14, *"I press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."* There's something to reach for. There's something to press toward. There may not be anyone going with you. Maybe no one will reach with you. Maybe no one will press with you. That's too bad, but don't stop! Keep reaching, keep pressing, keep pushing, keep believing, and keep worshiping. Stay hungry! Keep your heart free. Repent right now. The Spirit of God will convict you of wrongdoing. He'll convict you of wrong attitudes. He'll convict you of sin. Trust Him and yield to Him. If He convicts you, repent. You know the scriptures: if you confess your sins He is faithful to forgive you and to cleanse you. (I John 1:9) He'll do it.

POWER POINT 10

ALWAYS BE OPEN

TO CHANGE.

A person who will not change cannot be helped by anyone. Counseling won't help you. Preaching won't help you. Another transcribed prophecy on the stack of prophecies you already have won't help you. If you won't change, you can't be helped. Revival is about change. The river is about change. The anointing is about change. Being filled is about change. Joy is about change. Fire is about change. Shaking, quaking, rolling, and running are about change. It's all about change.

We not only should be open to change—that's not strong enough. Let me be stronger. Not only should we be open to change, we should covet change. We should groan within ourselves, "God, change me! Let Your fire touch me and change me."

Never close your heart to what God is doing. Never judge somebody's experience by your human experience and understanding. Always embrace change and any adjustment God wants to bring to your life. King Solomon says in Proverbs 6:23, *"For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life."* When you refuse instruction, you step out of the process of life. When you resist change, you resist God.

CONCLUSION

I would like very much to hear from you. If there's something I or my team can do for you, contact us. We're here for you. Let me pray with you right now:

I pray, oh God, in the Name of Jesus, for every man, woman, boy, and girl that reads this booklet. I pray that Your anointing, your precious, holy anointing, will touch them more deeply and more profoundly than they've been touched ever before in their lives. Do it, I pray in Jesus' Name, and bless them and use them, Lord, in this river experience. Father, for everyone that's hungry and thirsty to stay in the river, I pray that you'll show them how to do it, how to live in Your presence. We'll thank You and we'll praise You and we'll worship You. Amen.