

The Power of Conviction

Speaker 1:

[inaudible 00:00:09] And brothers and sisters, we want revival here.

Rick Blackwood:

Well hey everybody, God bless you. Thank you so much. You know every time I go away and come back home to Miami, I always come back knowing this is where I'm supposed to be. Yes. I always know that God created me for the purpose of living in this city and serving this city, and I'm always so excited to come home to Miami.

And Christ Fellowship, I say that to tell you I'm really excited as we move through the summer and then head into the fall this year, because this fall we're going to kick off a series that will ... what I'm praying is that God will lead Christ Fellowship to lead Miami to a revival in our city. Folks, I don't have to tell you that before we can lead Miami to revival, we need revival in our own hearts, don't we?

Beginning September the 10th, we're going to kick off what we're calling "Code Blue Revival." I'll explain all of that in a moment, but this revival's going to start September the 10th, and it's going to go for four weekends. Four weekends of prayer, four weekends of seeking God, four weekends of asking God to fill our spirits, and it's going to consummate at the Arena of the University of Miami as we bring all of our campuses together at that arena for one big day.

I just have so much on my heart that I want to share with you, but this Code Blue Revival that starts this September will be something that we're going to do every year this time in the fall. Every year, Code Blue Revival. Code Blue Revival. And we'll have guest speakers for this in the future, but this year as we kick it off, I want to speak to this myself so that we sort of set the foundation for the years to come.

I say all of that, and I want to set it up, everything that I want to say to you today, by reading from Habakkuk 3, even though we're to John. By the way, Sammy's got that not quite right; this is the next to the last message in John. One more after this one, you'll see why today. But I want to read from Habakkuk 3:2, so let's all stand for the reading of God's word. I love this verse. Habakkuk says this, the prophet. He says, "LORD, I stand

in awe of your deeds." Here's the key word. What's the next word? Yeah, "Revive Your work in these years; make it known in these years."

Well, you can be seated in all of our campuses. I want to set this all up today by sharing this with you. Many of you know by now that on January 30th 2011, specifically at 3:00 AM in the morning, I had a major heart attack. And by that I mean the major artery in my heart that supplies that life-giving fluid to my heart became blocked. In fact folks, it was blocked almost 100%, and so consequently there was really no blood reaching my heart, and in short, I was dying.

Listen, what I needed more than anything at that moment was to be saved. To be saved. I needed a great physician who could unblock that blockage and open up that artery so that life-giving blood could flow to my heart. I want you follow this story, because I had this heart attack in my home and when I did, 3:00 in the morning, Rhonda quickly summoned the paramedics. Let me tell you, when they arrived they wasted no time rushing me to the hospital; in fact, they threw me on this gurney, gave me a few aspirins, and off we went.

Check this out, even though the events are somewhat foggy in my mind from that, I remember being in that rescue truck and I overheard one of the paramedics say to the other something like this, "I'm not sure we're going to make it." That's how bad it looks, and I'm thinking, "What?" At any rate folks, when we get to the hospital, my situation was what many hospitals refer to as code blue. Everybody say, "Code blue." I want you to get used to saying that. Everybody say, "Code blue." Say it like you mean it. "Code blue."

Yeah, "code blue" in hospitals means, "The patient is dying, and is going to need to be saved; is going to need to be revived." Make no mistake about it, "code blue" means "time is of the essence." Code blue means the doctors, the physicians are going to have to act boldly, and they're going to act with urgency, because the patient is dying. Folks, I want you to stay in the story because again, events are a little bit foggy, but I remember laying on that gurney and the physician's standing over me to assess my condition.

He assessed me, he says, "Sir, I know you're in a lot of pain and I'm about to get you out of it." Now mind you, this was the physician who could unblock that artery through a process called a heart catheterization. But folks, here's what I love, love, love. This great physician was not alone in this mission to save me. Instead, he had a team of people assisting him. He had a team of nurses, a team of technicians, a team of anesthesiologists, a team of assistants all around the table, assisting him to save my life.

Folks, two words describe the response of all of those physicians gathered around me. One was boldness. They all did what they needed to do boldly. The second word that described their actions was urgency. Not panic, but urgency. There was this sense that, "This man is going to die if we don't do something to get blood to his heart." Which they did. Saved my life. Thank you.

Now folks, let me turn a corner and draw an analogy to all of that, and kind of bring that over to this revival we're going to start in September called Code Blue Revival, because what an image in the spiritual dimension of all of the people who live around our campuses. The North American Mission Board, I know I tell you this all the time and it's so important, tell us that 97% of the people here are dying from spiritual heart disease.

By that, I mean folks, 97% of the people in our cities, around our campuses, their hearts are far away from God. To put it another way, their hearts are blocked from the life-giving blood of Jesus Christ, and in the mind of God, when God looks at Miami, the situation here is code blue. They are dying, and are going to be separated from God forever and ever, and they need to be saved.

In fact, I want you to listen to what God says about everybody surrounding our churches, our campuses. Here is what He says. 1 Timothy. The Bible says, "God our Savior, who wants," and I want you to say the next two words with me, "Who wants all people to be," what? To be saved. So much for hyper Calvinism. He wants all people to be saved. Now here's my proposition, this is what I want you to walk out the door with today. God wants all people in Miami, 97% lost, God wants all people in our city to be saved, and God wants us to assist Him in that saving mission.

Now don't get me wrong. God alone is the divine cardiologist; He alone can open up their hearts. But God is looking for you and me to assist Him in this mission, and God wants us to respond with boldness, and God wants us to respond with urgency. Urgency. Tell you what, hold that thought for a moment. Let me take you back to that ER that night when I was code blue, and that physician is leaning over me, ready to cath my heart, to open up so that blood can get to my heart.

Around that table are gathered all of these assistants to help. But I want you to imagine for a moment that every assistant in that room has weak hearts themselves. They're not having heart attacks like I was, but imagine that they all have weak hearts from smoking or no exercise. As the doctor is trying to save me, they all go, "Doc, we'd like to help you save Rick, but man, I just don't think I've got it in me to help you save him." Again, I'd be like, "What?"

You see, if that were the case, the assistants would need to revive their own hearts before they could revive me, right? Folks, what an image of what is going on with a lot of people in Christ Fellowship. God is calling on all of us to assist Him in this revival of our city, but I realize that for many of you, your hearts are so weak when God says "Be bold," you just don't have it in you to be bold for Jesus.

If God says this situation's code blue and urgent, you say, "I know, but I just don't have it in me to be bold or urgent." That raises a question: how can we strengthen our hearts? How can we revive our own hearts so that we can help God, assist God in reviving the hearts of others? Well, I want us to find out as we go back for the next to the last time to the Gospel of John. What I'm going to do today, by the way, is give you a preview of Code Blue Revival, which is coming in September. I want to give this preview today so that we're not sort of sitting on our hands when it gets here. I want us to be ramping up for this revival so that when September the 10th gets here, man, we're off and ready to be filled with God's presence, and His power, and His spirit.

I'm going to give you two thoughts leading into Code Blue Revival, right out of our text from John's Gospel. Here they are. Number one; if you're filling in the blanks, how many of you have your listening guides at all of our campuses? Great. If you're a guest with us, we like to take notes. This is one I hope everyone will take notes, because I want you to carry this with you, from now until we finish this revival.

Here we go, number one. God is calling Christ Fellowship to lead Miami to revival. God is calling Christ Fellowship to lead Miami to revival. Folks, here's how that will happen, write this down as A. Revival happens when dying people are what? Saved. Spiritually dying people are saved. With that in mind, I want to run forward in John's Gospel and take you forward in time to Acts 2, I want you to watch what over there; listen to this.

"When the people heard this," this is all the lost people of Jerusalem, people who are far away from God in Jerusalem. "When they heard this," that is, Peter preaching the Gospel, watch this, they were cut to the what? Heart. They're getting heart surgery. "They said to Peter and the other Apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?' Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'" And what is the gift of the gift of the Holy Spirit? Here it is. Everlasting life. So watch verse 47. "And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being," what? Saved. Don't you love that?

Folks, you've got to realize this church here was the very first church ever. There were no churches before this church. This was Christ Fellowship Jerusalem. By the way, I actually have a vision in my heart for that. Yeah, Christ Fellowship in Jerusalem, so be praying about that. But Christ Fellowship, what I love is this church was a fledgling church. They had no money, they had no buildings, they had no resources, and yet they came alongside the great physician and assisted him, and people were getting saved.

Mind you, Jerusalem was a lot like Miami. People there had hearts that were far from God, people there had hearts that were blocked from the blood of Jesus Christ that could save them, so again, in the mind of God, Jerusalem's a lot like Miami. It was a code blue situation, but again, I love it because this fledgling church with no money, no resources, no buildings, joined alongside of the great physician. People started getting saved, and revival swept across that city and changed that city for God.

In fact, listen to what happens. Watch this. Verse 46, Acts 2. It says, "Every day," that's Christ Fellowship Jerusalem. I like the sound of that, don't you? "They continued to meet together in the temple courts." You know what that means? They went to church

faithfully. "And they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad," and what kind of hearts? "Sincere hearts." Translation, they had strong hearts, they had bold hearts for God. "The Lord added to their number daily those who were being," say it again, "saved."

Everybody listen up. In fact, give me that camera right there because I want to make sure everybody hears what I'm about to say at all of our campuses. Listen to this. What we do here at Christ Fellowship saves people from eternal death. Let me say that again. The mission that we carry out here at Christ Fellowship saves people from everlasting death. Christ Fellowship, this is the vision that God has laid on my heart. I envision a day when so many people in Miami get saved, I envision a day where so many people in Miami have hearts that are revived to God, that a revival begins to sweep across our city, and Jesus becomes the talk of the town. That's a revival.

Now don't get me wrong; there was a tipping point at some point in our past in this city that moved people away from God. That tipping point was so hard, went so hard away from God that now 97% of the people here are far from God, are blocked from God, but I'm telling you Christ Fellowship, God has laid this on my heart. We can be the catalyst to lead a revival that could sweep the hearts of the people in this city, and God can bring revival to Miami. Do you believe that?

He can do it, and He's looking for you and me to assist Him in this mission, but here's what we need to know; write this down as B. So important. Revival demands speaking boldly for Christ. I want to let that sink in. Revival demands speaking speaking boldly for Christ. Listen to Acts, listen to 4:13. It says, "When they observed ..." I want everybody to say these words together. "When they observed the boldness of Peter and John, they called for them and ordered them not to preach or teach at all in the name of Jesus. Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God for us to listen to you rather than to God, you decide; for we are unable to stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

They said, "We couldn't stop if we wanted to. We're unable to do to." Verse 29. "Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great," everybody say it, "boldness." Verse 31. "After they had prayed," we're going to do a lot of praying in this revival," after they had prayed, the place where they were meeting was

shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy spirit and spoke the word of God," how? With boldness.

I love it. The people of Christ Fellowship Jerusalem were commanded to shut up about Jesus, they spoke up about Jesus. When the people of Christ Fellowship Jerusalem were commanded to stand down for Jesus, they stood up for Jesus. Folks, I want you to understand it was Peter who was leading this revival, that was changing the hearts of an entire city. But it was Peter's boldness that became the catalyst for this revival, and here's why. Peter's boldness was contagious.

And so everybody began to catch the boldness of Peter, to the point that everybody became bold in speaking up, and talking about their savior Jesus Christ, because again, that's what all great revivals demand, is boldly speaking up for Jesus. It'll never happen unless we do it. Now, hit the pause button there for a moment, because I want to rewind the clock backwards. Just three or four weeks before Peter had this heart filled with boldness, you know the story, Peter had a heart filled with timidity, didn't he?

Because when he was given the chance back there to speak up for Christ, he shut up. When he was given the chance to stand up for Jesus, he stood down. Remember that? Listen again to John 18, we're winding the clock backwards. Listen to what happened. This is pre-crucifixion. "Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander and Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him and brought him first to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year." So Jesus has been arrested, headed for the cross.

"Meanwhile, Simon Peter was still standing there warming himself. So they asked him, 'You aren't one of his disciples too, are you?'" Now watch this. "He said, 'Of course I'm one of his disciples. Of course I'm one of his followers, and let me tell you why you should be one of his followers.'" Is that what Peter said? No, it says, "He denied it, saying, 'I am not.'" Verse 26, "One of the high priest's servants, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, challenged him, 'Didn't I see you with him in the garden?' And again, Peter said, 'Of course you saw me in the garden. I love him. I'll stand up for him. You don't scare me. I'll be ...'" Is that what he says? "Again Peter denied it, and at that moment a rooster began to crow."

You see, Christ Fellowship, write this down; C, so important. Not speaking up for Christ is denial of Christ. I want everybody to lean into this, because when God brings people into your world, you fail to speak up for Jesus to them ... Now I'm not talking about on your job; you're working, do your work. Don't rip off your boss, don't rip off your customers, you work. But I'm talking in those moments where you have a chance to speak up.

If you don't speak up, listen, that is tantamount to denial of him. That is the equivalent of disowning Jesus, because Christ Fellowship, every time God brings somebody into your orbit, you should speak urgently to them about Jesus. You should speak boldly to them about Jesus. Why? Because that is why you are on this earth. You know what Jesus said about this world? He said, "This world is not your home." So why are you here? Why doesn't he just bring you to heaven when you get saved? You're left here for one reason. That is to speak up for Christ, and bring people to him.

I'm telling you, on that day, that day when we stand before Him, that's all that's going to matter. Did you speak up or shut up? Did you stand up, or stand down? Tell you what, hold that for a moment because this all raises a question. How did Peter go from being devoid of boldness, any boldness, to being completely filled with boldness? How did this man go from being so weak for Jesus that he couldn't stand up for Jesus at all, to becoming so strong and so bold that he is now the leader of a movement of God in a city that is bringing about a revival? How did Peter get there?

Here's what we need to know. Write this down as big number two, so important. Before we can lead others to revival, we often need revival, what? Ourselves. Ourselves. Here's what we need to know, write this down as A and B. Revival often begins with conviction. Revival often begins with conviction. Back to Peter's denial of Jesus, watch this. Luke 22's version. "About an hour later another asserted, 'Certainly this fellow was with him, for he is a Galilean.' Peter replied, 'Man, I don't know what you're talking about!'" Watch this. "Just as he was speaking," verse 61, "the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: 'Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.' And Peter went outside and wept," how? "Bitterly."

Well Christ Fellowship, Peter's weeping bitterly is not without great significance. In fact, Peter's bitter weeping became the catalyst that brought revival to Peter's heart, which became the catalyst for Peter to lead a revival for the entire city. You see, when Peter disowned Jesus, when he didn't speak up for Jesus, he didn't say, "Well, sometimes you win, sometimes you lose." No, Peter's not speaking up for Jesus crushed him. Peter's not speaking up for Jesus decimated this man's heart to the point that he wept bitterly.

By the way, this is what the Bible calls conviction. You say, "What exactly is conviction?" Write this down as B. Conviction is the, everybody say the next word, it's the pain we should feel over our sin. Listen again. "And Peter went outside and wept," everybody say it with me, "bitterly." Painfully. In other words, Peter felt the pain of his guilt. Peter felt the pain of regret. Peter felt the pain of letting Jesus down, and listen, the pain was bitter. Painful. And here's why it was so bitter. Watch this, here's why it was so bitter.

Verse 60. "Peter replied, 'Man, I don't know what you're talking about!'" Watch this. "Just as he was speaking, the Lord turned and looked straight at Peter." Why did Jesus turn and look straight at Peter? I'm going to tell you why. It's because when Peter denied Jesus, that broke the heart of Jesus. I mean, think about it. Just as the words are coming out of Peter's mouth, denial, cowardice, just as he is standing down for Jesus, Jesus goes by and turns and looks at Peter.

Mind you, by this time Jesus has already been beaten up bad, to the point that his face is bloody, and swollen, and they are inexorably headed to the cross with him. But just as the words are coming out of Peter's mouth, Jesus turns and looks at Peter, and you know what Peter sees? He sees a heart that is broken. God's heart, Jesus' heart was broken. Listen, here's what I want you to get. What broke Jesus' heart broke Peter's heart. What broke Jesus' heart crushed Peter's heart. Listen, Christ Fellowship, lean into this, I want to make sure we get it.

This is the pain that God wants you and me to feel every time we shut up instead of speaking. This is the pain that God wants us to feel every time he brings somebody into your world and you shut up, Jesus wants you to feel the pain of him turning and looking

at you with a heart that is broken. He wants you to feel the pain of regret, the pain of remorse, and the pain of letting your savior down.

You say, "But why does Jesus want me to feel pain for that?" Here's why, write this down as one under that, so important. Pain triggers change. Pain triggers change. Think about it. When Peter denied Jesus, Jesus could've said, "Hey Pete, hey Pete, don't worry about it man. No big deal, I've got you covered. You're already forgiven." He could've said that, but he didn't. To the contrary, he let Peter walk away feeling the pain of his denial. If you look at the scriptures, weeks go by before Jesus shows up to restore Peter.

In fact, this is what we're going to look at the next time. Listen to this, moving forward to John 21, Jesus rises from the dead; it says, "When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?'" If you know the story, going to look at this, he moves to restore Peter but here's what I want you to get. He didn't do that for weeks. He let Peter stew in his grief. He let Peter stew in his guilt. He let Peter stew in his remorse.

You say, "Why?" Here's why. Because Jesus wanted Peter to feel the pain of conviction to the point that he would say, "I never will not speak up for him again, because I don't want to feel that kind of pain ever again." You see Christ Fellowship, it was pain that brought change into this man's heart. It was pain that was the catalyst to a revival in his heart, that put boldness in his heart that then led to a revival of an entire city.

You see, sometimes I'm afraid we're too quick to jump past the conviction and go straight to the Jesus forgives me part, right? It would be easy for me to just jump to John 21 today, and go, "I want to tell you how Jesus forgave Peter." That's not what happened. It's not what happened. Jesus let the pain of guilt stew in Peter's heart, because it was the pain that brought the change. I know this is cliché, but write it down as two. No pain, no what? No gain. No pain, no change. And write this down as three under that really quickly, your conscious is what triggers the pain of conviction.

The problem is folks, is many Christians have a conscious that fails to trigger pain when they sin, when they let Jesus down. They just don't feel anything. Now think about it,

your body has a built in system that triggers pain when you do stuff to your body that violates your body, right? It's called your neurological system. If I decide I want to stick my hand in a fire, my neurological system is going to send a quick message to my brain of pain that will tell me, "Don't do that." That system is fast, isn't it? It's got a hair trigger on it.

Listen, your conscious is to your soul what your neurological system is to your body. Your conscious is there to trigger pain when you do stuff that would violate your body before God. Your conscious is there to trigger pain, even more than that, when you do things that violate the holiness of God. Like not speaking up for Him. Like not standing up for Him. The pain of conviction is there to change that in our heart, and listen, Christ Fellowship, God wants us to have a conscious that's sensitive, that's hair trigger, so that every time you fail to tell somebody about Jesus, you're like, "Oh. That is so painful." So that every time you fail to tell somebody about Christ who you know you ought to, you feel the face of Christ turning to look at you with a heart that is broken, because you don't speak up for him.

You might be saying, "Rick, I've got enough pain in my life without having pain in my soul." Listen, I get it, but I'm telling you, we will never bring revival to this city until we have a pain of conviction if we don't speak up for Christ. We will never get a revival, the fires of revival, burning in this city until we are like Peter; it pains us so much when we don't speak up that we say, "I don't ever want to be that pained again; I will speak up no matter what."

You might be saying, "Well Rick, I do talk to people about Jesus, but they don't listen. I can't make them get saved." Listen, can I tell you something? Everybody, heads up. It's not your responsibility to make somebody get saved. It is your responsibility to tell them how to be saved. It is your responsibility to get them somewhere where they can be told how to be saved. I always tell you, you do what I can't do. You know what I can't do? I can't talk to thousands of people that all of you can. I can't do that. I've got a little world, I can only talk to people in my world. But if you will talk to people and get them here, I'll do what you may be struggling to do, and that is, I'll tell them how to be saved. Amen? Does that sound like a deal? You get them here, I'll tell them how to get saved.

But you've at least got to be burdened about that. Listen, tell them how you got saved. It's what I did with my brother, my older brother Mike. He's one year older than me. You say, "What are you talking about?" Well, let me take you back to after I had the heart attack. About three months after I have the heart attack, my brother Mike calls me. He's one year older; just the two of us, two brothers. He goes, "Rick, I'm out in the yard cutting grass and my chest is hurting."

I said, "Mike, it's your heart, brother. It's our family. You need to go have a heart cath. Get a heart cath. Get checked out." A week and a half goes by, he calls me, he goes, "Hey Rick, I want and got checked out. Went to the doctor, I checked out okay." I said, "Mike, what'd they do?" "Oh, they did an EKG, they did an echocardiogram, they did stress test-" I said, "Mike, they did all of that for me. I went in about a month before with chest pains. I got EKG, echocardiogram, they put me on a stress test; I'm a runner, I ran that thing to death. It got tired before I did. I needed a heart cath; that's the gold standard, it lights up your heart, it can see any blockage." I said, "Mike, you need a heart cath."

Three days later, he calls me back, he says, "My insurance won't pay for it." I said, "Mike, I'll go halfers with you; I'll pay half. Please go have a heart cath." Folks, he goes in and has a heart cath, they wouldn't even let him go home. They wouldn't even let him go home. He was code blue if you will. They sent him straight to what was then Charlotte Memorial Hospital, and they did a triple bypass on him. Yeah. He was about to die.

Now listen, my brother could've said to me, "Hey Rick, mind your own business." He could've said that. And I could've said, "Okay." But you see, because I love him, you know what I did? I pleaded with him. I pleaded with him. "Mike, please. You're the only brother I've got. Come on, dad has died from this, mom's probably the same thing; it's in our family." It wasn't my responsibility to make him get saved, but it was my responsibility to tell how to get saved. And folks, let me tell you, my brother's condition pales in comparison to the people who are spiritually lost, because when they die, the death is everlasting.

God is looking for you and me to tell them how, and one way, listen, let me make it simple, just invite them here. I promise you, I'll tell them how. And revival can begin to

spread across this city. But maybe it needs to begin with you and me. Maybe we need to start praying, "God, as we approach Code Blue Revival this fall, God begin to break my heart for what breaks your heart, God. It breaks your heart when I don't speak up. God, let that break my heart so that I speak up; so that I invite others to Christ Fellowship."

Maybe the revival starts with us. What I want you to do today, and I know you're probably thinking, "Good grief Rick, we thought you were going to have some great news for us, we didn't know you were going to ..." Listen, sometimes we need to deal with our consciences, don't we? Sometimes we need to let God's spirit ... it can't all be happy talk. To do what God's calling us to do, we need pain of conviction, because that's what will bring about the change.

What I'm going to ask you to do right now, and I'm going to ask our bands at all of our campuses to come on, and I'm going to ask you to be thinking about the people that God wants you to reach this year; that God has brought into the orbit of your life. I want you to be thinking about those people. As you're doing that, I want us to read this resolution. We always do this, don't we? We always read a resolution that takes it from here to here, and so in all of our campuses, I want to read this priest sermon Code Blue resolution that gets us ready for Code Blue Revival.

You're going to be hearing about this all over the radio. It's going to be news, "Christ Fellowship is asking God for revival." But I want your heart to be ready. I want you to be, when people start talking about Code Blue, you go, "Yeah, man, we're asking God to do this. We're asking God to bring a revival to us so that we can bring a revival to our city." I want us to read this resolution to our God at all of our campuses. I want to read it first, then I want you to read it with me. Here's the resolution, you listen as I read.

Oh God, please bring a revival to our city! May there come a revival that sweeps across our city and changes the hearts of the people here. But oh God, I know that revival in their heart has to begin with revival in my heart. God change my heart with the pain of conviction. May the pain of conviction revive my heart to speak up for you when I'm tempted to shut up. And Lord Jesus: break my heart over what breaks yours. Amen, Christ Fellowship?

At all of our campuses, let's read this together. You join with me as I read. Here we go. Let's read it as unto God. Oh God, please bring a revival to our city! May there come a revival that sweeps across our city and changes the hearts of the people here. But oh God, I know that revival in their hearts has to begin with revival in my heart. So God change my heart with the pain of conviction. May the pain of conviction revive my heart to speak up for you when I am tempted to shut up. And Lord Jesus: break my heart for what breaks yours.

Amen, Christ Fellowship? You believe that? Are you committed to that? You getting ready for Code Blue Revival? Then at all of our campuses, let's all stand, and then we're going to sing after this. Let's say this as unto God. Getting our hearts ready for Code Blue Revival, starting September the 10th. You ready? Here we go. At all of our campuses, let's read it together as loud as we can, unto our God.

Oh God, please bring revival to our city! May there come a revival that sweeps across our city and changes the hearts of the people here. But oh God, I know that revival in their hearts has to begin with revival in my heart. So God change my heart with the pain of conviction. May the pain of conviction revive my heart to speak up for you when I am tempted to shut up. And Lord Jesus: break my heart over what breaks yours. I love you all, Christ Fellowship. God bless.