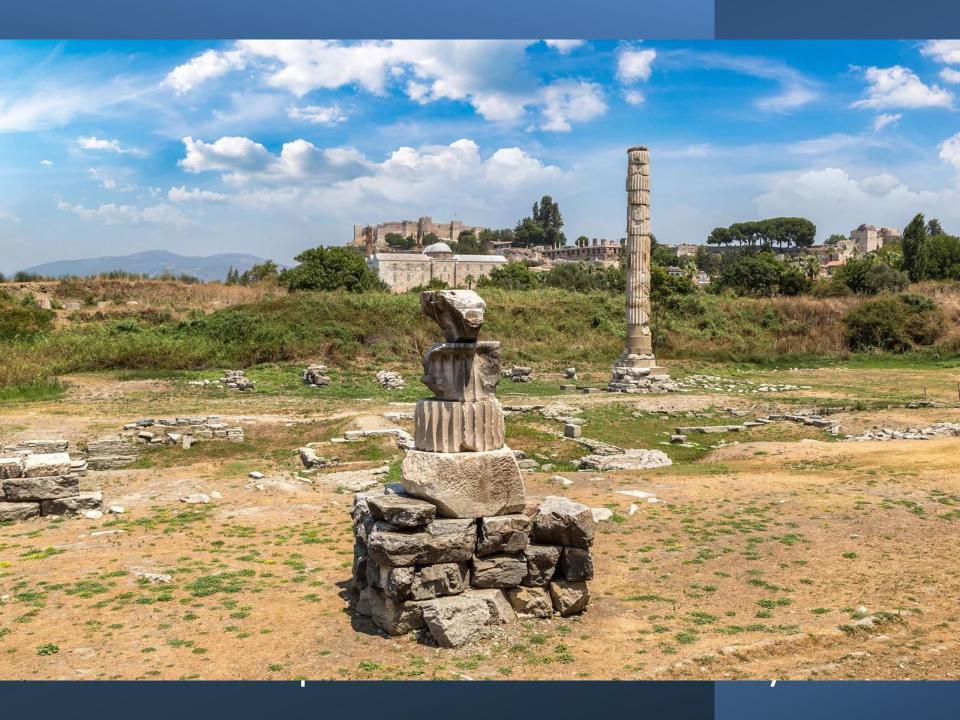


Claiming a Prayer for Revival in My Family

Ephesians 1:15-23

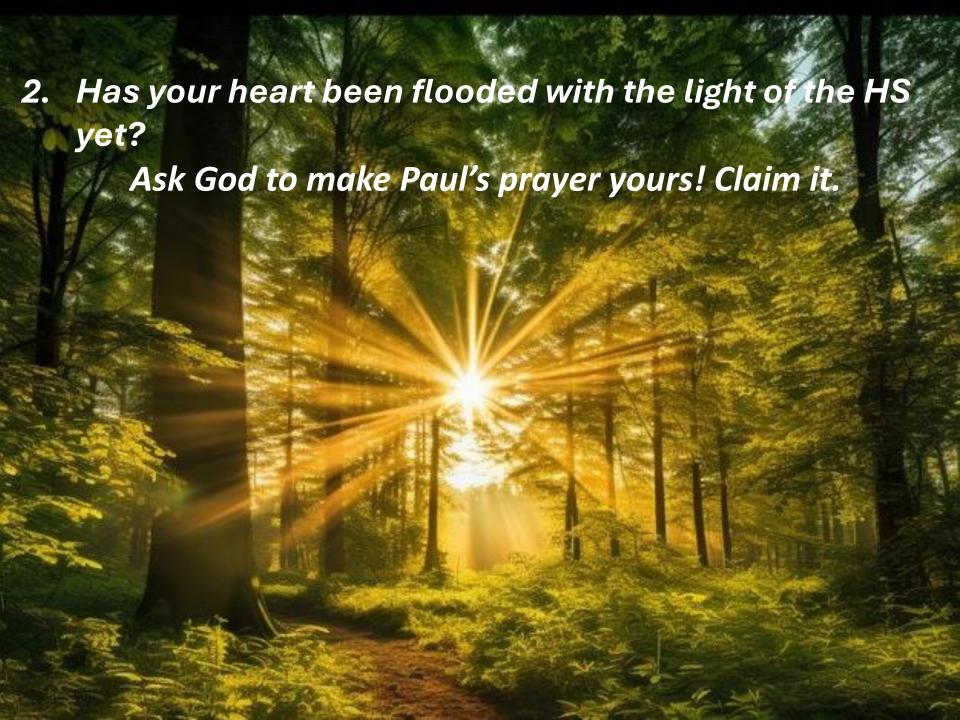




Revival in the Family

- A. Revival to bring to life, spiritually. To reinvigorate from a state of spiritual slumber or apathy, self-will or self-absorption.
- B. In the family to embrace revival in my particular "season of life," i.e., single, married, widowed, divorced.

- 1. The church at Ephesus had a spiritual leader who had tasted the depths of knowing Jesus. Paul wanted his people to know Jesus as he knew Jesus; but His prayer had to be received.
- Eph. 1:17 that ... God ... may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (ESV)
- John 14:17, 16:13-14



- Does Paul's prayer not include every believer who reads the text, today, and wants what God offers?
 - Rom. 15:4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. (ESV)
 - 2 Tim. 3:16-17 *All Scripture is breathed out by God* and *profitable* for *teaching*, for *reproof*, for *correction*, and for *training* in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be *complete*, equipped for every good work. (ESV)

3. Paul's prayer request for the people in the church had three petitions:

That we would know...

- 1. V18. What is the hope to which He has called us.
- 2. V18. What are the riches of *Christ's glorious* inheritance in us (the saints).
- 3. V19. The immeasurable greatness of the power that raised Jesus from the dead that power is credited to believers, waiting on them to draw it down.



- 3. Do you see a prayer for revival waiting to be claimed in verses 16-17? Revival is a gift from God. We open it by asking for it.
- Eph. 1:16 I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that ... God ... may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, (ESV)

Call to Action

A. Claim Paul's prayer as your own:

"Father, in Jesus name, I claim the Hope you have reserved for me; I claim my worth to you, believing I matter to you; and I claim the power of the Holy Spirit that raised you from the dead – revive me and my family, spiritually, today. In Jesus name. Amen."