

## The Third Great Awakening

The Great Awakening Tour at Cathedral of His Glory in Greensboro last week was like a “shot in the arm” for the Triad. Numerous prophetic voices have been proclaiming that 2007 is a year for breakthrough, which will herald a powerful, new move of God that will bring the long awaited revival, for which we have all been hungering and thirsting. Now we are hearing that what began as renewal will not only become a true revival but will grow into a Third Great Awakening in America that will impact the whole world. That means there will be a “Global Awakening”. Does that sound familiar? It’s the name of Randy Clark’s ministry, the man that God used to spark renewal at TACF in Toronto, Canada, in 1994. This was a part of a move of God that eventually impacted 7,000 churches in the USA, 4,000 churches in the UK, and countless other churches around the world. The fruit of this move of the Spirit is that millions of souls have been saved and swept into the Kingdom of God.

Spiritual renewal is in full swing across the Globe, even if you are not experiencing it in your life or your church, and revival has begun in many countries in Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Revival can and will happen here in North America. Many people are praying and believing for revival, and Rodney Howard-Browne is prophesying that a Third Great Awakening is imminent in America. All it will take is a great hunger and thirst for God, in a word - DESPERATION – on the part of His people, the Church. It appears that with the abandonment of Christian principles in America, an ever-increasing moral decay, and the terror threat from radical Islamic fascism, we are fast approaching a point of desperation in this country. So let’s get hungry and thirsty, and DESPERATE for God, before the plight of our nation gets even more desperate than it is already.

Let’s get desperate for more of God, and let’s get proactive and work to fulfill His will and purposes. We must be hungry and thirsty for God, and we must receive the fire and the power of the Holy Spirit - in order to be able to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ – to proclaim the Gospel and to save the lost. I believe that ground roots evangelism is the vital key to this current great move of God. We must stop procrastinating and waiting for the clergy to lead us. We ordinary Christians must rise up and take the Gospel of Jesus Christ out into the World. We must leave the confines of the four walls of the Church, and we must go out into the homes and the market place, to shine the light of the Gospel in the darkness and win lost souls to Christ.

We must all become soul winners. That is the prophetic calling of our day and it has always been God's intention, since the first great outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost nearly 2000 years ago. It is ground roots evangelism that will usher in revival and produce a Third Great Awakening here in America. We cannot afford to keep sitting around in church listening to people talking about the Gospel. We must go and proclaim it from the rooftops! We need to receive the Pentecostal fire of God and the power of the Holy Spirit to be Christ's witnesses. If we don't have it, then we need to get more desperate. So, let's go for it! Let's pray and let's act like never before – like there is no tomorrow. And the truth is that none of us has any promise of tomorrow.

*“Therefore, since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the Cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.” (Hebrews 1:1-4)*

Let's take our light into the darkness, and believe that God will take our small contribution and feed thousands of people with the Bread of Life. Jesus Christ paid the ultimate sacrifice. He gave up His own life, willingly. Let us at least proclaim the Gospel, while we still have the freedom to do so openly. If we Christians do not go out into the World and shine the light of the Gospel, and win lost souls to Christ, America will be overwhelmed by the darkness. But if we, the Church, are truly obedient to Christ's Great Commission, America will not only see a great revival but also a Great Awakening, which will impact the whole World with the manifest presence of God and demonstrate His Glory to the uttermost ends of the Earth. Hallelujah! Amen.

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