

# FIRESTARTERS 5

## PRAYER TOOL

Igniting Prayer for Revival in our City • 5 Minutes to Read • 5 Minutes in Prayer

**FOR THE WEEK OF June 20th - 26th, 2021** - Vol 60

### THEME VERSE:

*You will seek Me and find Me  
when you search for Me with all your heart.*

**Jeremiah 29:13**

### THE GOD OF REVIVAL:

#### **The 1995 Brownsville Revival (Part 2)**

It was on Father's Day, June 18th, 1995, that the Holy Spirit was pronouncedly poured out upon the Assembly of God church in plain old Brownsville, Florida. The visiting preacher Steve Hill began by sharing with the congregation about his recent life-changing encounter with the Holy Spirit at a meeting in England. When he later invited people to come forward for prayer, almost a thousand people felt compelled to rush to the altar. It became clear very quickly that God was taking over the meeting and touching those in attendance in powerful ways. There was such strong weeping and grieving over sin and a heightened consciousness of God's very presence in the room. Revival had arrived!

Steve Hill was asked to stay longer to continue preaching in the revival. He gladly agreed and shared every Wednesday through Saturday evening from the Bible about God's holiness and the sweetness of the Gospel. Eventually, Steve Hill cancelled all his other prior engagements to stay there and even moved his entire family to settle in the Pensacola area.

As the Holy Spirit continued to demonstrate His tangible presence, visitors started coming from around the city, then the nation, and ultimately all over the world. Hundreds of spiritually hungry visitors could be found lining up before the services began in order to fill up the 2500 capacity sanctuary, with over 5000 people in attendance daily at the peak of the revival. Fresh songs and fervent worship marked each gathering. Men and women, young and old, all were sharply aware of God's tangible holiness and the terrible reality of how bad sin is. But when they shared the Gospel, it was all the more sweeter and amazing! And after the Gospel was presented, the young woman Charity James would sing the highly anointed song "Mercy Seat" inviting all to come forward to receive God's abundant mercy.

This revival in Brownsville continued to burn brightly for at least another 8 years. It would ultimately draw more than 4 million guests from over 150 countries to see this remarkable work of the Lord. In that time, the church saw almost 200,000 sinners repent and put their faith in Christ. Tens of thousands of believers found their faith re-ignited and revived. Thousands more experienced the power of divine healing or deliverance from demonic spirits. And vast numbers of pastors came to visit and find their souls refreshed and primed to carry the fire back to their home churches. Eventually, numerous teams of revival leaders were assembled and sent out to various cities across the nation to spark the flames

of awakening. In 1997, the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry was founded and began training a new generation of revivalists and missionaries for all nations. Even though sadly there would be some disagreements and division in the midst of this movement, God would fiercely protect the fruit and the legacy of this revival to yield a vast and lasting global impact.

### **THE GOD WHO ANSWERS PRAYERS:**

- Praise God as more churches citywide continue to re-open and to meet on a regular basis in person again! Thank God for the fresh testimonies of supernatural healings, prodigals returning home, and numerous salvations by the Holy Ghost's power.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS THIS WEEK:**

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CITY:

- **HOMELESS NEEDS.** Pray for the homeless in our communities, for daily provision and deep healing. Pray that the Church would respond with compassion, wisdom, practical resources and supernatural blessings.
- **FREEDOM TO SERVE .** Pray for an end to the cancel culture that is rife in our nation. Pray for an increase in humility and for respectful discussions about the issues we face. Pray for the freedom of each believer to think, to choose, and to serve according to God's personal leading for them. Pray specifically for the Juneteenth event on June 19th, that it would honor God as it brings about better understanding and a desire to work together for a better future.

FOR THE WORLD AND MISSIONS:

- **COVID-19.** Pray for all nations as the pandemic situation generally improves. Pray that sufficient supplies of safe vaccines and effective treatments can be distributed to the cities and nations where the need is greatest. Pray that God would continue to bring healing and a sense of His presence worldwide as we strive to see this pandemic ended for good.
- **MISSIONS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA.** Pray for our missionary friend Sharon Stout, who recently joined the Promiseland missions agency to serve on the missions field on Papua New Guinea. Pray for supernatural healing for her as she has had to deal with a broken leg and a bout with typhoid fever. Praise God that He is giving her divine appointments with local people to share the Gospel and pray for them! Pray for her to stay encouraged and recover quickly.

FOR LOCAL MINISTRIES AND REVIVAL:

- **CHARLOTTE AWAKE.** Pray for the revival ministry Charlotte Awake as they continue to call the churches and believers in the city to seek the Lord in prayer. Pray for their Wisdom of Old Soles discipleship initiative: for the raising up of a new generation of leader-believers and for wonderful times of gathering over the Word and powerfully led by the Holy Spirit.
- **REVIVAL.** Pray for the choice that needs to be made. As pandemic concerns subside and the world returns to some semblance of normalcy, pray that all believers would choose afresh to commit themselves wholeheartedly to the Lord. That all else, all distractions and preoccupations, would fall to the ground and be relinquished in order to behold the beauty of our Lord. That the pure longing and desire for more of God would prepare us for a mighty outpouring of revival fire!

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