

I. Current Move of God

- A. Since February 8th, Asbury Theological Seminary has experienced a spontaneous student-led prayer and worship gathering and has continued under a heavy presence of the Spirit. News of this spiritual renewal quickly spread and soon thousands were flocking to Wilmore, Kentucky to experience Jesus. Currently the city of Wilmore, with a population of roughly six thousand people, is struggling to facilitate the some fifty thousand visitors who have gathered.
- B. Currently, there are well over 30 (and growing) college campuses experiencing a very similar move of the Spirit among their students. Among both religious and non religious campuses, a clear movement of God is discernible.
 - 1. This move of God has been clearly marked by a strong sense of personal repentance, reconciliation with neighbors, holiness, and God's sovereign presence. Many thousands end up on their knees in reverence in worship and prayer for hours at a time.

II. General Observations Concerning Revival

- A. Common Threads - There are a few common threads concerning spiritual awakenings and national revivals that we see both biblically and in history.
 - 1. New Wineskin that Precipitates Change - Revival always precipitates change in both theology and methodology. One thing we can be sure of, if this is in fact a move of God, things will never be the same.
 - 2. Precedes Crisis/Judgment - Unique moves of God, both in the scripture and in history, are always followed by crisis and/or judgment. Through this observation we can see God's kindness and leadership in preparing His church for the next season of His leadership.
 - 3. Is Mixed with Error - In revival, God uses and impacts broken and imperfect people so revival is always a mixture of the genuine and the fake, the supernatural and the natural.
 - 4. Indiscernible in Catalyst - There are only two clear catalysts of revival or moves of God in History. They are some type of corporate gatherings and spiritual hunger. Outside of these two realities, the other circumstances or expressions that predicate revival are vastly different.

5. **Discernible in Hindsight** - During revival it is very common to ask why it's happening or what it is unto. Most of the presumptions during moves of God concerning these questions are historically wrong. These questions are only answerable—to a degree—in hindsight.

B. Common Partisipatory Errors

1. Generating Formulas - Revival history is marked by variety and diversity in the categories of the what, how, and why of God's activity. However, it is incredibly common to generate formulas during a particular move of God that hinders us and leaves us in pride when it comes to partnering with the Lord in future seasons.

“Woe to you when you become a revival expert. Many people think just because they experienced a move of God in a unique way that He has to move that same way elsewhere or in another season.” - Jeremiah Johnson

2. Not a Validation of Personal Righteousness - We oftentimes think God is moving because we are doing something right that provoked it and we end up in legalism and pride. Major moves of God have always been surprising to the participants and there has always been a sense of a spontaneous work of God. Often we are offended to find that individuals whom God uses in revival have personal weakness and are fallible.

III. **Posture of Heart**

- A. As we see and experience the move of God in this season I am encouraging us to uphold and to be intentional in three specific heart postures.
 1. Cultivate a Heart of Thankfulness for what He is doing
 2. Humility - Weed out any legalistic or formula-forming postures that lead to offense or pride.
 3. Eager to Participate - Ask the Lord often how you can participate in what He's currently doing.