

## **Recovering The Lost, Repairing The Broken & Restoring The Stolen**

Revival = It comes from the root word revive which means to recover that which was lost, to repair that which was broken and to restore that which was stolen.

Psalms 138:7 (NKJV) - Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me; You will stretch out Your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and Your right hand will save me.

Ezra 9:8-9 (NKJV)

8 And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage.

9 For we were slaves.

1. The first step to revival is recognizing bondage!
2. The next step is when God's people decide to do something about the bondage!

Exodus 2:23 (NKJV) - Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage, and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage.

Ezra 9:9 - Yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia,

Isaiah 57:15 (NKJV) - For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite (crushed) and humble (depressed) spirit, To revive (restore, recover and repair) the spirit of the humble (depressed), And to revive (restore, recover and repair) the heart of the contrite (crushed) ones.

Ezra 9:9 (NKJV) - For we were slaves. Yet our God did not forsake us in our bondage; but He extended mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to revive us, to repair the house of our God, to rebuild its ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.

1. to revive us -- What was dead comes back to life
2. to repair the house of our God – what was broken is fixed
3. to rebuild its ruins – what was laid waste by the enemy is rebuilt
4. and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem – And the protection of God is once again restored.