

Revival

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STEPS TO AN OLD-FASHIONED BOOK OF ACTS APOSTOLIC PENTECOSTAL REVIVAL

Written by Pastor Keith Joel Walker Creating an "old-fashioned" Book of Acts Apostolic Pentecostal Revival in a local church involves returning to the foundational practices and principles seen in the early church as described in the Book of Acts. Here are practical steps to facilitate this revival atmosphere:

1. Prayer and Fasting

• Commit to Prayer: Establish a culture of fervent prayer within the church. Schedule regular prayer meetings and encourage members to pray individually and corporately.

• Fasting: Encourage the congregation to engage in fasting as a spiritual discipline to seek God's guidance and power (Acts 13:2-3).

2. Preach the Full Gospel

• Focus on the Apostolic Doctrine: Teach and preach the core tenets of the Apostolic faith, emphasizing the necessity of:

• Repentance: Call individuals to turn away from sin and toward God (Acts 2:38).

• Water Baptism in Jesus' Name: Teach that baptism in Jesus' name is essential for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

• Receiving the Holy Ghost: Emphasize the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in

tongues (Acts 2:4).

• Use Scripture: Base sermons and teachings on the Word of God, emphasizing the teachings and practices of the early church (Acts 2:42).

3. Create a Worshipful Atmosphere

• Praise and Worship: Incorporate passionate worship into services, allowing for expressive praise that invites the presence of God (Acts 2:46-47).

• Testimonies: Encourage members to share testimonies of God's work in their lives, fostering a spirit of encouragement and faith (Revelation 12:11).

4. Emphasize the Holy Spirit

• Teach on the Holy Spirit: Provide teaching on the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and the church, including the experience of baptism in the Holy Ghost and fire with the evidence of speaking in tongues (Acts 1:8).

• Prayer for the Holy Spirit: Create opportunities for congregants to seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit, encouraging prayer and laying on of hands (Acts 8:14-17).

5. Fellowship and Community

• Small Groups: Establish small groups or home

gatherings for fellowship, prayer, and discipleship (Acts 2:46).

• Encourage Unity: Promote unity among believers, emphasizing love and support for one another (Ephesians 4:3).

6. Outreach and Evangelism

• Community Engagement: Organize outreach events to connect with the local community, sharing the Gospel through service and evangelism (Matthew 28:19-20).

• Personal Evangelism: Encourage members to share their faith with friends, family, and coworkers, providing training on personal evangelism (1 Peter 3:15).

7. Discipleship and Training

• Discipleship Programs: Implement programs to train and disciple new believers, helping them grow in their faith (Matthew 28:19-20).

• Mentorship: Pair mature believers with new converts for mentorship and guidance (2 Timothy 2:2).

- 8. Healing and Miracles
- Prayer for Healing: Create opportunities for prayer

for healing and miracles during services, believing in the power of God to heal (James 5:14-15).

• Expect the Supernatural: Foster an atmosphere of expectation for the supernatural work of God, encouraging faith in His ability to perform miracles (Mark 16:17-18).

9. Baptism Services

• Regular Baptismal Services: Schedule regular baptism services to celebrate new believers' commitments to Christ (Acts 2:41).

• Teach on Baptism: Provide teaching on the significance and necessity of baptism in Jesus' name for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38).

10. Follow-Up and Care

• New Believer Follow-Up: Establish a system for following up with new believers to ensure they feel welcomed and supported (Acts 2:42).

• Care Ministries: Develop care ministries to support those in need within the church community (Galatians 6:2).

11. Revival Services

• Special Revival Meetings: Plan special revival services with guest speakers, evangelists, or

revivalists who emphasize the Apostolic message (Acts 4:31).

• Invite the Community: Encourage the congregation to invite friends, family, and neighbors to attend these services.

12. Continuous Evaluation

• Assess Spiritual Growth: Regularly evaluate the spiritual growth and health of the church, making adjustments as needed to align with the principles of the early church (2 Corinthians 13:5).

• Encourage Feedback: Create avenues for feedback from church members to understand their needs and spiritual hunger.

Conclusion

By following these steps, a local church can create an environment conducive to an old-fashioned Book of Acts Apostolic Pentecostal Revival. This revival will emphasize the essential teachings of the New Birth—repentance, baptism in Jesus' name, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost—while fostering a culture of prayer, the power of the Holy Spirit, community engagement, and the centrality of the Gospel. As the church seeks to align itself with the practices and principles of the early church, it can expect to see a fresh outpouring of God's Spirit and transformative revival in its midst.

My version reinforces the importance of the New Birth experience as taught in Acts 2:38, highlighting its significance in the context of an Apostolic Pentecostal revival.