

What does it take for God to Move in the Church?

[Isa 57:15 NKJV] 15 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 and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

[Isa 57:15 NLT] 15 The high and lofty one who lives in eternity, the Holy One, says this: "I live in the high and holy place with those whose spirits are contrite and humble. I restore the crushed spirit of the humble and revive the courage of those with repentant hearts.

Nothing can happen through us until it has first happened to us. (God's love can't flow through us until we first experience first-hand the Love God has for us.) We need to be filled with the Spirit of God.

[Rom 8:28 KJV] 28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose.

[Rom 8:28 NLT] 28 And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

[Psa 85:6-8 NLT] 6 Won't you revive us again, so your people can rejoice in you? 7 Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. 8 I listen carefully to what God the LORD is saying, for he speaks peace to his faithful people. But let them not return to their foolish ways.

If the Holy Spirit has filled us, we will have a Balance

[Job 31:6 KJV] 6 Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity.

[Pro 11:1 KJV] 1 A false balance [is] abomination to the LORD: but a just weight [is] his delight.

[Pro 20:23 KJV] 23 Divers weights [are] an abomination unto the LORD; and a false balance [is] not good.

For Your glory, grant me, I pray, a boldness that is confident, but not arrogant; daring, but not reckless; uncompromising, but not harsh; unrelenting, but not insensitive; fearless, but not unloving.

The Holy Spirit will help us with Commitment.

The king of Assyria was giving Gods people a difficult time. He wanted to intimidate Israel and especially King Hezekiah.

[2Ki 19:20, 31-32 NLT] 20 Then Isaiah son of Amoz sent this message to Hezekiah: "This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I have heard your prayer about King Sennacherib of Assyria. ... 31 For

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a remnant of my people will spread out from Jerusalem, a group of survivors from Mount Zion. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen! 32 "And this is what the LORD says about the king of Assyria: "His armies will not enter Jerusalem. They will not even shoot an arrow at it. They will not march outside its gates with their shields nor build banks of earth against its walls.

[Isa 37:32 NLT] 32 For a remnant of my people will spread out from Jerusalem, a group of survivors from Mount Zion. The passionate commitment of the LORD of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

[Deu 6:6 NLT] 6 And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today.

[Deu 11:18 NLT] 18 "So commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these words of mine. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders.

[Pro 16:3 NLT] 3 Commit your actions to the LORD, and your plans will succeed.

When challenges come into your life Prayer changes things.

[Luk 9:52-56 NLT] 52 He sent messengers ahead to a Samaritan village to prepare for his arrival. 53 But the people of the village did not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to Jerusalem. 54 When James and John saw this, they said to Jesus, "Lord, should we call down fire from heaven to burn them up?" 55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. And he said, "You don't realize what your hearts are like. 56 For the Son of Man has not come to destroy people's lives, but to save them. So they went on to another village.

Elijah was walking in the Spirit of God.

[Jas 5:17 NKJV] 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months.

He also prayed for fire to fall on his sacrifice to God and God answered.

[1Ki 18:36-39 KJV] 36 And it came to pass at [the time of] the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou [art] God in Israel, and [that] I [am] thy servant, and [that] I have done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou [art] the LORD God, and [that] thou hast turned their heart back again. 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that [was] in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw [it], they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he [is] the God; the LORD, he [is] the God.

Give God the Glory

The Lord Spoke this into my heart Saturday Morning as I was praying and reading.

Abraham didn't become the father of many nations on his own, God did it. Joseph didn't save the world from famine, the Lord did it. Moses didn't lead God's people out of Egypt, the Lord did it. David did not kill the giant on his own and lead Israel in victorious battles, God did it all. We can't lead the church to victory in Christ and cause a mighty revival to break out, God has to do it. Our role is to obey him.

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[Psa 33:8-11, 13-20 NLT] 8 Let the whole world fear the LORD, and let everyone stand in awe of him. 9 For when he spoke, the world began! It appeared at his command. 10 The LORD frustrates the plans of the nations and thwarts all their schemes. 11 But the LORD's plans stand firm forever; his intentions can never be shaken. ... 13 The LORD looks down from heaven and sees the whole human race. 14 From his throne he observes all who live on the earth. 15 He made their hearts, so he understands everything they do. 16 The best-equipped army cannot save a king, nor is great strength enough to save a warrior. 17 Don't count on your warhorse to give you victory--for all its strength, it cannot save you. 18 But the LORD watches over those who fear him, those who rely on his unfailing love. 19 He rescues them from death and keeps them alive in times of famine. 20 We put our hope in the LORD. He is our help and our shield.