

SERMON STUDY NOTES

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Walking in Love & Forgiveness

1. "Revival" means reviving dead areas in our lives. Bringing to the light, areas in our lives where sin is lying low or unobserved and bringing it to the cleansing blood of Jesus. *Is this a major need of the church today?*
2. Revival is promised not to the strong and self-confident but to the humble (Isa. 57:15, 1 Sam. 16:7). How does our church and culture shape up according to these criteria?
3. We can become so obsessed with our difficulties that we block out, our day to day relationship with God. Walking is a step-by-step activity. This involves focusing on the present – rather than on past difficulties or future perceived problems. Discuss
4. Chuck Colson says: *"We are entering a new dark age brought on by relativism, individualism and materialism. People have grown accustomed to the dark, they don't even realise that the lights are out."* What does all that mean? Give some examples.

5. We don't use the word "sin" very often these days. We have more convenient words for it, such as such as "dysfunction" an anti-social act, an inconvenience. Name some others. Name some sins that are acceptable these days.
6. We say it's nerves that cause us to speak impatiently. Or tiredness that produces an angry outburst. Pressure of work, which causes us to be anxious or speak rashly. It's our difficult neighbour who causes our resentment or uptightness. What are some other excuses?
7. The first step into obedience & brokenness is a big one. We've built high walls of self-esteem all around us. **James 5:16 encourages us to confess our sin**, so that we may pray for each other so that healing can result. Which of the following sins do you battle with? unbelief, fear, worry, sorrow, depression, dislike, self-pity, pride, hardness of heart, impatience, criticism, gossip, unkind thoughts, sharp words, anger, jealousy, envy, resentment, compromise, intolerance, manipulation, confusion, indifference, hypocrisy, deceit, greed, addictions, discontent, irritability, strife, lust, evil or impure thoughts, laziness, selfishness, complacency
8. In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant. Matt 18:23-35. The unforgiving servant was sent to prison (handed over to the tormentors until he forgave KJV). Some Bible commentators believe tormentors are things like anxiety, migraine, insomnia, heart attacks, ulcers, fears, sickness. When we forgive deliverance and healing result. Are there people that you need to forgive?
9. *Pray for each other*

