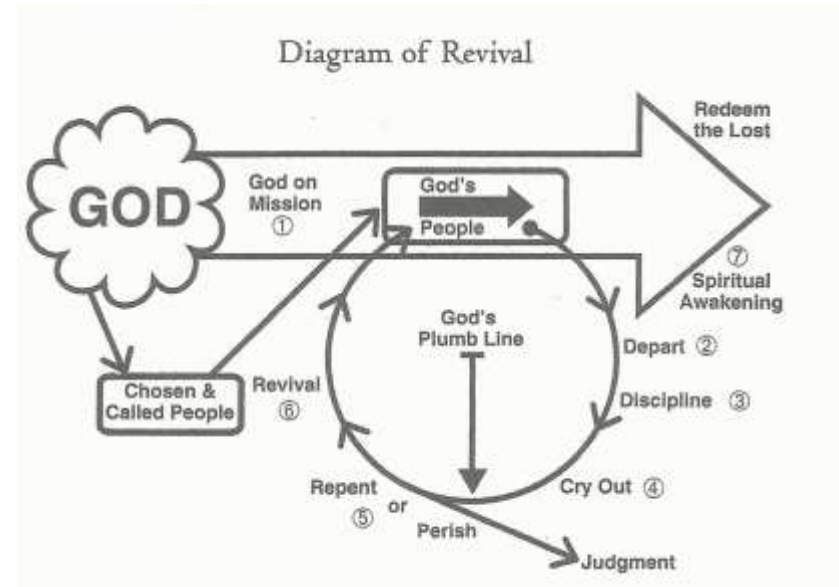


Experiencing God in Revival Overview (From Fresh Encounter: God's Plan for Your Spiritual Awakening by Henry Blackaby)

1. **What is revival?** Revive: Re = "again", Vive = "to live".
Revive = to live again, to come or be brought back to life, health, or vitality.
 - a. **Revival is a time when spiritual life and vitality is restored.**
 - b. Those who are dead in trespasses and sins don't need revival, they need life that comes from being born again.
 - c. **Revival is a return to spiritual health after a period of spiritual decline into sin and broken fellowship with God.**
 - d. **Revival occurs when God restores spiritual health and vitality to His people.**
2. **Revival:**
 - a. Is for God's people who need **a fresh encounter, a fresh love relationship with Him.**
 - b. Genuine revival comes from **a repaired love relationship with God.**
 - c. The only lasting motivation for obedience to God is a sound love relationship with Him. "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word." John 14:23
 - d. A right love relationship with God is the prerequisite for obedience.
 - e. Revival requires a **change of heart** as well as a **change in actions in such a way that God's fullness returns to His people.**
 - f. Revival is God putting the plumb line of His Word right down the middle of His people. He calls us to repent of our wicked ways and return to holiness and a love relationship with Him.
 - i. When we repent and return, He turns our hearts back to Him, forgives, cleanses, restores His fullness of life and gives renewed life. He is our life.

3. **Revival has not taken place unless a change of character has occurred. When your love for the Lord compels you to obey Him, then revival has occurred.**



4. God's Pattern for Revival and Spiritual Awakening

1. God's Mission is to redeem a lost world. He calls a people into relationship with Him, and accomplishes His work through them.
2. God's people **tend to depart from Him turning to substitutes for His presence, purpose and His ways.**
3. God disciplines His people because of His Love.
4. God's people will eventually cry out to Him for help.
5. God calls His people to repent and return to Him or perish.
6. God revives His repentant people by restoring them to a right relationship with Himself.
7. God exalts His Son Jesus in His people and draws the lost to saving faith in Him.