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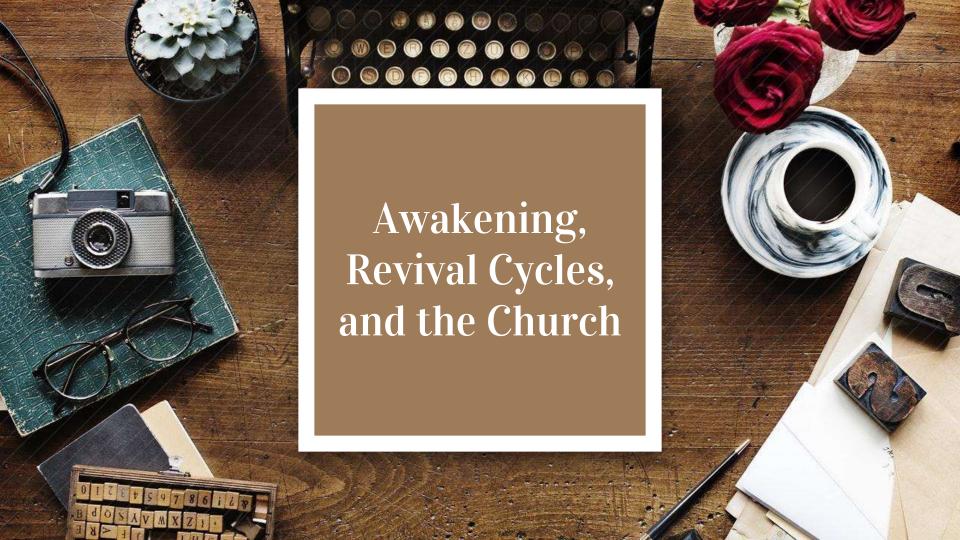
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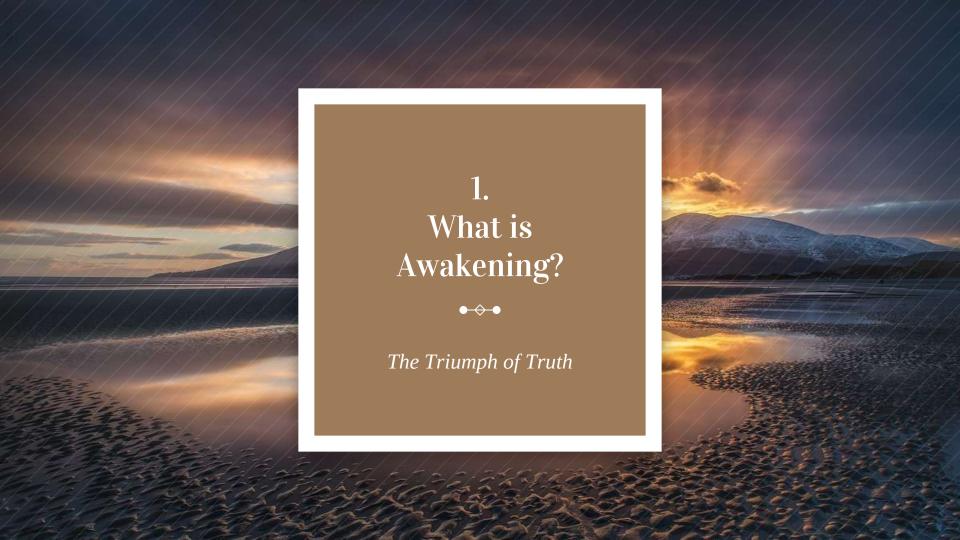
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Light shining in darkness

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Awakening is when the Holy Spirit awakens one or more persons to God's reality, and Truth triumphs over falsehood.





Kingdoms – are you in or of?





Discipleship Continuum



James Choung
Real Life Continuum

Many stages of Followers from babies to mature believers

What is societal awakening?

Awakening of living faith in entire communities.

What are the dynamics and social consequences of spiritual awakening in groups and broader segments of society?



Outpouring and Infilling!

The Holy Spirit awakens us to the reality of God's love, truth, mercy, and judgment!

The Day of Pentecost

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When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place... suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting... and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.

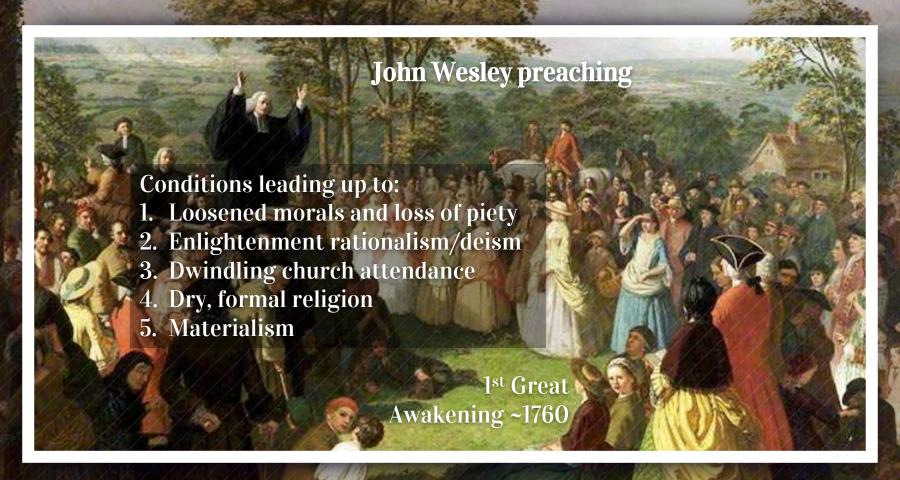
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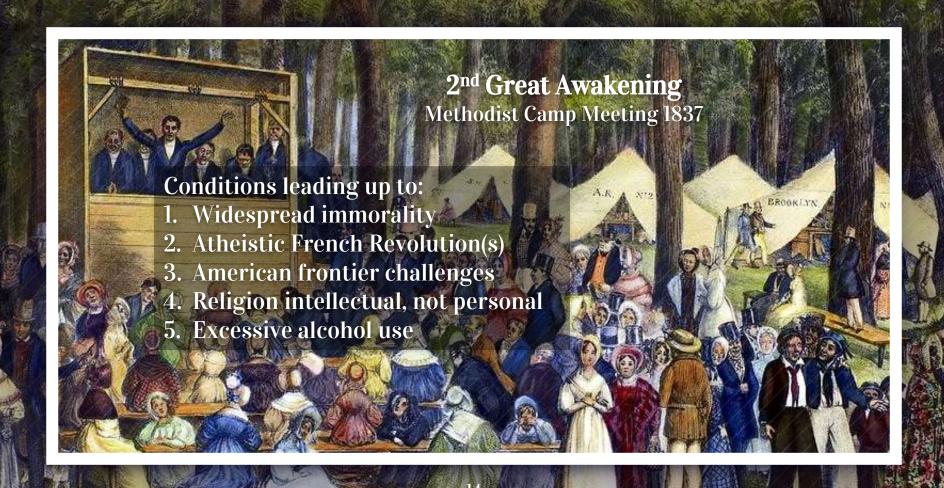
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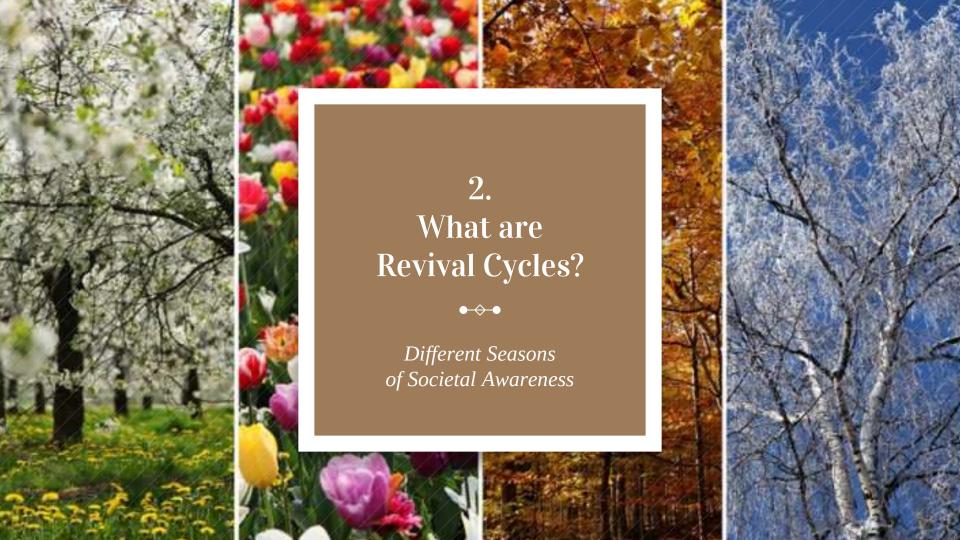




The Refiner's Fire







The flow of spiritual seasons

How and when do awakenings come?

and

What comes before and after an awakening?



Two Seasons on the Way Up



1. Desire Spring

A deepening awareness of the broken nature of one's society and its institutions is followed by a strong desire to seek Truth in the midst of falsehood. Prayer for God's intervention becomes more insistent; sensitivity to moral and spiritual matters is quickened; leaders arise; and an almost contagious groundswell of conviction, sincere repentance, and commitment to God and His ways develops.

2. Discovery! Summer

As awakening spreads under the renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit, many are revitalized while others resist the movement. Rediscovery of the presence and power of God and His Word leads to a time of inspired human ideals and values. Hosts of changed lives and positive, godly moral and redemptive social endeavors emerge and grow throughout the awakening communities.

Two Seasons on the Way Down



3. Decay Fall

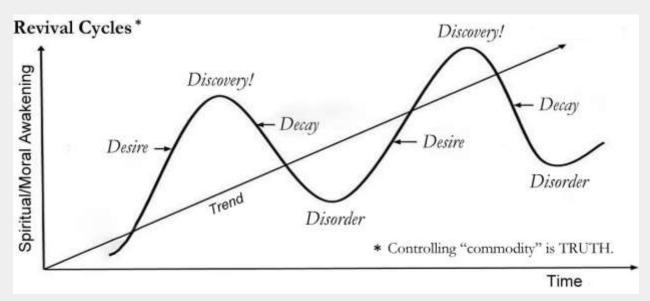
Over time the changed society settles back into more worldly and conventional social patterns, loses vitality, and slips into laxity. After a time of apparent stability, resistance and spiritual deadness descend onto the broader society, characterized by growing skepticism, unrest, and alienation from faith-related beliefs and institutions.

4. Disorder Winter

Finally disunity, strife, tribalism, and social and moral decay set in and reach a point where they develop rather rapidly. Feelings of personal alarm and futility creep in along with a hunger and yearning for better times, punctuated by frustrating episodes of elusive hope that the tide will turn again to allow rebuilding on what remains of prior advances.

Recurring Pattern of Awakenings









NOW WHAT?

How do we pray and prepare for what God has coming?



Two Different Kingdom Designs





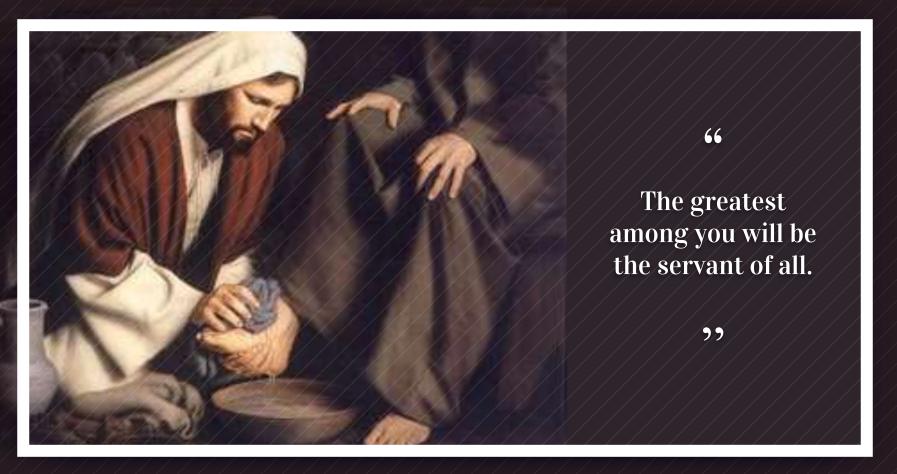
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God's Kingdom: Our King gave his life for us and we serve one another as family.

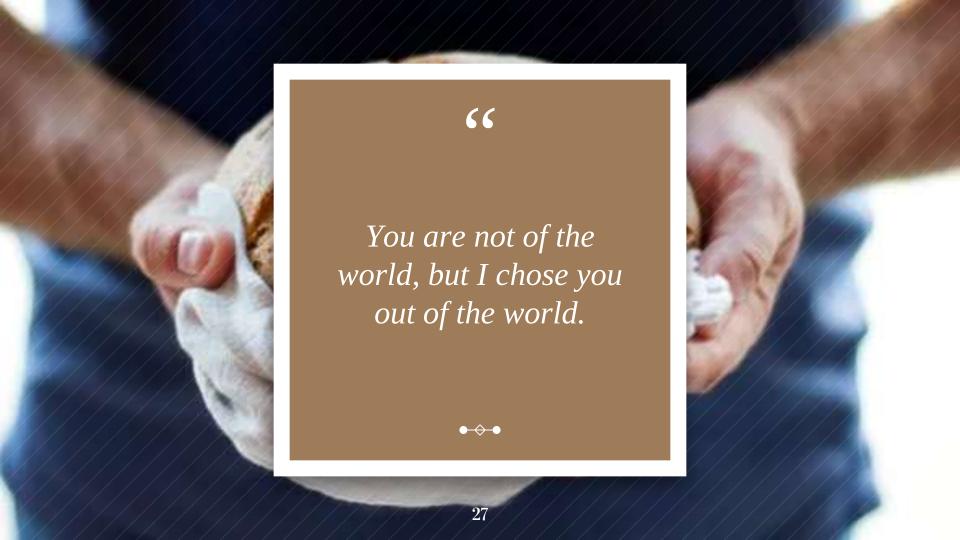


Tree of Life in God's Kingdom

"These men who have turned the world upside down" Acts 17:6







Organized Church Heirarchies



Question:

What's wrong with this picture?

Answer:

It's carnal, worldly, and upside down.

Jesus called us out of this this kind of worldliness.

OK, what is the church?

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1. The Ekklesia "People" = God's plan

God's divine approach is to call men and women who have reached the end of themselves and the world's solutions, save them out of the world and its sinful ways, cleanse them of the guilt and stain of sin, sanctify and equip them, and then progressively return them to the world to infiltrate, illuminate, and raise it up as salt, light, and yeast.

2. The Kirk "House of God" = Our plan

The Problem:

The Bible commends the first plan, but highlights the difficulties of the second and doesn't put it first.

What is and isn't the church?



The Ekklesia is

- A living organism
- The Body and Bride of Christ
- A royal priesthood
- The redeemed of the Lord
- God's ambassadors on earth
- Known by its agape love
- Empowered by the Holy Spirit

The Ekklesia isn't

- The old Israel or the New Israel
- The Kingdom of God on earth
- An apostolic political hierarchy
- A sacramental system
- A binding set of laws
- Defined by its rules and regulations
- Empowered by reason and self-will

Error plus incomplete "reformation" vs. "transformation" of the church

How will a genuine awakening change the church?

- It will be upheld by servant leadership at all levels.
- Members of the *Ekklesia* will be called out of the world and then gathered in a variety of ways to be equipped and restored to the world as servant ambassadors of the Kingdom of God.
- The process will be dynamic like breathing in and out: gathered, cleansed, healed, encouraged, equipped, sent out and regathered over and over.

Unlike any other religion or philosophy

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When a person is called out and accepts the call to be part of the *Ekklesia*, they become "born again" spiritually. They are no longer governed by a set of behavioral rules designed to make them "nice" or sociable or successful, to fit them into the world's mold, or to teach them worldly ways to "make friends and influence people." By grace they are qualitatively different, like aliens from another Kingdom.

How does this function?

The Dispersed *Ekklesia* is like salt, light, and yeast all mingled into the world around them at home in their families, their neighborhoods, their communities, and their workplaces where they shine like lights as they bring the Lord's encouragement, joy, hope, support, and wisdom to bear on each situation.

God's plan for continuous revival!

And day by day, gathering together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46-47

How can we get from here to there?

- Gather with others to pray and plan in harmony.
- Pray for widespread awakening by God's grace.
- Read Ephesians 4 and identify 5-fold equippers in community.
- Agree to turn functioning church authority right-side up.
- Assess your facilities and personal/social needs in your area.
- Establish a unified presence as full-service embassies with compassionate ambassadors of the Kingdom of God.

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