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New Sermon Series: Conversations with God

Sermon Title: "The Key to Survival is Revival"

Text: 2 Chronicles 7:14

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BIG IDEA: It is a general Biblical pattern that often God is getting ready to do His most powerful work in the **darkest of times**.

Proper Responses when God allows His people to be "shocked" by challenges:

- 1) Responding with **humility**.
- 2) Responding with **prayer**.

Prayer is not designed as a way to get God to **work for me**, but to help me gain His perspective about what He intends to do, so I can be **part of it**!

- 3) Responding by **seeking** (God's face).
- 4) Responding by **turning** from our sin.

Three promises God will keep as I respond:

- 1) God promises to **hear**.
- 2) God promises to **forgive**.
- 3) God promises to **REVIVE**.

Throughout scripture, God has called upon His people to regularly make declarations of **dependence**.

Personal Study/Application Questions:

- Can you think of a time in your life when a personal "reviving" of your spiritual life took place after a challenging crisis? If so, what are some spiritual benefits that still remain to this day?
- Which of the four proper responses to crisis (humility, prayer, seeking, and turning) has been most significant in your life? Keep in mind that the most difficult response to do, is probably the one most needed.
- Read Psalm 103:12 and think of some ways we can live with confidence and hope in light of that promise.
- Write a practical, humble prayer to God that makes a sincere "declaration of dependence" on Him for His promised hearing, forgiveness, and healing.

