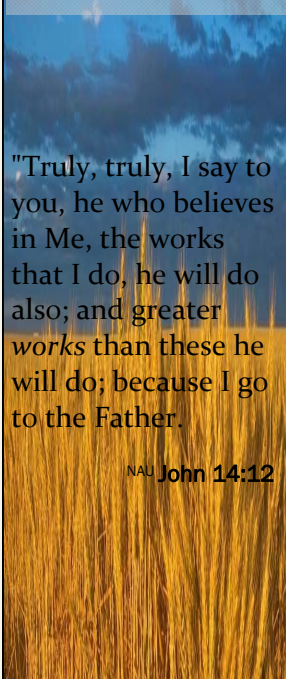


The Revivalist

A M I N I S T R Y O F T H E R I V E R ' S E D G E C H U R C H



"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

NAU John 14:12

S P E A K I N G T O W E A T H E R

Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked, a night and a day I have spent in the deep.

NAU 2 Corinthians 11:25

Christ taking the nap onboard the small fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee and, well you know the story; He sleeps the storm comes up, the disciples think they are going to die and Jesus speaks to the storm and it subsides.

Most of the year I don't give it too much thought, rain or shine, I have a house and I can pretty much ignore the weather, but when I travel to Alaska to do the work that pays the bills it is a different matter. Weather dictates everything in the natural up there.

Now I am sure that most Christians look at that story and say "Wow!" Few will actually look and think that it is something that they have the same authority to do, but I honestly believe we have that exact same authority.

After having a difficult time getting into the field and out of the field in August, we just had the worst stretch of September weather we have ever had to deal with while hunting in the mountains for sheep: 3 day delay getting into the field, one decent day of hunting, then 5 days of being virtual prisoners in our tents due to low visibility conditions.

My observation of the scripture leads me to the place of believing that every believer is called to walk in the very authority that Jesus walked in while He was upon the earth, indeed it seems to me to be the simple theological conclusion if we are indeed His Body upon the earth, we should continue to do, speak, and live as He did.

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It is during times like these that I often speak to the weather, to the rain, storms, etc. and command they desist. I pray for mercy, that the Lord would consider my miserable plight and so on, and I often have a host of others praying as well, and honestly, most of the time it seems that it makes little difference on the surface.

All of this makes it more difficult to understand why the elements of nature have more often than not failed to comply when I have tried the "Peace be still" prayer, but then brother Paul comes along to make me feel better.

He just has that certain way of given me perspective when I can really use it and so I hear him saying "three times I was shipwrecked..." and somehow I am comforted!

Of course this raises a bunch of questions, and I do get somewhat upset with the Lord at times like this, and it often spells bad news for my business, but the Spirit of God always has something to say to us, if we are willing to open up our ears, even when waves make us think that we are ready to perish!

I know it doesn't seem to take much to comfort me, but you see I know that the blessed Apostle knew that same story of Jesus speaking to the storm and I am quite convinced that he probably prayed the exact same way, as I have, in the midst of several storms, and guess what? It all blew up in his face! Yes, somehow I find that comforting.

In times like this my thoughts usually turn to

Honestly folks, can you imagine Paul on a ship in the Mediterranean Sea being tossed about like

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a leaf in the wind, knowing that it is time for faith to come into action, can you imagine him not speaking to the storm? Certainly the man would have been praying, and certainly he had seen enough miracles that he would not have expected anything less than divine intervention on his behalf.

Keep in mind that this is the same Paul that saw such great deliverance as the earthquake in Philippi when he sang praise and worship tunes with Silas from the dungeon, surely a storm on the open sea was nothing that a prayer of faith could not handle! Yet the text reads, not once, not twice, but three different times the Apostle suffered the disaster of shipwreck!

The miracle that Christ performed on the Sea of Galilee is astonishing, but no more so than the raising of several folks from the dead, and both Peter and Paul were used to perform such miracles as recorded in the Book of Acts, so it is not like they did not have faith to stop the winds of the sea, but keep in mind that miracles are not worked by the will of men.

Paul declares that “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually **just as He wills.**” So we must understand that all spiritual gifts are working according to the will of God, and Christ Himself walked according to the same principle; “Not my will, but Thine!”

I don't have all the answers, or even an adequate one, but I know that Paul suffered longer in the one storm than I just did, for he recounts at least fourteen days of fasting and struggling against the one storm that destroyed their ship near present day Malta, and things did not really end in a glorious fashion. No one died, mind you, but the ship did go down and they did get washed up on the beach. By our standards, this is a pretty poor way to get a prayer answered!

The whole point if you will, the lesson to be learned, comes back around to trusting in His tender care. The disciples on the Sea of Galilee actually feared for their own lives, they did not run to Jesus and say “Lord you are going to die if this boat goes down!” No they said “Lord, **we** perish!” Paul on the other hand had a revelation that he still had work to do, and he trusted that God would see him through.

The same Lord that was in the boat with the Apostles was within Paul on the three ships that went down, but trust in God's care and plan kept Paul from panic, whereas the disciples could not see beyond the wind and rain!

We must be prepared in the days ahead (the perilous nature which we have been warned about) to trust the father's plan, even when the ship actually goes down, and all our prayers seem to be going nowhere fast! We cannot be dismayed when we speak to the elements and they fail to comply, for there are things to be learned when we endure the storms with patience. Indeed we must learn to speak by the Spirit, and not according to the flesh, or our own whims. God is not going to turn the weather on and off simply because we are opposed to getting a little wet today.

We really don't have to worry much about people who are getting prayers answered, or folks who have everything going their way, but we do have to set an example for those who are on the ship with us, and those who are watching from afar. It is not your faith in the good times that will be noticed, but your faith when it is obvious that the ship is doomed.

My experience on the mountain was nothing but a week of depressing clouds, wet clothes, cold days and anxious clients, and it did nothing to brighten my business for the near future, but I have to trust that God is on my side, that I am His concern, that he does indeed care and He does indeed have a plan that is greater than anyone that I may have already formulated. This being said, I must convey this to others as well. It is not all that becoming to go running around screaming “We perish!”

Beloved, speak to the weather when the Spirit prompts you to do so! Pray always! Be prepared for the winds to increase and the waves to pound with increasing fury and trust in the One who has numbered the very hairs of your head, for even if He says “Abandon ship,” you can rest assured that He will hold you tenderly in His hand until you wash up on the shore.

ALLELUIA!

TONY
DINGESS



SOUNDS OF REVIVAL

I can remember where I was when I first heard it. It was a note that was kind of off key in an on key kind of way. Off key to my ear and on key to my spirit that is. It stirred something deep within me that nothing had ever touched before. The excitement that rose up was such as I had never experienced before. I didn't feel as much excitement and fear in my roller coaster days as I did on that first time ever hearing the Shofar blow.

And you know what? I was never the same. When I heard that blast I knew the battle was here. It was as if a time had arrived that a part of me I had never known existed, had been looking forward to, yet had been dreading it at the same time.

I knew nothing of the biblical or spiritual significance of the Shofar but at that very moment I knew its voice was ancient and deep and it called out to me.

The second time I had an encounter that made an impact was when I watched The Shofar blast @ The Call in Nashville on youtube. It is an awesome video that makes you want to get everyone in the surrounding 10 counties together at one location just to cry out to Abba.

The third Shofar encounter was when I asked a Sister/Friend to come and blow for a speaking engagement in Danville. Well, I like to have come unglued. She has a certain Shofar anointing, that speaks to your dry bones.

After all of this I had to have one. Dave and I began the search and Abba saw to it that one we could afford was available to us at the perfect time.

We owe much thanks to our pastor for letting us store it in his tool shed

and painstakingly cleaning it, because it stank, and I mean stank. It was so bad I was afraid to leave it on my deck for fear an animal taking off with it. Our poor cat would just look at it and wail, and our eyes would water.

And during all of this I have learned to blow. Not great, but I am blowing thanks to my Sister/Friend, Pastor and the patience of my husband.



“The physical *shofar* is nothing more than the hollow horn of a ram. When the breath of a human being is blown through it, however, it undergoes a transformation. It becomes a living embodiment of the heart and emotion of the human being expressing the Divine Self it senses pulsing within, crying out to its Maker.” ~Yaakov Astor ~Hearing the Shofar’s Call

Now I can do the one long blast, The Tekiah and the Tekiah Gedolah which is one long unbroken blast held as long as possible. I am trying to teach myself the Shevarim which is a broken sighing sound of three short calls. And am having better luck with The Teruah which is the alarm or a rapid series of nine or more short notes.

The Shofars voice is a call to gather for worship: 2 Chronicles 29:26-18, Psalm 98:6, Psalm 150:3, 2 Samuel 6:15. It ushers in the Presence of The Lord : 2 Samuel 6:16, 1 Chronicles 15:14.

The sound of the Shofar makes proclamation: 1 Samuel 13:3 all the while sym-

bolizing freedom and liberty Leviticus 25:9-10. 19:16 & and 20:18

At the coronation of a king :1 Kings 1:34 The Shofar was ever present at the giving of the Ten Commandments : Exodus 19:16, 19 and 20:18.

Sounds the alarm for war: Joshua 6:4 -20, Joel 2:1, Jeremiah -4:19,21, Jeremiah 6:1,17.

Corporate blowing is powerful - Judges 7:8 "So the 300 men took the people's provisions and their SHOFARS into their hands. And Gideon sent all the other men of Israel, each to his tent, but retained the 300 men; and the camp of Midian was below him in the valley." Judges 7:20 "When the three companies blew the SHOFARS and broke the pitchers, they held the torches in their left hands and the SHOFARS in their right hands for blowing, and cried, 'A sword for the Lord and for Gideon ' Judges 7:22 And when they blew 300 SHOFARS, the Lord set the sword of one against another even throughout the whole army & the army fled.."

Blowing the Shofar during prayer, intercession and times of corporate worship causes a disturbance and confusion to the spirit realm. It breaks the bonds of opposition and brings about an open heaven for The Glory and the Presence of God to fall.

The Shofar calls out: Awaken you sleepers ! Wake up from your slumber! The Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand! Abba is calling some to blow the Shofar and for all of us to be human Shofars. To cry aloud and lift our voices and announce and proclaim the Coming King.

Has the church already experienced two of the four sounds? The Tekiah which is a sound to worship. The Shevarim which is a sound of repentance, and now the Church may be in the sound of Teruah, which is the sound of GET READY, GET PREPARED!

Folks, this only leaves one more blast and that's the FINAL TRUMP.

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Awake...and God shall give you light!

The River's Edge Church was born out of the desire for the return of the presence of God to the Church in holiness and awesome majesty. We believe that these last days shall be more astonishing than the days of the Book of Acts, and we believe in praying until we experience it!

We are focused on repentance, reformation, revival & restoration. We are praying for the body of Christ on the earth to arise from the death of comfort, self indulgence and greed and to truly allow the Spirit of Judgment & Burning to purify us from all our corruption!

Pray that we obey, and walk through the doors that open unto us. Alleluia!

T H I R S T Y ?

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my spirit on your offspring, and my blessing upon your descendants" Isaiah 44:3

The River's Edge Church is simply a group of believers with a common purpose; to bring glory to the Father by exalting the Name of Jesus and allowing the Holy Spirit to revive us and others through us. We have no certain location and we simply meet in various homes for prayer, communion, and whatever else the Holy Spirit has in mind from one week to the next.

Please give us a call if you would like to gather with us, or if you would like us to gather with you!

Our Lord is coming!