

## Seeking Revival through Prayer and Forgiveness

“...you who seek God, let your hearts revive.”

Psalm 69:32b

**Question:** How is your prayer life...really?

*“And when you pray... But when you pray... And when you pray...”*

Matthew 6:5a, 6a, 7a

**Main Point:** For revival to happen, prayer and forgiveness must \_\_\_\_\_ take place.

**Point One:** \_\_\_\_\_ is personal, private and frequent and corporate, loud and passionate.

### PAPA Prayer

- P Present yourself to God without pretense
- A Attend to how you're thinking about God
- P Purge yourself of anything blocking your relationship
- A Approach God as the “first love” in your life

“In these days he (Jesus) went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.”

Luke 6:12

“And when Paul had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.”

Acts 20:36

**Point Two:** As freely and liberally as we \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness.

*“But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”*

Luke 7:47

But what if they don't *deserve* to be forgiven?

“...but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:8

**Point Three:** God's will is often accomplished through situations that \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness.

But what if they hurt me deeply? Just remember...

*“And Jesus said, ‘Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.’”*

Luke 23:34

“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”

-C.S. Lewis

### Wrap Up:

Forgiveness means that I *fully* release the offender from his debt. It is a full cleaning of their record and a promise not to bring up the offense again.

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