



WORDS FROM *Pastor Randy*

Times of refreshing . . . from the presence of the Lord,” that’s was how J Edwin Orr described the experience of genuine Revival. Throughout periods of American history, Revival has been called times of “Awakening.” In the 1700’s, God used George Whitfield and Jonathan Edwards and sent a time of national Revival remembered as the “Great Awakening.” In the early 1800’s, came the “Second Great Awakening” in which God used the great camp meetings and blessed with a time of spiritual renewal.

When God’s people become consciously aware of the presence of God and then respond to Him in absolute surrender, God honors them with a time of restoration, recovery, and renewal.

God wants to do that kind of work among us here at Saks. I believe that He is doing it for many of us. My heart has been stirred as I have watched what God has been doing over the past several weeks. There is a “brand new feeling in the air” as the old song says.

This experience is not one that can be made up or manufactured. It is a work of God. As a result of it, people get saved and lives get changed and the church grows.

In the midst of all the great preaching, singing, and fellowship that we have enjoyed together this week, the one thing that has made the difference is the “manifest” presence of God. His coming revolutionizes our efforts into “holy ground” encounters that impact us for the rest of our lives.

I am excited as I see us loosing up and enjoying a new freedom to worship God both vocally and visually. When you don’t want to leave after the service is over, and you can’t sleep when go home, and when the service is the first thing on your mind when you wake up, and you just can’t wait to get back, and you want others to get in on what is happening in your life . . .

Well, thank you for your faithfulness this week. I am grateful for every effort that you have put forth as the church to make it a great week. Praise be to our Dear Lord for coming to work among us.

My friend Floyd Battles from Rome, Georgia called me the other day and encouraged us to be a “Country church in the city going to town!” It’s time for us to get with it and “go to town.” AMEN!

Excited about this coming weekend,

Pastor Randy

Trivia That Isn't Trivial

1. What type of bird was sold for “two for a farthing”?
2. In which book of the Bible do you read the words, “Be sure your sin will find you out”?
3. What king pouted in his bed because he could not buy someone’s vineyard?

ANSWERS

1. Sparrow (Matthew 10:29)
 2. Numbers (Numbers 32:23)
 3. Ahab (1 Kings 21:2-4)
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