

**Oxford Baptist Church – January 15 – Robin W. Pifer**  
**Fresh Encounter – God's Pattern For Revival – 2Chr 7:14**

**Introduction**

- Rom 12:2; 2Cor 4:16; 2Cor 1:9b-11
- This renewal happens through Jesus Christ. - James 4:8
- The word Revive is powerful - to live again, recover, restore to life, bring back to life, restore vitality, live again, come back, and is connected with repenting and turning back to the Lord.

**What is Revival?**

- Spiritual Revival Transforms God's people to surrender, repent and obediently follow Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- "Revival is a community saturated with God." 4 (Duncan Campbell)

**Do We Need Spiritual Revival?**

- Luk 6:46 *"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"*
- "God calls His people to revival because they have departed and need to return. God's people, however, do not always realize they have strayed from God's standards. God's word serves as a plumb line to reveal God's ideal for the church and Christian living." - Fresh Encounter by Henry T. Blackaby

**What is the Pattern for Revival?**

- The Book of Judges presents a clear pattern for revival. As you read the Book of Judges, you will see the repetitive cycle God's people experienced in their walk with him.
  1. The People Followed God - Jud 2:7
  2. The People Forsake/Disobey the Lord - Jud 2:11
  3. God defeated/Disciplined the people through their enemies - Jud 2:14
  4. The People Cried out for God's Help - Judges 2:18
  5. God had compassion and delivered them -Jud 2:16,18

**7 Phrases of Revival** – Pg 21 – Fresh Encounter Study Guide

1. God is on mission to redeem a lost world
2. God's people tend to depart from Him, turning to substitutes for His presence, His purpose and His ways.
3. God disciplines His people because of His Love
4. God's people cry out to Him for help
5. God calls His people to repent and return to Him or perish
6. God revives His repentant people by restoring them to a right relationship with Him
7. God exalts His Son Jesus among His people and draws unbelievers to saving faith in Him

**The Four Conditions** – 2Chr 7:14

1. Humble themselves
  2. Pray
  3. Seek my Face
  4. Turn from their wicked ways
- As a result of Humbling Ourselves, Praying, Seeking God's face, and turning from our wicked ways, there are spiritual results.

**The Results** – 1 John 1:9; Pro 28:13

1. God Hears Us
2. God Forgives Our Sins
3. God Heals Our Land

**Conclusion**

- You must put away any unconfessed sin.
- You must put away any doubtful habits.
- You must promptly obey the Holy Spirit.
- You must promptly confess Christ.
- God wants us to have a fresh encounter with him. Will you God him work in your life over the next few weeks?