



ThreeThirty MINISTRIES

Ministry Update

Needless to say, the pandemic has greatly affected our schedule and our ministry. **Our entire spring was cancelled and all 11 camps where we were originally scheduled to share this summer were cancelled as well.** Only now are churches beginning to schedule for the late summer and fall.

This year would have been the busiest year we have ever had but has quickly turned into the slowest.

All that to say, this has been a very different season for our family and in the middle of it all, we give thanks and praise to God for His abounding goodness.

We'll keep you updated as we are actively scheduling worship services, camps, revivals and outreaches for later this summer and for the fall.

Grieved

I watch a video on the news of a man being beaten during the riots. **I watched as he lay still on the ground while a man kicked him in the head** and everything inside me burst with anger and grief. As they showed the man bleeding, I prayed silently for his salvation. My heart burned against the other man and then God reminded me of a story:



In World War II, Corrie and Betsy Ten Boom were prisoners at a Nazi concentration camp. One day they watched as one of the lady guards mercilessly beat a woman.

"Oh, Corrie," Betsy exclaimed. "That poor woman. She will need such help when all this is over."

That's when Corrie realized that she wasn't looking at the woman being beaten but the guard who had beaten her.

We have seen the lostness of our country played across the screen.

So what's our response? To sit at home and fume? To post our opinion on social media? To shake our heads in despair?

Our response is to give our hearts over to fervent prayer. To share God's heart and love and to see beyond the physical to the real needs and the true enemy.

I am deeply grieved and am asking you to join me in praying and fasting for our nation.



A few years ago I had a conversation with a retired Southern Baptist Director of Missions. After 40 years of serving the Lord in ministry, his heart was hurt to the point of bitterness. He made a statement that I will never forget:

"There's no hope for America," he said. "The church will never change."

I completely disagree. God's hands are not tied. He can send a revival to our country and a renewal to our churches unlike anything we have ever seen.

In Mark 6:1-6, Jesus returned to His hometown of Nazareth and the Bible says, *"And He could do no miracle there except that He laid His hands upon a few sick people and healed them. And He wondered at their unbelief."*

Unbelief. Hard hearts. Unrepentant sin. These hinder God's moving. They grieve His Spirit.

That "revival" begins with you has been a cliché for many years but it's true. You can't change other hearts but you can open your own.

I am challenging you to join me in letting this be a time of seeking God, of letting His Spirit rush through your life to clean out anything that remains of wickedness or impurity. To be wholly devoted to Christ.

God changed my life through His Word. The Bible is powerful. In my younger days I memorized large portions of Scripture. But then I got distracted and set aside disciplines such as this. But during this pandemic have I begun again to re-memorize books of the Bible. I laid in bed the other night reading the book of James in my mind and I realized how much I used to enjoy reading God's Word with my eyes closed and how easily I had set it aside for busyness.

Has busyness and distraction robbed your relationship with Christ?

Today, step aside from your life for a bit. **Sit with the Lord. Let Him teach you. Let Him search your heart. Listen to Him. Fall in love with Him through His Word. Lose yourself in Him and let this renewal and revival begin in you.** That's the only way, I believe, America will change--one heart at a time. And I believe all of this is born from **prayer, repentance** and a **return to God's Word.**

What is Coming and What We Are Doing to Help

Many of our churches have had one focus recently-- To re-open but it's not enough to just re-open the doors.

The **vision of many has been limited to a return to a regular schedule** and I have become greatly concerned at the multitude of missed ministry opportunities that are passing us by right now because **our focus is inward and not outward.**



A director of missions told me last week that **his churches are so focused on getting things back to normal that they've basically "rolled over and died for the summer."**

Listen to what some experts are predicting will come next:

- LifeWay Research says **5% of U.S. churches will close** within the year because of the pandemic.
- Others have suggested that churches will suffer **a 33% decline in giving** in 2020
- Some foresee that church **attendance will drop** when live worship returns, especially among occasional attendees.

Recently I've communicated with churches, associations and even one state convention who are all **facing great financial distress.** "Budget freezes", not sure they'll be able to have camps next summer because of lack of funding, not sure how they will continue paying salaries, etc.

In response to some of this, **there are two matters in our ministry for which I want you to pray...**

Pray for Us as We Equip Believers

Last month we launched a **new discipleship website** at [ThreeThirtyMinistries.com](https://www.ThreeThirtyMinistries.com). This will eventually be our main and only website and it already hosts **over a year of children's curriculum, a year of youth curriculum, over 70 family devotions, Bible study tools, evangelism training, and summer resources** that we created specifically to help churches with the outbreak.



For years we have had resources on a variety of websites and some just in print or book form. It will take us about a year to get everything posted but eventually we want all of our resources in one place so that we can more easily share them with churches.

We are already telling churches that **if they are struggling financially, we will give them everything on the website for a donation amount of their choice.**

Our goal is to take a financial burden off of churches in providing quality, affordable resources. It will also allow us to expand our ministry by the simple fact that we can physically only minister in one place at one time but through resources and videos, we can minister around the world without even leaving our living room.

Beyond providing resources for churches, we are also providing resources to **help individuals** in their own walk with Christ, **parents** as they take spiritual leadership in their families and we have a **host of other resources** that are still to come.

When you can, please take a look at our new website at [ThreeThirtyMinistries.com](https://www.ThreeThirtyMinistries.com).

Share it with your church leaders and let us know if you have any thoughts or suggestions. We've already had great feedback from the churches that are already using it but we want to keep making it better and better.

Pray for Us Going to Churches Who Cannot Pay

We have always been committed to helping churches regardless of their size or budget...

Every year there is at least one church that calls about a revival or an outreach and we talk about dates. A few weeks later they call again. A month later they call again. And finally I usually end up asking, "Is there a reason that your church is having trouble locking down a date for us to come?"



The answer is usually that they are concerned that they can't pay or can't pay as well as they would like. This is when I explain to them that our income comes from the Lord and isn't limited by what they can or cannot do. Our job is to be faithful and He takes care of the rest.

Often, however, these churches still won't set a date. They just have too much trouble overcoming the idea that the money just isn't there.

I believe that we are going to see this a lot more in the future.

Sadly, many times these are the churches that need to be encouraged and challenged and to see souls saved.

I stayed with a deacon at a small church a number of years ago. He was an old farmer whose life God had changed as an adult. Their church hadn't seen many salvation decisions over a number of years. On one night of the revival, there were 7 people who received Christ. The next morning at breakfast, he told me, **"Last night I couldn't sleep. I just kept seeing all those people coming forward to receive Christ. I can't remember the last time I saw something so wonderful."**

I remember a church that had 55 in Sunday school the first day of revival. **By the end of the week we had over 70 salvation decisions.** It was a small church. They couldn't afford much but I'm so thankful it didn't hinder the ministry that happened there.

So, here's the idea: **This next year we want to set aside several weeks specifically for the purpose of intentionally finding churches who are struggling** and approach them to say that we are ready and willing to come to their church. **I want to be able to say that our ministry is being backed by other churches and individuals specifically to pay for our mission to them.**

We want to find churches that are in hardship but who haven't lost their vision for reaching people. Churches that are willing to promote and to follow-up that are facing financially tight times. **Instead of stepping back, we want to help them step forward.**

Scripture Challenges

"In times like these, it's easy to focus on the circumstances but when you see life through the lens of God's Word, everything looks different."

On our new website you'll find **free resources** for the following challenges:

- **The 40 Day Gospel Reading Plan** - Read through the Gospels in 40 days.
- **The 40 Day Feast** - Read or listen to an entire book of the Bible each day for 40 days.

Learn more at [ThreeThirtyMinistries.com/Bible-Study](https://www.ThreeThirtyMinistries.com/Bible-Study)



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Quote for the month:

"If you look to the world, you'll be distressed. If you look within, you'll be depressed. If you look to God, you'll be at rest." –Corrie Ten Boom