



Small words in the Bible

"IF"

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Why is "IF" important?

- **God seeks relationship**
 - two-way
- **God waits for our response**
 - He will not force
- **Conditional covenants**
 - Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28
- **We are responsible**
 - What happens "If not ..." ??



The "IF" of revival

- **2 Chronicles chapters 6 & 7**
 - "if" 14 times
- **2 Chron 7:14 = revival promise**
- **2 Chron 7:12-15 : 3 key words**
 - when ... (circumstances)
 - if ... (our response)
 - then ... (God's action)



What's going on? "When ..."

- **God's actions :**
 - no rain lack of Holy Spirit revival
 - locusts invasion of enemy
 - plague lack of health in body
- **Circumstances**
 - no anointing, no refreshing
 - no crops, famine
 - weakness, death
- **Conditions needing revival**



Our response? "IF..."

- **My people, called by my name**

- family
- relationship
- association/reputation
- character
- "called" = destiny

- **Who are we?**



Our response? "IF..."

- **Humble themselves**

- 1 Peter 5:5-6
- Romans 12:3
- Galatians 6:3

- **What is humility?**

- See yourself as God sees you
- How does God see PCF?
- Revelation chapters 2-3 - which one?



Our response? "IF..."

● Pray

- intercede habitually
- consistent
- persistent

● Seek my face

- search, strive after, desperation
- Jeremiah 29:11-14 : whole heart
- "Look at me"



Our response? "IF..."

● Turn from their wicked ways

- repentance
- open door of opportunity
- passionate for holiness
- no apathy
- no compromise
- no turning back



Summary

- **God is looking for :**
 - people of destiny
 - realistic self-image
 - regularly communicating
 - desperate for God's input
 - committed to being holy
- **Conditions for revival**
- **"IF"** - it's up to us
 - How will we respond?
- **"THEN..."** - what next??

