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2 CHRONICLES 7:14

“Revivals do not happen spontaneously. Awakenings do not happen unknowingly. Rather, they are first conceived in people’s hearts, then fed through prayer and fasting which then gives birth to the organization of and call for localized and collective solemn assemblies thus giving way to lasting transformation. It is time for a birth like this in our land.”

A solemn assembly is a sacred gathering calling God’s people to renew their covenantal relationship with Him and to repent - namely a turning away from sin and a turning back to God. Whenever a solemn assembly or sacred gathering was called in Scripture, it was often called by those in leadership - whether that be a priest, prophet or king¹. Sometimes these leaders worked alone, but often they worked in conjunction with each other.

In a number of the major occurrences of national revival recorded in the Old Testament, they were preceded by a solemn assembly, or a time of prayer and/or fasting².

In the New Testament period, the concept of the solemn assembly - or sacred gathering - is carried over as well. The church itself was birthed out of a multi-day prayer meeting which culminated in what is known as the Day of Pentecost, or Feast of Weeks³.

Churches are uniquely called and uniquely positioned to impact our society for good (Ephesians 3:10). God has called your church to be a catalyst for change in your community and across the country.

¹2 Chronicles 12:1-8, Rehoboam; 2 Chronicles 15:1-19, Asa; 2 Chronicles 20:1-29, Jehoshaphat; 2 Chronicles 29-31, Hezekiah; 2 Chronicles 34, Josiah, Ezra 10:7-9 Ezra; Nehemiah 8-9, Nehemiah; Joel 1-2, Joel

²Deut. 29:10-29; Judges 10:10-19; 1 Samuel 7:5-6; 1 Samuel 10:17-27; 1 Kings 8:1-66; 1 Kings 18:21-40; 2 Kings 11:17; 2 Kings 23:3; 1 Chronicles 13-18; 2 Chronicles 5-7; 2 Chronicles 15:9-15; 2 Chronicles 20:3-13; 2 Chronicles 23:16; 2 Chronicles 29:3-36; 2 Chronicles 34:31-33; Ezra 6:6-12; Ezra 8:21-23; Nehemiah 8; Esther 4:5-17; Joel 1:13; 2:12-17.

³Leviticus 23:15-21; Numbers 28:26-31; Acts 2:1, also known as sacred assemblies, holy assemblies and holy convocations.