

A Revival Story

Tonight, I would like to share a story; a story of a revival, from the Argentine revival to where we are today. I am praying and hoping that the LORD would deposit the revival fire from the past revivals to us, to this place, to Father's House, so that each of us will be a revivalist for time such as this.

Let's start with the Argentine revival. It started with Claudio Freidzon, a pastor of a small church of about 30.

In 1987, the LORD gave him a vision in the morning in which God told him to go to a public square in the district of Belgrano (within the metropolis of Buenos Aires). In the vision, the square was filled with people who were celebrating in an evangelistic campaign. The LORD told him: "This is your new field of work," and God showed him that God wanted him to reveal his glory in that place.

Is that your passion: To reveal His glory in that place? If so, you and I will be equipped with the same revival fire to do exactly that: to reveal His glory in this place.

So, Claudio went and had a look at the public square which he had been shown. A sign said "Plaza Noruega." This was the meeting place of the worst kind of drop-outs in Belgrano, was under the influence of one of the most dangerous man in town, and to attest to that reputation they had killed a man in that square just a week before. So, Claudio prayed to the Lord silently: "Father, are you sure this is the square you showed me?" So, he had a choice, to either continue with obeying the vision or go back to his church of about 30 which was starting to grow.

He chose to obey the vision. However, all the preachers he invited to minister there and hold a crusade were unable to accept for various reasons. He finally came to terms that God wanted him to do the job of an evangelist! So, he held his first evangelistic campaign in February 1986, and it was historical. Great signs and wonders followed the preaching of the Gospel. That is how the "King of Kings" church was born in the Belgrano district.

The church started to grow in the Belgrano district. In 1992, Claudio received "*Good Morning Holy Spirit*" by Benny Hinn, and because it impacted him so much, he came to visit Pastor Benny in Orlando. Pastor Benny prayed for him, invited him to pray for the meeting on the platform, and making a long story short, he went back to Buenos Aires, and while seeking God, the Holy Spirit came upon Claudio in an extraordinary way. Since then, [glorious atmosphere surround the services, and the presence of God began to manifest itself in the church as never before.](#)

Without inviting anyone nor promoting what was occurring, it began to be known that something was happening at 2547 Olazabal Street, in the "King of Kings" Church. [Pastors came on their own to receive the fresh anointing that transformed their lives and taking them back to their first love.](#) The Holy Spirit came with such power that many laid on the floor under the presence of God for hours, others rejoiced in the Spirit, others cried when the Holy Ghost touched them and others left "drunk" in the presence of God

In the course of days, hundreds of pastors visited the "King of Kings" Church in large numbers to receive the fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit. Many came with their whole congregations. For weeks at a time, on occasions, there were lines hundreds of meters long of people waiting to

get into the church. Many traveled from faraway places by hired buses to receive more from God. The meetings moved from their church to stadiums and then to larger stadiums, to having multiple meetings in a stadium of 60,000. And the news of the revival spread.

In about 1993, an evangelist, Steve Hill, visited the Argentine revival, and started to share about the revival in Argentina. When he visited Brownsville Assembly of God, pastored by Pastor John Kilpartick for a revival meeting over a weekend, on the Father's Day 2005, the fire from the Argentine revival ignited the church and the revival that was birthed there is now known as the Brownsville Revival. The revival fire spreads and ignites people who are ready to host it, because it is God's will and desire to find the group of people who are willing to host it to represent Him to the world.

Also in about 1993, John & Carol Arnott, the senior pastors of about a hundred members, because they were dry and because of a suggestion from his good friend Randy Clark, visited the Argentine revival. When they returned, they were so hungry for God for what they had experienced, they invited Randy to hold a weekend meeting in Toronto in January of 1994. Although the meeting was scheduled for a weekend, the meetings never stopped and went into a long protracted meeting, which is now known as the Toronto Blessing. Perhaps because of my personal experience, I know of no other revival that has impacted more people in the last twenty years than the Toronto Blessing.

For example, Ken Got visited the Toronto Blessing in 1994, and although they were the pastors in London, England, it was after they visited the Toronto Blessing, they started protracted meetings in London, marked with great signs and wonders, and that revival fire is still being kindled over the entire Great Britain.

About the same time in 1994, Heidi and Rowland Baker visited Toronto to be refreshed from their mission work. Heidi and Rowland were ministering in Africa for some time, but they were not seeing great breakthroughs. After their visit to the Toronto Blessing, they met God in a very powerful and fresh way, their ministry in Mozambique started to explode to what it is today; becoming a God's mercy ministry arm.

Bill & Benny Johnson, although they were the pastors of a significant size congregation in Redding, CA, it was after they visited Toronto about that time that their ministry was marked with great signs and wonders; expressing the revelation of living supernaturally.

Che Ahn visited the Toronto Blessing in October of 1994 and also was impacted greatly. Although he was earlier impacted by the power of God demonstrated in Anaheim, CA, (John Wimber of Anaheim Vineyard had also visited Argentine revival with Peter Wagner, probably in the late 1992 or early 1993, bringing the Argentine revival fire to Anaheim), it was after Che visited Toronto again in November of 1994, he was so impacted that he organized a city-wide revival meeting in Pasadena to host John & Carol Arnott for three evenings from January 2nd to January 4th, 1995, Monday through Wednesday. After the three meetings, the power of God manifested so powerfully, they decided to hold protracted meetings nightly, and that seven nights a week protracted meetings went on for at least a year, then six evenings a week for about another six months, five evenings a week for another six months, four evenings a week for another two or three months, and when it was all done, the protracted meetings in Pasadena, in Mott Auditorium, lasted more than two and a half years.

On a side note, the Argentine revival fire that fell in Anaheim Vineyard of John Wimber spread quickly through the Vineyard network of churches. One of the most famous one was the

Kansas City Metro Vineyard, pastured by Mike Bickel. In that Kansas City Metro Vineyard, the LORD had put such a deposit of prophetic anointing that the prophets started to gather, and later recognized as the Kansas City Prophets, and they included well known names such as Bob Jones, John Paul Jackson, Rick Joyner, Paul Cain, James Goll, and Jill Austin. As you know, Jill's heritage still lives on through our friends like Shara Lee Pradham and Andre Ashby.

Now, going back to Che and Sue, Che and Sue, with their best friends Lou & Theres Angle, hosted the Pasadena renewal (although it was a revival in a way, more official designation for that protracted meeting is the Pasadena Renewal – the reason for it is because there was no city transformation, although it's impact is still going on throughout the world), with three other small churches. The other pastors who are all older and more experienced in ministry than Che, recognized the call and the leadership on Che and laid down their senior pastoral positions to join with Che for a joint effort for a revival, forming Harvest Rock Church. The pastors who joined with Che and that time were Rick & Pam Wright of Glendale Vineyard (about 150 members at the time), Karl & Debbie Malouff of Pasadena Congregational Church (about 50 members at the time), and Jim & Laura Johnston also of Pasadena Covenant Church (about 50 members at the time).

Because they were holding nightly renewal meetings and therefore desperate for God, and probably more so because of Lou's passion for God and His presence, Lou established a 24-hour house of prayer in Pasadena, praying continuously. Although it was never really for all 24 hours every day, but shifts were taken by many to fill in the hours, and there was a short period of time that it was for 24 hours for several days.

As Lou was praying one day, the LORD asked him to sow his life to the youths of America, and showed him a vision of gathering one-million people in Washington Mall for fasting and prayer. On that very evening, an old woman of former acquaintance came to Lou during a nightly meeting and told him that the LORD told her to give Lou \$100,000.00 as the seed money to start a youth prayer movement. Thus, The Call was started.

When Lou shared his vision to many Christian leaders, they all thought Lou was out of his mind, because there was only slightly more than a year before the date the LORD had shown Lou for the prayer gathering at Washington Mall. They said that it took more than two years, hundreds of churches, and tens of million dollars to mobilize that many people for the Promise Keepers who had earlier mobilized about a million men in Washington Mall for prayer. Lou having no name recognition, no clout, no large church to back him, and no money (he had only a part of that \$100,000.00 seed money,) it certainly appeared to be impossible. However, one of the major leaders made a statement that if it is from God, then it is possible. Lou believed the word, and proceeded to mobilize the entire nation for The Call, to be held in Washington Mall.

Lou, being a prophetic voice and not an apostolic leader, was unable to mobilize well and time was running out. So, Lou, with only about a year left, asked Che whom he knew to have the leadership and apostolic gifts. Che, after struggling for a while because it would mean much traveling and being away from his church many days, agreed to help his best friend Lou because God asked him and also because Lou had been faithful to Che since they were college students ministering together. With God's orchestration of miracles and open doors with great favor, Che and Lou were successful in mobilizing the nation and the multitudes of churches all over the United States and gathered more than 400,000 people, mostly young men and women to fast and pray for twelve hours in Washington Mall, on September 2000. In the course of mobilization, Che and Lou traveled across the United States numerous times, and even their

church attendance had reduced by about 30%, mainly because Che missed about three Sunday services a month.

However, God remembered their sincere commitment, effort and sacrifice, and because of Che's effort in mobilizing the nation, he received the world recognition as a Christian leader and is now able to head the only major network of churches birthed from the Toronto Blessing; and because of Lou's effort in believing in the Promise of God, he was able to mobilize millions of people around the world over numerous international calls, such as Call Korea, Call Philippines, Call England, Call Australia, and Call Mexico, and numerous national calls, such as Call Pasadena, Call Sacramento, Call Kansas City, Call New England, Call Memphis, and Call Texas. The Call, through a promise God gave Lou only twelve years ago in the late spring of 1999, with help of so many people, he was able to hold The Call in Washington Mall, with 400,000 plus people, in September of 2000, is still going on, preparing to hold the next call of young people, The Call Detroit on 11/11/11.

So, God is faithful to His promises, when we are faithful to believe and to stand with Him. And, His revival fire spreads to those who are willing to host the revival fire to change the world and make His-story with Him. Are you His His-story Maker?

Ever since the Welsh Revival in 1904 that came to the United States and became the Azusa Street Revival, the Azusa Street Revival in 1906, led by William Seymour, the revival fire spread all over the world. Although the meetings of the Azusa Street Revival ended in about 1915, lasting about ten years, it had impacted so many people around the world, changing cultures and national religions, and even we at Father's house receive our heritage from it. The Azusa Street Revival birthed a powerful movement under the banner of the Pentecostal Movement, birthing denominations as Assembly of God, Church of Christ, Four Square, and Pentecostal Churches, and many powerful ministries, such as those of Maria Woodworth Etter, Smith Wigglesworth, and Aimee Semple McPherson, and today Benny Hinn, Heidi Baker, and Claudio Freidzon.

The revival fire was given to Welsh, as a Welsh revival, and in just in 105 years, it has changed the world and the world of Christianity. It has not only changed the societies, but also the national cultures and even a large segment of Christianity. We approach and meet God in a different manner today, because of the love, gifts, and fire of the Holy Spirit released in that revival.

That fire has always represented various aspects of God's character to the world at each location, at each location, and established revival centers (similar to the Antioch Church of the New Testament times) around the world, such as Iris Ministry of Heidi & Rowland Baker representing mercy ministry arm of the LORD, Harvest International Ministry of Che Ahn representing a ministry network of likeminded churches around the world, The Call International of Lou Engle representing the holiness and the call to prayer, The Bethel church with Bill Johnson Ministry representing revelation of the supernatural realm, The International House of Prayer of Kansas City with Lou Engle and Mike Bickel representing continuous house of prayer for all nations.

That revival fire is here in Father's House, and that is one of the reasons why we seek a revival. It is not to merely make the church grow or merely to have more dynamic church services. It is to spread the revival fire and be a part of God's plan to transform not only this society but the culture of the world and to represent God in ministering His goodness as His hands and feet.

I do not know what Father's House revival will be like, what aspects of God the Father's House revival will represent, and who the LORD will use as champions of the Father's House revival, I only have glimpses, represented by the vision of Father's House. God has given each of us a heart and a promise for a revival. I believe that promise from God for a revival is still very much alive and active in our lives, especially for a revival in this Father's House, and that is why we are here.

May the LORD grant us a fresh deposit of His presence, anoint us, activate us, and release us to be a revivalist.

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