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*If you do anything consistently for 40 days, it is likely to become a habit. This book will help you to develop the habit of a daily devotional life, and in the process, you will learn more about God's heart for revival.*

— Josh D. McDowell

*Who doesn't need spiritual help? I am always looking for new resources and here is one I highly recommend. The combination of spiritual reflection on Scripture, followed by pertinent questions, and useful suggestions for immediate implementation. Read this and you will be glad you did.*

— Luder G. Whitlock, Jr.

*Bill Campbell has uniquely designed a 40 day devotion that will produce a deeper spiritual understanding and cause growth even for the seasoned. If you do anything consistently for 40 days, it is likely to become a habit. In this book, Bill will help you to develop the habit of a daily devotional life, and in the process, you will learn more about God's heart for revival.*

— Doug Stringer

*Imagine a world awakened to the power of God's Word. Imagine a world alive with the Spirit. Imagine your life and your family passionately, joyfully and fruitfully aligned with the living God. How do we get from here to there? We ask God to awaken the desire for revival in our hearts and we commit ourselves to this Renewal Journey.*

— Carmen Fowler LaBerge

*"Unfortunately, a major portion of the so-called evangelical church seems to be focused overmuch on itself and appears to be hoping that Christ will hurry up and return to rescue them from the mess this world is in. Fortunately, Bill Campbell sees how much more Biblical it is to prepare ourselves and the church for another great awakening and to leave the return of Christ in God's hands where it has always been. Renewal Journey will most certainly help!"*

— Richard Owen Roberts

## *Dedication*

To my wife, Lin, for being my best friend,  
faithful companion, discerning advisor,  
and constant support in the journey of life.

# Foreword

Most people know of many things they should be doing. We know we should exercise, but we often find excuses to remain sedentary. We know we should rise early to read our Bible and pray, but the gravitational pull of our bed is often too strong for us to resist. We know we should read that classic book on the Christian life, but it continues to collect dust on our shelf. Just imagine what our lives would be like if we always did what we knew was good for us!

Most Christians today are aware that America desperately needs revival. By every measure, the nation's spiritual health has plummeted to a shocking nadir. Too often Christians vainly hope politicians will turn to God, the entertainment industry will reform its sinful ways, or that big business will finally treat people as Jesus would. But we ignore what we know God said, namely, "If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14). The key to revival is not what unbelievers do, but what God's people do. Revival starts with us.

The apostle James made the mandate extremely clear: "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up" (James 4:8-10). God will be as close to us as we want Him to be. The question is, how close to God do you want to be?

My father always said that we can have the walk with God we choose to have. That is, our current relationship with God is the result of choices we have made. If we choose not to repent of sins in our life, there will be barriers between us and God. If we choose not to rise

early in the morning to spend time with God, we cannot complain when He seems distant. If we choose not to spend prolonged time with God in prayer, we should not be bewildered when we are disoriented to His activity around us. If we make healthy choices, the result will be a robust life!

I am so pleased with Bill Campbell's new resource. It is a practical, Biblical, and engaging tool that helps people experience personal renewal. Once people undergo personal revival, they are in a position for God to use them to bring revival to their family, church, city, and nation. *Renewal Journey* provides a thought-provoking, spirit-enriching 40-day journey into life-changing Scriptures concerning revival, and it recounts powerful stories of revival in history.

The apostle Paul described how Christ is preparing the Church to be His spotless bride: "...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word" (Eph. 5:25-26). Truth sets people free (John 8:32). The value of this book is that it lets you soak in God's truth for forty days. The key is not how quickly you read the material but how deeply it saturates your soul.

Christians today are immersed in the world. We are bombarded by social media. We spend hours each day following the news so we can be informed about what people are doing. Sadly, many Christians spend far more time with a TV remote in their hand than they spend holding a Bible. There is nothing wrong with being informed about world events. But Christians ought to make it their priority to be experts in God's activity. Now is the time for God's people to immerse themselves in God's word. We need to be reminded of how God has worked in the past. We must learn the difference between the world's ways and God's ways (Isaiah 55:8-9).

This book will encourage you to develop a daily habit of focusing on God and His word. It will assist you in aligning your activities with

God's will. You cannot lead people to places you have never been. Therefore, the best thing you can do for others is to deepen and enrich your personal walk with God.

As you begin this forty-day study, ask God to open your heart and mind so you don't miss anything He has for you. The risen Christ continues to exhort, "He who has an ear, let him hear!" (Rev. 2:17). Ask God to grant you a holy discontent with the current level of your walk with Him. Begin drawing near. Don't be surprised when you make the exhilarating realization that the God who created the universe, the God who holds the future in His hand, and the Lord of lords who will determine the destiny of every person in history, has just drawn near to you.

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# Welcome to Renewal Journey

You are about to embark on an adventure. It will include some rather amazing experiences in history. And it will invite you to yield to God's transformational work in your life. You will be challenged to change.

The transformation we experience as Christians is something real; not a magician's sleight of hand. It is more like the forming and shaping of a diamond. The process of such change is dynamic and often difficult. It will not be easy. But it will be eternally worthwhile.

*Renewal Journey* is designed to help each of us find our place as one of God's instruments of spiritual awakening. We will come to be part of God's transformational process by taking a devotional tour of some of the greatest revivals in Scripture and in history. Studying how God has moved in reviving power in times past can bring perspective and understanding about what God may do today. We will be encouraged to hope that God can bring another mighty awakening to the Church in our generation. Indeed, it is time to get ready!

This journey will continue for 40 days (if you decide to meet weekly with a small group, those days will be spread over 11 weeks). It is said that any pattern we live with for 40 days can become a habit. And good habits provide structure in our lives to open before us a glorious destiny. You are encouraged to keep the pace on this excursion by setting aside at least 15 to 20 minutes each day. On this tour, you peer through the window of time and observe God's mighty works in nine key areas, each for your spiritual understanding and growth:

Nurture	Hope	Surrender
Scripture	Prayer	Empowerment
Repentance	Guidance	Faithfulness

Following this introduction, each topic will be explored from four distinct perspectives:

- an Overview
- an account in Church History
- an Old Testament Example
- and finally, New Testament Insights

You will focus for four days on each of these nine key topics. The entire series will then close out with three key wrap-up lessons focused on application and life change.

You can take this journey individually or with a group. From our experience, those who engage in weekly group interaction benefit greatly. Questions provided at the end of each lesson are designed to engage your mind in personal reflection and your small group in helpful discussion. *Renewal Journey* may also be used for family devotions, as a vehicle for Sunday School class discussion, for church leadership training, or as a church-wide study. You can find related supplemental videos and additional resources at [ScriptureAwakening.com/RJ/](http://ScriptureAwakening.com/RJ/).

Okay, let's get started.

# Day 1

## Diamond Maker

### Series Introduction

#### Read

*Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. (James 1:2-5)*

Optional fuller reading: James 1:1-27

#### Reflect

I recently called on a jeweler friend, asking if he had a flawed diamond I could borrow. He told me he had just the right rock for me. When I arrived at his shop, I expected an inexpensive rock that I could carry in my pocket with no worries. Instead, he placed in my hand an exquisite ring with a large diamond in its center that sparkled and danced with brilliance.

“I found what you were looking for,” he said. “Can you see how thoroughly flawed it is?” I studied the rock, but only saw perfection. As the jeweler removed the price tag, I asked, “How much more would this diamond be worth if it were perfect?” He quoted me a price



#### RENEWAL SPOTLIGHT

Like a diamond in the hands of a master jeweler, your life is valuable to God. The Lord aims to cut essential *facets* into your life, allowing His glory to shine more brilliantly in you and through you to a world desperately in need of a spiritual awakening.

seven times the value of the tag he was removing—enough to buy a small house.

I carefully tucked the diamond in my pocket, wondering what flaws within had so diminished its value. To the trained jeweler, the problems were obvious. To my untrained eye, this jewel seemed perfect. Puzzled, I brought the gem home and researched the four qualities that establish a diamond's value: clarity, color, carats, and cut. The clarity, color, and carats (weight) seemed right, but I sensed that something was wrong with the cut.

As recently as the eleventh century, crowns were adorned with diamonds in their natural, uncut form. Cutting and polishing them in a manner that brings out their inner qualities through perfectly refracted and reflected light is a fairly recent part of their legacy. So focused have diamond cutters been on perfecting the trade and maximizing profit that they now follow precise cutting standards, conforming to set patterns within a thin margin of variance, to produce the symmetry and shapes that meet market demands. Every part of the diamond-cutting process maximizes optics to dazzle and please the human eye. Light is guided into the gem's facets and returned to the world with a combination of fire, sparkle, and brilliance.

A rough rock is first examined for all possible shapes, and the optimal selection is determined: round, heart-shaped, oval, marquise, pear, emerald, or other. Retaining as much of the gem as possible while removing blemishes is key. Sometimes it is more cost-effective to cut a stone in half, creating two smaller diamonds, in order to remove a central flaw.

On average 50% of the diamond is lost in the cutting process. The diamond-cutter takes away quantity to create quality. How many times, I thought, does God allow trials to come my way that prune perfectly good aspects of my life? What seems like loss to me in

times of pain is gain in the end for my faith as I become a prism of His light.

The long, arduous process of cutting and polishing focuses on the facets of the diamond to capture and control light. Sometimes extra facets are designed in a diamond to remove flaws. If such facets do not fit the perfect symmetry of the gem, they actually cheapen it. As I pondered this, I wondered how many needless facets I have allowed into my life. How many activities made me busier, but not better?

Throughout this devotional, we will consider the lives of believers in God, who through the centuries have brought God's light into the world with maximized brilliance and sparkle. Such people, we will see, have certain things in common. Whether studying the Old Testament, the New Testament, or the long and glorious history of the Church, nine common facets unite them all. These will be the facets of our Renewal Journey. Each facet is equally important for our lives.

*Renewal Journey* is above all a journey of self-examination. Look at each facet carefully, with all the eagerness of a diamond dealer. In each area, ask God to give you wisdom and understanding that you might see your life from His perspective (James 1:5). As you study each facet, let God have His way with you. He knows what He is doing—even when it hurts.

## **Respond**

*Pray: Lord, I know diamonds do not reach their full potential if they are not cut. I don't like to be trimmed and polished. Still, I trust You. And James tells me that when I am going through trials of any sort, I can ask You for wisdom and You will grant it. As I engage in this 40-day journey, grant me the wisdom I need to submit to Your hand, and shape me into a more perfect gem to better reflect Your light into the darkness of this world. Amen.*

**Review**

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

- \* 1. What trials are you facing currently in your life? Have you asked God for wisdom and understanding? If so, what have you heard from the Lord?

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- \* 2. Wisdom from God is described in James 3:13-18. What does such wisdom look like? Ask the Lord to give you such wisdom.

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- \* 3. Consider the kind of trials the early Christians were facing. James 1:1 refers to them as “the twelve tribes in the Dispersion.” What does this suggest? From what you know of Church History, do hardships for Christians tend to hurt or help God’s light shine more brightly in the world? Explain.

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### Action Step

We will be studying nine key facets, or faces, that God, the Master Jeweler, wishes to cut and polish into our lives. They are listed below. *Circle* up to three of these facets that are, at this point, areas in which you most need to grow. When you come to the end of these 40 days, we will challenge you to reflect once again on the facets you have circled here, asking if your perspective has changed, and if so, why.

- Nurture
- Scripture
- Repentance
- Hope
- Prayer
- Guidance
- Surrender
- Empowerment
- Faithfulness





*Facet 1*



NURTURE

## Day 2 Nurture Overview

### Read

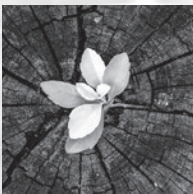
*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved. (Acts 2:42-47)*

Optional, fuller reading: Acts 2:1-47

### Reflect

I love squirrels—when they keep their distance, that is. It aggravates me to no end when they mess with my nest.

Last summer, several of these creatures invaded the crawl space in my garage to construct a huge home of their own. I searched the Internet to learn how to remove them. My first line of attack was the ammonia trick. I poured the foul substance onto rags, which I flung into and around the squirrel homestead. The fumes near-



#### RENEWAL SPOTLIGHT

When it is nurtured, faith grows naturally. Understanding what such nurture looks like can help us posture ourselves to help us grow spiritually until our faith is strong enough to impact the world.

ly killed me but did not seem to bother them. One-by-one, I went through people's suggestions, with no success. One suggestion remained. Following Internet advice, I found my old transistor radio, dusted it off, installed fresh batteries, turned it to a non-stop political news channel, and gave it a prominent seat in their living room. I figured that even vexing rodents could only handle so much media spin. Sure enough, within hours they left home without even packing their bags.

Some months later, the aggressive grey vermin decided to set up their domicile on a hard-to-reach section of my roof gutters. It was back to the Internet for me. I soon had my ladder propped precariously against the gutter, about 20 feet down the roofline from their new home. I then commenced to send a river of diluted essential oils streaming into their front door. As the powerful aroma of peppermint and tea tree oil filled the air, the grey squirrels came shooting onto the roof. One of the larger beasts took a good look at me, raced down the gutter line, and nearly knocked me off the ladder. He was not happy. Neither was I. He was messing with my nest.

All of God's creatures require homes, places for nurture, and growth. From mountaintops to ocean depths, from nooks in jagged cliffs to hives in veiled trees, from webs between prickly bushes to burrows in hollow stumps, every living creature seeks a place to rest. The restful earthly dwelling place for the Christian is the Church. We can find solace and strength there. Notice the four factors that described this abode in the New Testament:

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and the prayers. (Acts 2:42)*

Good teaching, intimate fellowship, vibrant worship (breaking of bread, i.e. communion), and ongoing prayer are critical ingredients for nurture. These four elements were critical for the spiritual growth of New Testament Christians, and they are important for

our nurture as well. Each of these elements is integrally woven into this 40-day study. We will note in the next three lessons how they should be evident not only in our churches but also in our homes.

The question we address in this first facet of Christian excellence is that of nurture. Specifically, are you being nurtured in such a manner that you are growing closer to God and more in love with Him? If not, perhaps you need to reach out to those who can nurture your faith in your church and among your Christian friends. Until you solve this problem, your nest is compromised.

## Respond

*Pray: Lord, I know that it is important that I spend regular time in a nurturing environment. Help me to see and understand whether or not my nest is all that it can and should be. Create for me a comfortable place to rest, a safe place to grow, and a strategic place to serve. Show me how to incorporate the key elements that foster my ongoing spiritual growth. In the name of the Savior, the Head of the Church, I pray. Amen.*

## Review

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

- \* 1. Is any one of the four elements of nurture described in Acts 2:42 (teaching, fellowship, worship, or prayer) more important to you than the others? Explain.

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2. “The local church may fail in efforts to nurture people in the faith if such nurture doesn’t also happen in the home.” Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

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3. Give one or more examples of ways others have nurtured you spiritually at key stages of your life. What helped you the most?

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**Action Step**

Describe below the ideal environment for your spiritual and emotional growth. Pray for the Lord to make this more of a reality for you and for those whom you are called to nurture.

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## Day 3 **Nurture**

### Church History Example

#### Read

*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deuteronomy 6:4-7)*

Optional, fuller reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-25

#### Reflect

John Wesley is known as the primary architect of the First Great Awakening in the seventeenth century and the founder of the Methodist Church. An itinerate preacher for 65 years, he traveled an estimated 250,000 miles on horseback to preach some 40,000 sermons. John left behind the legacy of 233 books and more than 750 preachers in England and 350 in America, shepherding some 130,000 Methodists. His brother Charles penned 9,000 hymns, many of which are still enjoyed today.

Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles, may be considered the mother of modern Methodism. With a heart to honor God



#### RENEWAL SPOTLIGHT

Suzanna Wesley · 1669-1742

She never founded a church, published a book, or established a church; yet, having raised and nurtured the faith of her sons, John and Charles Wesley, she became known as the mother of Methodism.



and a determination to raise her children in the ways of God, she helped shape lives that would impact the world.

Susanna was married to a headstrong pastor, Samuel. They had 19 children, nine of whom died as infants. At the end of Susanna's life, only eight of her children were still alive. As Anglicans, Susanna and Samuel were part of the dissenting church, refusing to bow to the dictates of the Church of England. Like many other dissenters, they lived in poverty, always struggling to provide for their children. Not surprisingly, Samuel was often gone on church business. At one point, he was absent for over a year because of a minor dispute with Susanna. Twice, Samuel spent time in jail due to his inability to pay off his debts. Twice their home burned down.

In one of the fires, young John Wesley, then six, was rescued from a second story window before the roof collapsed around him. He later referred to himself as a "brand plucked from the fire." Susanna decided to be especially careful with John's soul as she felt God had so mercifully spared his life for a purpose.

The Wesley home was a place of strict discipline and learning. Once the children reached the age of five, their formal education began. They attended classes at home for six hours, learning Latin, Greek, and the full classical education that was expected in that era in England. Susanna practiced daily devotions throughout her life, and she made it a habit to spend an hour with each of her children every week. She wrote to her husband:

I am a woman, but I am also the mistress of a large family. And though the superior charge of the souls contained in it lies upon you, yet in your long absence I cannot but look upon every soul you leave under my charge as a talent committed to me under a trust. I am not a man nor a minister, yet as a mother and a mistress I felt I ought to do more than I had yet done. I resolved to begin with my own children;

in which I observe the following method: I take such a proportion of time as I can spare every night to discourse with each child apart...<sup>1</sup>

Susanna never preached a sermon or wrote a book. She did something more important: she nurtured her children in the ways of the Lord. Largely due to her dedication as a mother, a spiritual awakening eventually swept through England and colonial America.

### Respond

*Pray: Lord, forgive us for neglecting the ancient and timeless command to teach our children Your Word that they might walk in Your ways. Help us to see how one life given fully to You can impact the world. Show us today how to raise children who will impact tomorrow. Lead us into lives of devotion, and guide families and churches to join hands, raising up a generation of revival leaders in this hour of darkness. This we pray in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### Review

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

1. Note in Deuteronomy 6:1-2 the emphasis given by Moses on passing the faith down to our children and grandchildren. How well is the average Christian doing in this regard today? Why? Have you been nurtured by someone caring for your soul and your future? Is such nurture happening through you to your children or others?

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<sup>1</sup> John Wesley, *The Works of the Reverend John Wesley* (New York: Emory and B. Waugh, 1861), 261.

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2. Deuteronomy 6:3-5 describes the core focus of God's commands, the central goal for mentoring our children. List three things we can do to make this goal a reality for our children. Is this the central goal of your life? Why or why not?

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- \* 3. Read Deuteronomy 6:10-25. What significant truths or guidelines do you draw from this text that are important for the nurture of future leaders of spiritual awakening? What are some steps or ways you can teach and implement each of these?

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**Action Step**

Make a list of people who have helped to nurture you in the faith. Thank the Lord for each of them. If you do not have someone fulfilling such a role in your life, pray for the Lord to provide such a person.

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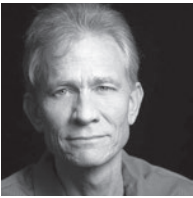
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Do you know of the great revivals of the past? There is reason to hope that God may bring another great awakening to the Church in our generation. But we must prepare ourselves. We must become instruments of God's purpose.

Welcome to *Renewal Journey*, a devotional tour of some of the greatest revivals in Scripture and in history. You will encounter personal understanding and application of God's Word in new ways. *Renewal Journey* is a 40-day walk through nine topics of spiritual focus: **Nurture, Scripture, Repentance, Hope, Prayer, Guidance, Surrender, Empowerment, and Faithfulness**. Each topic will be explored consecutively from an Old Testament example of revival, to accounts of revival in church history, and then from insights given to us in the New Testament. *Revival...it starts in your heart!*



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