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TENT REVIVAL!



REVIVAL PASTOR

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With over 25 years of full-time ministry experience, Tony Gilmore has dedicated his life to spreading the message of the Kingdom worldwide. Through seminars, speaking engagements, teaching videos, and conference presentations, his down-to-earth yet passionate preaching style resonates deeply with audiences. He places a particular emphasis on helping individuals walk in their God-given purpose, empowering them through the message of the Kingdom.

Tony Gilmore's leadership journey includes seven years as the lead pastor of Joyce Meyer Ministries at the St. Louis Dream Center, along with seven years on the Executive Management team. His ministry has taken him across the globe, ministering in Uganda, the Dominican Republic, Mexico and throughout the United States. As a sought-after speaker, he has a unique ability to develop leaders and has conducted several leadership seminars, including a notable conference in 2017 where he taught over 400 pastors in the Dominican Republic. His career accolades include being named YMCA Community Partner of the Year in 2007 for the St. Louis Region, receiving the Outstanding Community Partner award in 2012 from St. Louis Public Schools, and the St. Louis Hidden Figures Partnership Award in 2018.

Tony Gilmore firmly believes in the unlimited potential of every individual and is committed to empowering people with principles that bring the Kingdom lifestyle to life. Through the Word of God he inspires others to overcome their past and embrace the abundant future that God has for them. His preaching goes beyond traditional ministry, offering practical and spiritual guidance to help people unlock their full potential and live purposeful, impactful lives.

Following the fish fry, we had a special time of worship led by Kevin and Lisa Cline. Kevin introduced the songs and accompanied Lisa on the guitar. They sang "I Saw the Light," "Peace in the Valley," "He Lives," "His Eye is on the Sparrow," and "I'll Fly Away."

Each night of the revival, one of the church elders took point and introduced the speaker and prayed before and after the message. On Sunday night, Sam Griffin introduced Tony Gilmore and shared about his 25 years of full-time ministry in Kingdom building work across this country. He believes in empowering people to live purposeful and impactful lives as they build the Kingdom of God. He believes he is here tonight by divine appointment. It is all about the Spirit of God and what He wants to do in your life. Our lifestyle needs to resonate with passion. Rekindle a flame that the enemy has doused in your life. The spirit of God meets us at a place of expectation. You are challenged to rekindle the flame personally.

Revelation Brings Revival - John 4:21-26

Presently, we live in the Information Age. First, there was the Agrarian Age, next the Industrial Age, and now the Information Age. We make church about information. Read I Timothy 3:5. Our country is filled with churches that care more about Bible knowledge than revelation. Revelation is life changing! Information changes thoughts but revelation changes actions. Information changes knowledge but revelation changes who I am! If you don't understand it, you miss out on the power. Revelation is a part of the power of the Holy Spirit. Without the power of the Holy Spirit, they miss out on the revelation. Revelation brings revival - a new presentation; a rekindling.

In 1906, in Los Angeles, there was a church that had vibrant worship services. They were experiencing revival. God gave a revelation and gift of the Holy Spirit through the pastor, William Seymour.

In the Bible, the Greek words logos and rhema both refer to the Word of God, but they have different meanings. Logos is the God-inspired, God breathed written word. Rhema is also the Word of God but it has God's personal touch for you. There is power in revelation. The Holy Spirit makes God's Word personal. Read Isaiah 53:5. It is the Word of God with the Spirit of God that causes everything to happen.

In today's scripture passage, Jesus broke the cultural norms. Jews don't speak to Samaritans. Jewish men don't speak to women. But Jesus did.

How we worship is both spiritual and real. Revelation has a lot of synonyms. It means to clarify, to make manifest, and to reveal.

There are three things that Revelation does:

1. It brings satisfaction. Jesus satisfies the longing of the soul. Read John 14:13. Living water is eternally satisfying. Read Psalm 107:9.
2. It changes worship. How we worship is more important than where we worship. Read John 4:23-24. It is a lifestyle. Live my life as a thank you to God. Worship is an act of love and an expression of reverence.
3. It brings revival. It develops a passion to share. Read John 4:39-41.

God kept chasing after me. I gave my life back to God. The Holy Spirit came to me. I started living for God because he's so powerful, great, loving. God is chasing after you!

Share God's love because He loves you so much. He will turn it around for you into something good. God wants your heart in worship. When God reveals himself to you, life is different. It is a catalyst for what God wants to do. Then he challenged us to revive and restore the flames of our faith.

In closing, Kevin and Lisa Cline returned to the stage to sing and play "I'll Fly Away." Sam Griffin closed in prayer and encouraged those that needed additional prayer to seek out elders to pray with.

By the numbers: 107 in attendance on a wet and blustery evening. There were 35 online viewers, which is slightly misleading as my husband and I watched together yet it counted on Facebook as one viewing. Best estimate is that there were 25% to 33% more people watching revival online.

Katie Phillips led worship with "Let Me Tell You About My Jesus" and "I Will Trust in You." Elder Perry Langdon opened in prayer and introduced our evangelist.

Removing the Weeds in Your Heart - Romans 6:1-8

The catalyst is the Holy Spirit. Removing the weeds in your heart is done by the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Have you ever felt stuck in your walk? When Christians hit a spiritual wall - the condition of your heart determines when you will get past the wall. Past victories do not mean automatic success. God is more than enough! But Sundays are not enough. If you think that an hour and 40 minutes is going to get you through 168 hours during the week, you are mistaken!

Sin sneaks in the back side of your life. It is like a weed that robs your lawn. Most of the people that stop sinning, didn't like the stench or pain of sin in their lives. Satan couches sin so that it doesn't seem like sin. Sin robs you of the spiritual nutrients that you need. We are no longer slaves to sin. Jesus paid the price to set you free. We have a new reality in Christ.

We are heirs of the Kingdom of God. Let's talk about position versus reality. Position means that God sees you through Christ. My position in Christ didn't look like my reality. That change or process is called sanctification. It is salvation lived out in every day of my life. The moment you accept Jesus, sanctification begins. He is making you holy, set apart. This happens through the Holy Spirit, which resides in us. You lose the desire for those sins. It is a tool that God uses to move sin out of our lives. The Holy Spirit uses conviction to help us understand and recognize the presence of sin and to move it out of our lives. The Holy Spirit guides us, protects us and leads us.

Three things about conviction:

Conviction of sin is a rare thing. But the Holy Spirit makes you aware that your relationship is with God. It is impossible to keep the law as laid out in the Old Testament. It is there so that we have an understanding of God's expectations. The Holy Spirit is the power within us to live right.

1. Purpose - Conviction is not repentance but it leads to repentance. You can be convicted without repentance. It requires your cooperation. Condemnation always leads to shameful, defeated, unworthy feelings that direct us to alienation and causes spiritual paralysis. Conviction is rooted in love and leads to restoration and healing..
2. Process - Living in a manner that God doesn't want you to, there's pain. The consequences get greater and greater as they are ignored. God is working with you in private but will take it public to get your attention if you keep ignoring him. Read Romans 1:28-29. There can be no grace if there is no guilt. Guilt's power is to lead you to repentance. Shame says that I am bad. When you repent, guilt disappears and there is no shame.
3. Payoff - King David and Bathsheba was a result of a period in his life where he was not in line with God. This went on for many months. David did not try to reconnect with God until the prophet Nathan was sent to him to confront him and convict him of his sin.. Read Psalm 51:7-17. There is no joy or peace without God. This passage reveals David pleading for God's presence. He offers a broken spirit and contrite heart.

God is ready to move forward with you in power, grace, joy, and love. God isn't holding back, it is us that holds back from God. Repent. Repentance means turning and going in the opposite direction. Right now the power is in the presence of God. It is time to meet Jesus.

In closing, Katie Phillips returned to the stage and sang "How Great Thou Art." Elder Perry Langdon returned and closed in prayer.

By the numbers: 130 in attendance and 25 watching on Facebook live (same caveat as before).

Katie Gill opened worship with a reading of Psalm 100:1-5. Then she led everyone in worship by singing "Shout to the Lord," "The Truth," and "Goodness of God." Elder Phil Boude prayed and introduced our speaker, Tony Gilmore.

Tony reviewed the message from Sunday night that Revelation brings Revival and from Monday night about Removing Weeds from your Heart.

From Distraction to Devotion - James 4:6-8

Our challenge is refocusing our hearts and minds on the one true God. The enemy does that to you. You think he is after things but he is after your heart. When the enemy can't destroy you, then he will distract you. We live jointly in the culture of the world and the culture of the Kingdom of God. We don't get to opt out of either one. The Bible says that we are triune beings. We have a body, soul and spirit. My body is my connection to the world or my world conscience. My soul is my sense of self, personality, will, mind, emotions or my self consciousness. My spirit is my connection to God or my "God consciousness. There is a battle for your soul everyday. The enemy will distract not only with sin but sometimes with things that are good. Read Galatians 5:17. The more you feed your soul fleshly things, the more you want those things. It becomes your focus. This leads to drifting. You lose the desire to please God. Your attention will be on wherever the focus of your time, talent and money is. Read Matthew 6:32-33. Seek the Kingdom of God and God will provide for all your needs. When God has your focus, you get God and your needs are met.

The book of James is functional faith. It is the type of faith that you live out every day. James is very direct. An idol is anything that you prioritize over God. It is time to refocus our attention on God.

Four points to get your focus on God:

1. Rearrange your desires (vs 7). Submit to God. Put God back on the throne. Submit your desires to God. God is in charge of your life. Easy talk - hard walk! God is loving and compassionate and desires the best for you. This requires discernment. Read Galatians 5:19-21. The flesh pushes but the spirit leads - that is a distinct difference.
2. Reprioritize His Presence. Read James 4:8. Experientially, as we move toward God, He comes closer to us. Practicing the presence of God: (a) Be intentional by reading and worship. (b) Be curious - ask God questions. (c) Be transparent. The conversation is for you. God already knows. It reflects brokenness. God can handle our honesty. (d) Be repentant and turn away from sin. Sitting quietly in the presence of God.
3. Realign your heart. Put God first and surrender to God's way. Your breakthrough and deliverance is when you let go and let God. The ability to heal is by God.
4. Restore your fire, purpose and life. This happens when you completely surrender to God.

Katie Gill returned to the stage to lead the song "We Believe." Elder Phil Boude concluded the evening with prayer.

By the numbers: 140 in attendance with 30 on Facebook live (same caveat).

Worship was led by Drew Gill on guitar and Katie Gill. They sang "Your Forgiveness," "Monday Morning Faith," and "Build My Life." Elder JC Claypool recognized the leadership team and other team leaders, prayed, and introduced the speaker, Tony Gilmore.

Tony Gilmore identified our church as a powerhouse in the Kingdom of God. He took the opportunity to express his deep appreciation for the kindness and love that had been lavished on him and his wife throughout this revival. Then he reviewed the messages of each night. On the first night, he talked about Revelation brings Revival. On the second night, it was removing the weeds of sin. Last night was on refocusing our lives and prioritizing God.

Breaking the Chain - A Life Transformed by Christ - Romans 7:21-25

He began his presentation by using the circus as an example, specifically elephants and the conditional learning that controls their actions. Then he explained that this is what sin has done to us. Sin is a chain holding us. Jesus set us free from the power of sin in our lives. We have to do the work of renewing our mind to break the conditioned response. Read Romans 6:19. Doulos, is a Greek word for slave, and describes a person who can't help themselves. When you are enslaved, you can't do without. He then shared about a book called Approved Addiction. The premise of which is that we are chameleons, always changing, based on the environment. People pleasing people leads to other addictions. With addiction, you are submitting your will to these addictions. Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

The tool that is used for your freedom is the Holy Spirit. Submit to the working of the Holy Spirit to experience freedom. Three things the Holy Spirit does:

1. Works with you to drag you to Jesus.
2. Comes upon you to do the work of Jesus
3. He works in you to be like Jesus.

We position ourselves. We posture ourselves as He prunes us. Read Romans 7:21. There is still a fight going on to live like Jesus.

Four lifestyle changes:

1. To live a dependent lifestyle. I promise you that you are helpless, hopeless unless you submit to the Holy Spirit. We need to be desperately dependent on the Holy Spirit. Read John 15:5. Sometimes it is an issue of pride. The Holy Spirit is a lot smarter than we are.
2. You have to live a surrendered life. Let him be the Lord of your Life. It frees you to live in the abundance of life.
3. We are called to live a crucified life. Read Galatians 5:24-25. We have to crucify our flesh. When you are unresponsive or dead to sin, you are no longer responding to sin. Starve the interest in that sin.
4. Develop a lifestyle of worship. Outside circumstances don't mean as much because God is bigger than anything else. Your soul begins to rise. Need a refill or fill us up. Worship is like gas to the tank of my soul. Worship causes the power of the enemy to retreat. Worship when things are good and worship when things are bad. It crowds out the enemy. When praises go up; blessings come down. He's the Great I AM! He is worthy of all of our praise. Worship him for who He is! Read Ephesians 5:18. A fresh filling of the spirit brings joy, peace, and patience.

Drew and Katie Gill returned to the stage to lead everyone in the song "In Jesus' Name." JC Claypool closed the evening in prayer.

By the numbers: 125 attended the revival and 21 watched on facebook live (same caveat).