

## Spring Thaw May Include Revival This Year

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pring is dawning early in many places this year, and with it hope for thawing people's hearts.

As I write this, the revival at Asbury College in Kentucky has been curtailed by the administration due to concerns over crowd control, but the revival itself has spread to other campuses. Could this be the long-sought revival of America for which Christians have prayed for many years?

Time will tell, but right now, amid cultural madness, persecution of Christians around the world, war in Ukraine and massive earthquakes, the news out of Asbury is like a spring in the desert. Thousands have been gathering there with nonstop praise and worship.

Similarly, Cedarville University in Ohio has seen much spontaneous prayer and worship break out among its student body that began shortly after the revival started at Asbury. Cedarville University President Thomas White said that it began as the students were studying Psalm 86, a plea from David for help from God:

Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; And attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, For You will answer me (6,7).



## A Time of Hope

Spring is a wonderful time to recount our blessings, seek renewal and prepare our hearts and souls for Easter.

Recently, A 60-year-old man wrote to PFOX that he had experienced a miraculous change of attitude. He no longer wanted to have sex with men. The desire, he wrote, is completely gone. He wanted to share with us how God removed his form of lustful temptation. He is also thinking about dating a woman.

There are many questions, yet the power of God in his life seems real and prayers for him over many years are being answered. We will pray that he

will find a Christian men's group for spiritual growth and accountability.

Some of us have been set free from homosexuality. The prayers of many helped us see the truth. God placed spiritual mentors in our path to walk with us. Years ago, God did a new thing in my life and continues to inspire me daily. God is at work with all those college students. They are repenting, praying for each other, praising God and worshipping Him.

One of the hard things I hear from parents is the waiting and praying. It can go on for years without evident effect. It is understandable that they want their child to change as soon as

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possible. When it doesn't happen right away, the tendency is to think that as a parent, you have done something wrong and you want to fix it. Most parents I have talked with say they love their children and are perplexed at their chosen paths. They feel that as parents, they did nothing wrong and are wondering what they could do at this point.

The challenge is to seek God's help to change us, not the other person. God will hold each of us responsible for our actions. We must allow God to do the changing in His own time and for us to show love to our loved ones in the meantime as best we can.

Today's young people are surrounded with lies about sex and identity and are subject to enormous peer pressure via social media. They try desperately to fit in. Often, when parents gently ask a young person, "What makes you think you're gay, bi or trans?" it shows you care enough to know what makes them tick. It can be hard, but it's worth taking time to listen. You may not have all the answers, but showing love is the most important part of parenting.

## The Deeper Truth

I've said this before, but it bears repeating because it works: Write your child a love letter. You can encourage him or her with words of affirmation, not for their lifestyle choice but the deeper truth of their unique beauty and Who made them. We are all wonderfully made.

When we have little reason to hope, we must still offer prayers and requests to the God who can work in any situation. Taking time to talk with the One Who made us can actually change our hearts. From denial to honesty with ourselves. From anger to honesty with God. From guilt to asking God for help.



From bargaining with God to receiving His comfort.

This change of heart, perhaps something of a thawing, may allow your child to let you share what God is doing in you. When everything seems hopeless, we must stay focused. With God, all things are possible. Not some. Not most. **All**, according to God's Word:

Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.' Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made (Isaiah 43: 5-7).

And there's this:

Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland (Isaiah 43:18-19).

AT PFOX we continue to pray that the Prodigal Children will return to their true identity – the one that a loving God created for them.

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