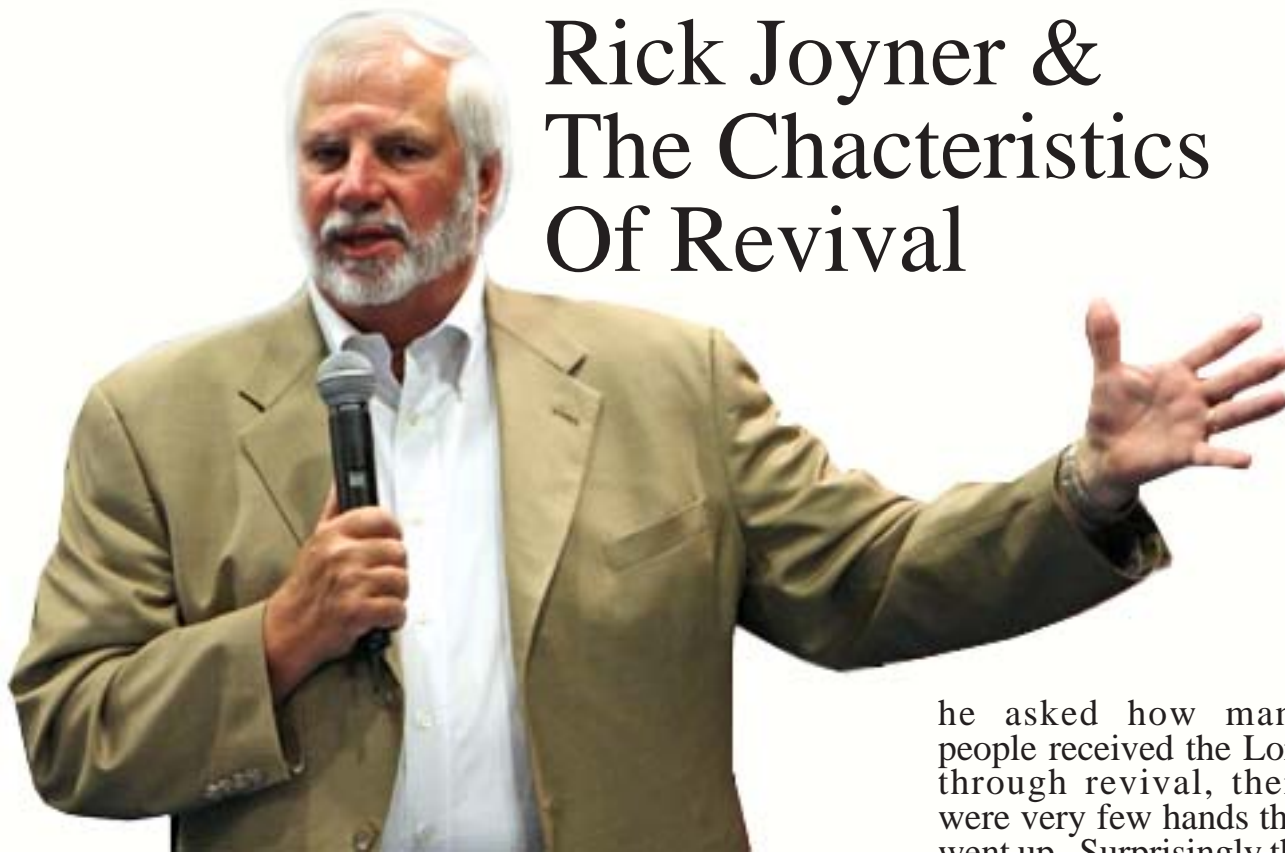


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Rick Joyner & The Characteristics Of Revival

MOBILE, AL — Revival is breaking out in Charlotte, North Carolina at the *Morning Star School and Ministry*. During the early outbreak of that move, Rick Joyner pulled out his airplane and flew to Mobile, Alabama to share at the *White Dove Ministries Annual Conference*. Joyner walked slowly to the pulpit at Harvest Church where the conference was held and pulled out his laptop computer and began to speak about the pros and the cons of revival and the characteristics of each revival.

Joyner has a great knowledge of revival, he has studied and

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researched several moves of God which have occurred over the 20th Century and also the recent outbreak of revival in Lakeland, Florida. During his talk

he asked how many people received the Lord through revival, there were very few hands that went up. Surprisingly the majority of the people who were led to Christ were led by another person. This was a *White*

Dove Conference so the group was basically Charismatic in nature but most of those who were at the conference didn't start out in the full gospel way. Many of the people came

to a full gospel belief after being in a denominational church that wasn't full gospel.

Joyner made several critical points on revival. One of the reasoning he gave was given about the direction of revival. He made the statement that when revival happens it only stays hot for the first two years. Each move of God is unique and it will seek its own direction, God is pouring His Spirit out upon ordinary men and they often find themselves in the test of their lives seeking to do the will of God. We saw more of the supernatural and the spontaneous during the first two years of that move than after the third year at Brownsville. Joyner also made the point that revival leaves the host congregation weakened.

Joyner spoke about control and when the spirit of control comes into a revival. He said the heavy hand of control invites other things to come into

revival and one of those things is the politics of religion. Leadership in a denomination has to keep everyone in the boat but when something goes

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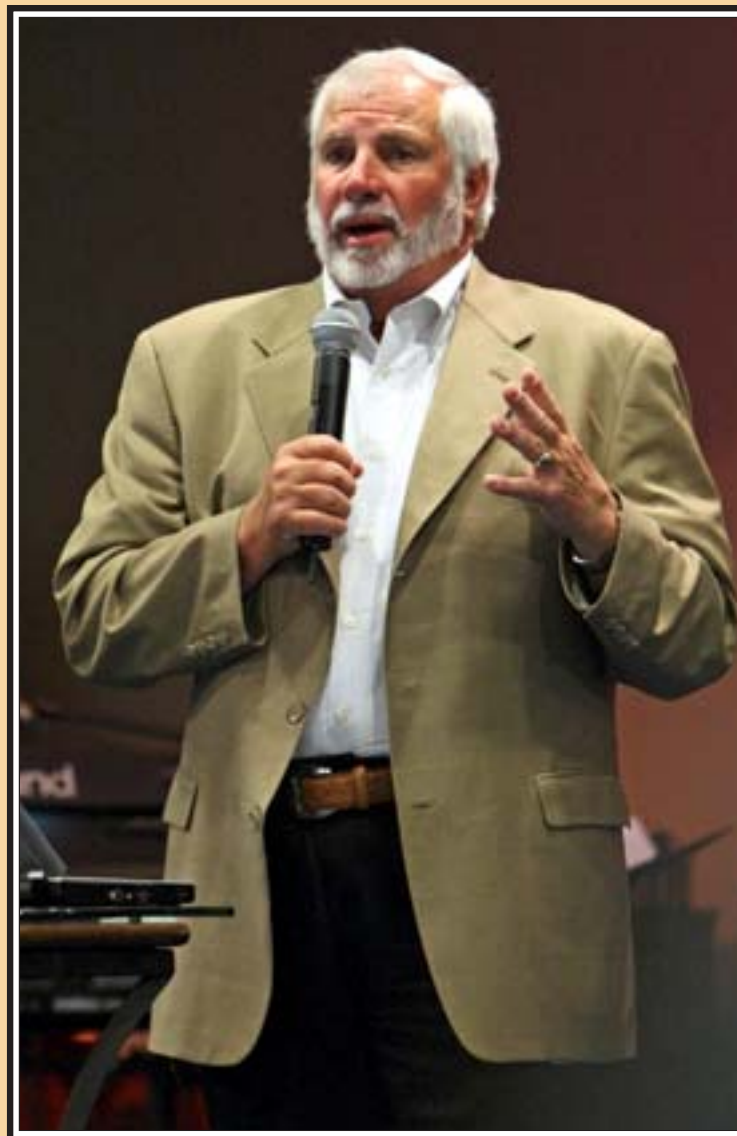
wrong is stops being a move of God that the world can come to and it becomes the focus of that denominations politics. When mistakes are made many who are not on board with revival will enter into the. Denominational detractors who dislike this particular revival will show up to accuse you. God does some unique things in revival to cause people to question.

particular denomination and work will try to stop or harm the work of God through the powers that be. The fundamental churches never adopted the Azusa Street move of God so we begin to have the change to create other denominations. In the sixties we saw a move of God or a

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Manifestations of revival are very often brought to the front. At Azusa it was the manifestation of speaking in tongues who brought a whole new biblical delimitation to something that was not in the denominational churches, thus denominational churches were created to embrace the new denominational doctrines. The Assemblies of God, Church of God and the early Black Apostolic Pentecostal denominations had to build safe houses for those who believed. While some in the work love your work many of your

renewal among the denominational churches that saw the doctrine of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit sweep through the Baptists, Methodist, Presbyterian and even the Church of Christ. This Charismatic movement separated people into a new unrestricted Charismatic movement of churches that eventually saw the Church of God and the Assemblies of God receive many of those who came out of



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Charismatic Churches. One case in point Mark Rutland was a renowned United Methodist clergyman who changed because of his experience with the Holy Spirit when he spoke in tongues. He adopted the Assemblies of God as his new home denomination, and now is a leader of a great Assembly of God Seminary in Lakeland,

Florida. Joyner spoke and said that the level of power will reflect the amount of persecution. One revivalists said that it was more important to not listen to the critics but to hear God's voice. Never recognize the critics openly but move more toward the work because in the persecution of revival is

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found the greater glory and the manifestation of God's hand.

Joyner said also that in the history of revival there has never been one individual lead another move of God in there life time. In every move of God, God tests the people who are looking through the door by doing some off the wall thing that has never been done before. Even during the time of Jesus many fell away when Christ told them unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you cannot be a part of me. That gory statement made many withdrew from Jesus. Christ's asked the question to his disciples, "Will you also turn from me?" The words of Peter made the statement, who would we go to, you are the words of life!

Rick Joyner made many statements that would help anyone who would try to even venture down the road of revival. If you listened to him at this time you could see a man who has a revival going on at his own place at *Morning Star Ministries*. He knows the pitfalls of hosting a move of God, and yet he sits in the seat of responsibility. He made the positive statement that said most people are won to Christ by one on one relationships, but he also opened the door to harvest through the supernatural. While many of the prophets are looking for a leaderless revival where the Holy Spirit just falls across the earth but in the history of the Old Testament and the New Testament and the present God has always used a man to lead His move.

Looking at the world as it is now, every believer knows that it is going to take a supernatural move of God to harvest the world as we know it. Many in the prophetic movement have spoken about angels and the ministries of William Branham and A. A. Allen. Recently Joyner's conference honoring the father's of the 20th Century opened a new presence of God that has never been seen at *Morning Star Ministries*. In subsequent days after that conference, an outpouring of revival has invaded *Morning Star Ministries* through many who have come back from the Lakeland meetings.

Beware of the Fruit Inspectors, they say they are here to protect the body of Christ but they care more about the bottom line than they do in watching something grow. They want to be seen and heard but they have been seen and heard before and people are aware of their misrepresentations of the truth.

The Fruit Inspectors have several characteristics. First of all most of them have never been involved in pulpit ministry nor have they ever

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had any responsibility over a group of people. They look at revival from the outside and begin to pick it to pieces with what they call their objective reporting. They are really like the liberal American Newspapers except they claimed to be saved.

The revival is just 44 days old and a major contributors of confusion has already questioned the move of God. In Rick Joyner's article that we have just published Joyner says that revivals have

radical course changes. The people who are in the tidal wave of revival are often measured by the fruit of that revival, but in the case of Todd Bentley the fruit has already began to manifest itself. Many of the miracles of healing are beginning to have medical evidence, but watch out for the fruit inspectors they will measure the way you say what you say. They like to sit in the position of authority but they will not protect the anointing of what is going on right before their nose.

This Lakeland Revival has not had time to be inspected yet. The growth of this revival is phenomenal but the truth of this revival is beginning to happen all over the world. The people of God can't be fooled and they know when something is for real.

In the middle of the Brownsville Revival the fruit inspectors showed up and printed an article that said the church had split during revival, but what really happened was the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry divided. These fruit inspectors

had the facts on the situation but did they really have the facts. People called them and tried to get them to print a retraction of a false statement but they ignored the leadership of that revival and did what they wanted to do. Well these people are at it again and as they sit in their seats of responsibility they

will not see the glory of God but like a gossip in church they will tear down the leadership and try to distract them with their ability publish a magazine. That my friend has nothing to do with a responsibility toward the body of Christ, that has to do with the selling of magazines.

I have watched Todd Bentley and have been in meetings with him over the last five years, and let me tell you something I don't understand everything he does, but I will tell you that he has an anointing on his life that most men could only dream of. Four years ago in Redding, California my son who was going through drug problems at the time flew with me to hear him.

Todd Bentley with his tattooed arms and different ways reached my son. In fact it was a special night. Bentley spoke about walking into the Third Heaven and when he begin to talk the atmosphere of the Third Heaven Invaded the entire building of 2,000 people.

touched my son and it was the beginning of the change in his life. If anyone thinks that they have the answer to this revival right now, they have put God in a box. God knows where this thing is going. Magazines and newspapers won't judge this move of God but the people will do that job and do it well. People know when something is wrong, stop trying to scare people with personal opinion, you better find out what God wants before you put your hand on another man of God. Fruit Inspectors live in Ivory Towers and never understand the hunger of the body of Christ for revival.



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