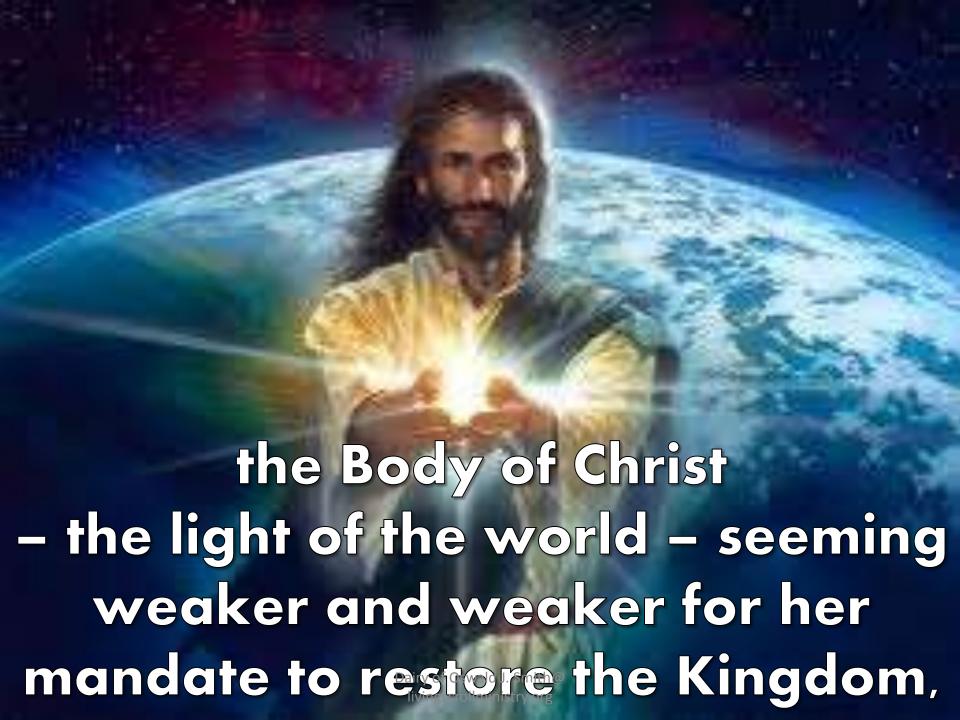




untold deception in the "Church", God seeming obviously hidden,





corruption becoming the native language of societies,

immorality a paradise,

religious killings spreading like wildfire everywhere

and many more such things.

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WHAT ARE WE TO DO? WHAT SHOULD BE OUR RESPONSE?



WE NEED TO FIGHT,





BUT HOW DO WE FIGHT?



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YET JESUS SAY;



"You are the light (saviours) of the world . . ."



"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain . . . "

John 15:16



The card is in our hands, we need to play it. Triumphantly! One man's journey will explain it all. We will look at his diary for JUST five (5) months.

What gave him the burden?



Well let's listen to the man himself:

"When I remember that an Outpouring (of the Spirit) has come to China, India, Korea, Africa, England, Wales, the States, the Islands of the Seas, and many other places,



but that Canada, our Dominion, our own beloved country, has never in its history experienced a national Revival, my heart cries out to God for such a Manifestation of Himself."



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Kept day by day at the time. Space forbids a full account. It is only possible to select portions here and there, but these, I believe, will be sufficient to stir up a spirit of revival and thus glorify God.



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It must come, the revival for which I have prayed so long.

How God melted me this morning!
How sweet is prayer! Praise His name!
Oh, for Holy Spirit conviction and Holy
Spirit fruit! Only that will stand the
test of time and eternity.

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How unspeakably precious He is.

Oh, for conviction, old fashioned conviction of sin!

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During my intercession this morning
I read a few chapters from
"Memoirs of John Smith,"
by Richard Treffry, and it drove me
to prayer.

For some time God gave wonderful liberty, perhaps an hour, possibly less.

I don't know for I was entirely unconscious of time.



And first He led me to confession.

Oh, how I have failed! Failed in prayer, for I have spent 💥 minutes when I ought to have spent hours. Failed in Bible Study for I have not poured over the sacred pages as I ought. Dairy of Oswald J. Smith@

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Failed in time for I have allowed Satan to fill my life with other things and thus crowd God out.

Failed in service for I have not given out Gospel tracts to the unsaved, nor spoken to them personally about their souls, nor preached on the street corners to the hundreds who do not attend church.



Oh, I have failed miserably, miserably failed.



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And I long to be true and faithful.

I plead for souls, yet my eyes do not weep as His did.

But glory be to God,
I believe He is leading me
into a deeper experience
where I will count all things
but loss for Christ;

where I will Suffer, Sacrifice, Pray, Study And Serve as never before;

where there will be but one thing in my life, and thus the revival for which I long will come.

He will pour forth His Spirit; souls will be convicted and saved.

May God hear and graciously answer! I must not fail again.
God help me to press on, and on.

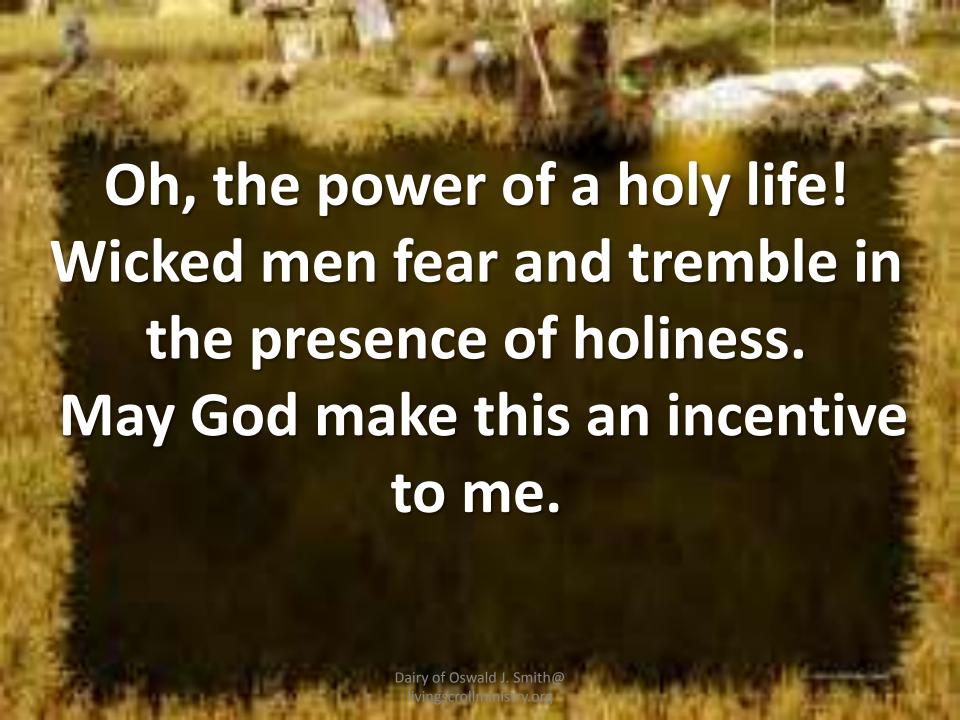
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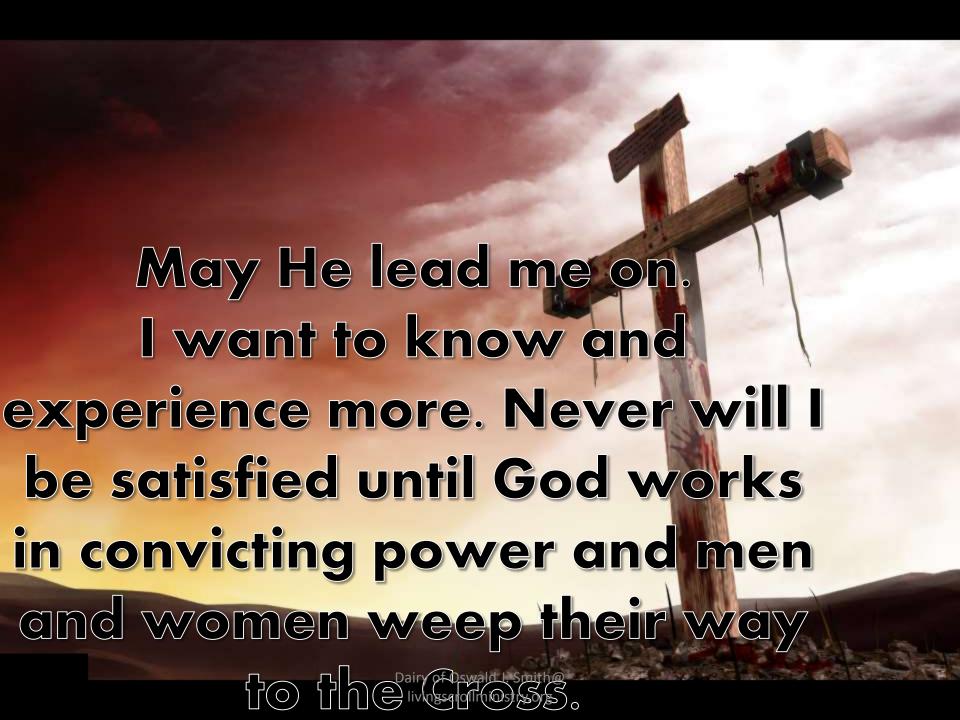
August 25th

In my reading this morning my attention was specially drawn to the following verse:

"Hérod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man" (Mark 6:20).



I am reading the New Testament through rapidly for the purpose of selecting those truths which will bring conviction when preached in Holy Spírít power. God is giving searching messages on Sin, Salvation, Heaven and Hell. Spent an hour in prayer and had sweet rellowship.



AUGUST 26

AUGUST 26TH Gathered three into my study this evening. Expected others but they did not come. Talked to them for about an hour.

Found much sympathy and willingness to cooperate, but almost entire ignorance as to Holy Spirit fruit and the outpouring of God's Spirit.

Decided to meet again along with others to talk it over that we may pray intelligently.

Came home réjoicing for I firmly believe that God will move upon the hearts of the people in answer to prevailing prayer.

AUGUST 31st Eight gathered in the church study tonight and we talked and prayed until after ten. Much prayer had been offered that His Spirit might open their eyes and let them see the need and feel the responsibility.



If God has chosen them they will stand with me; if not, I will have to go on alone. We have decided to hold cottage prayer meetings, one each week to begin with.

In closing I gave them this verse over which we prayed:

"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chron. 7:14).

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SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2nd
Preached tonight on:
"Why you should be saved."
Had liberty and a little power.
People at great tension.

Much prayer, but searched the faces in vain for signs of soul anguish and distress.

Eyes dry.

No outward token of conviction.

Surely I am not yet endued with

power from on high.

If so there would be Holy Spirit fruit.

SEPTEMBER 7th "We have toiled all the night and have taken nothing" (Luke 5:1-11). But when they let down their nets under Divine leadership "they enclosed a great multitude of fishes." Has this been my experience, or do I labour in the flesh instead of in the Spirit?

Truly I "have toiled all the night and taken nothing."

If men do not tremble and go away distressed and broken it is my fault. I must take the blame.



When I agonize and travail over souls there will be results, but not before. Then to my knees and on my face until the power comes and God can manifest Himself. Prayed nearly all afternoon, but not much freedom. Heavens like brass.

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SEPTEMBER 9th

"But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word" (Acts 6: 4).

I preached.

The people listened most attentively and there was a great deal of discussion afterwards.

Yet nothing happened.



None were broken. No distress manifested; no soul anguish; no tears. Oh, for God's power! There is but little fruit. However it sends me to my knees. There must still be hours of waiting upon God.

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The price has to be paid!

And when the Spirit comes upon me and fills me I will know it by the evidence of Holy Spirit fruit.

Short of this I dare not rest.

SEPTEMBER 10th

Glory be to God!

There has been a move at last.

It occurred in the coffage prayer meeting tonight.

The service at first was cold and the people unresponsive.

I spoke on prevailing prayer, concluded and closed.

But no sooner was the meeting over than a woman suddenly cried out:

"Pray for me, a church member -

and the rest was drowned in a flood of tears, great mighty sobs that shook her whole body.

There was no let up, nor could we speak. She sobbed and sobbed as though her heart would break. Down we went on our knees and prayed one after another.

Then we sang,

"Just As I Am,"



and in about fifteen or twenty minutes she came through gloriously saved.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Oh, how our hearts thrilled with joy.
Scarcely could we speak.

All the way home in the street car I could hardly contain myself.
Only two meetings and God had come.

Prayer was answered.

The Holy Spirit had commenced to work, for one soul at least had been broken up.

A church member unsaved!

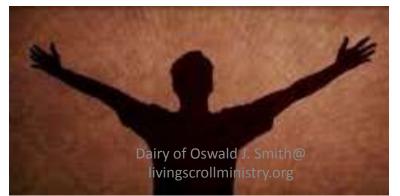
I wonder how many others are in a like condition?

SEPTEMBER 12th God is surely working.



Another young woman who had been convicted got up tonight and testified that she was saved yesterday at her work and received full assurance this morning.

Praise God!



He has again answered prayer.

She says she has done almost nothing else but pray all week.

So now we have two(2) brought in through the power of God alone.

It is for this I have been burdened, the coming of the Holy Spirit in such mighty convicting power that souls would cry out for mercy without even an invitation.

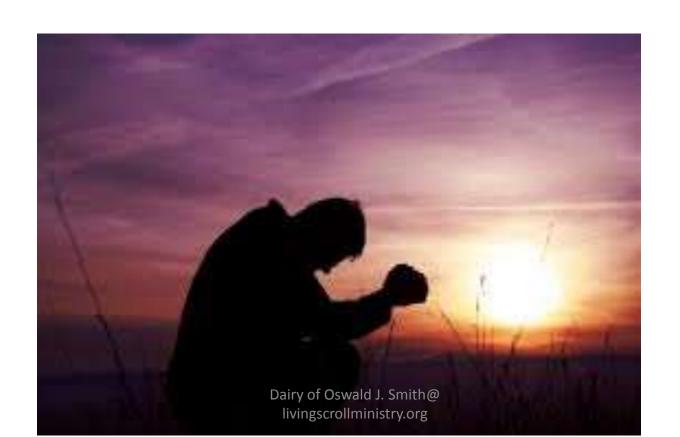
God has set His seal and honoured His truth.

Lord keep me humble and teach me Thy will

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SEPTEMBER 16th Spoke tonight and had unusual liberty and power. People listened intently. Many eyes were filled with tears, but there was no break. However, I am convinced that God is preparing His servants and that He will yet manifest His power in the conversion of others.

It only means that I must spend many more hours in prayer this week than last.



SEPTEMBER 18th Powerful cottage prayer meeting. House full, prayer fervent. Many hungry for God. Meeting continued until nearly ten o'clock, yet no visible sign.



SEPTEMBER 19

SEPTEMBER 19th Another break tonight. A backslider tried to pray in the meeting but immediately broke down and wept out her confession. She continued to pray in broken syllables weeping at the same time.

I must experience God's power no matter what it costs.
Oh, that He would break me down and cause me to weep for the salvation of souls!

Thank God for this, but oh, for an intensified effect! Am still far from satisfied. Another who has had a terrible struggle asked me tonight if she must confess having stolen something. So God is working.



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SEPTEMBER 21st Received a letter this morning from one in great distress and went to see her at once. Found her weeping in anguish of spirit.

After prayer God wonderfully met her and it was good to see the glow of joy in her eyes when leaving. God is surely working with her. Praise His name! More and more I feel the need of prayer.

SEPTEMBER 22nd 21

Have just finished reading,

"Glimpses of Life in Soul-Winning,"

Oh, what passion, what devotion and wholehearted earnestness, and what a record of souls saved.

by James Caughey.

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Months of battling in prayer, then the victory.

I do not believe that there is power enough on earth or in Hell to prevent a revival if I am willing

to pay the price.

SEPTEMBER 23rd

After service this morning a lady came to me and said she wanted to become a Christian. We talked and prayed together. She left with a hope but I want to wait and see. Do not know yet whether it is Holy Spirit fruit or not.



SEPTEMBER 24th Went today to the home of my friend, Dr. E. Ralph Hooper the beloved physician, and had a couple of hours with him in prayer.

Was greatly discouraged over last night's service.

Things seemed as dead as stone. No liberty, no power, no freedom to preach. Everything was hard. Feel I am just playing with prayer. Must spend more time in intercession.



SEPTEMBER 25th Three of us met this morning and prayed for four hours. Experienced much blessing. Yet at the cottage prayer meeting tonight there did not seem to be a move of any kind. Two or three confessed sin, while one young man broke out and prayed.

SEPTEMBER 26th My heart is cold and hard. 26 I do not weep and mourn. May God melt and break me and then work mightily among the people.

I found Jer. 5:14 also a great and precious promise and have prayed it on the last series.

"I will make my Words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood and it shall devour them."

God grant that it may be so. Glorious break tonight. The prayer meeting seemed cold and dead. Very few prayed. I spoke and closed the meeting disappointed.

Then a woman started to weep. She was followed by another and later on a third was broken by God's power. All gathered around and prayed. The first two sobbed and sobbed as though their hearts would break, praying and confessing by turns.

Oh, it was glorious. God was working mightily. One of them who had stubbornly refused to pray in public the first night and who had sat throughout the meeting utterly unmoved now wept so bitterly that she was unable to speak.

Finally all went home fully satisfied, the light of heaven in their faces.

I saw that a fourth was under conviction as the result of what had just taken place.

She is one of our prominent members. I simply shook hands with her,

feeling that it would be best to leave her alone and let the Holy Spirit do His own work.

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One other has been convicted and saved and is today rejoicing in God. Six weeks I think it has taken. Now she is free. God has brought her into clear and abiding liberty.

In the meeting tonight she testified, her one time dejected face shining with the light of heaven as she told how she had found the peace which passes understanding, saying it was worth all the struggle. **Praise God!** I believe the work is genuine.



OCTOBER 4th Spent this afternoon in prayer on my face before God. Then went to Dr. Hooper's home for the evening where we continued in prayer until a quarter to twelve.

Oh, for the power of God! We must have it We are surrounded by mountains of unbelief and opposition on every side. Only the power of God can overthrow them.

"Have faith in God."

I want to be wholly absorbed in Him.

One passion — Christ.

Oh, to burn out for God!

All, all for Him.

Jesus only. Souls! Souls! Souls! I am determined to be a winner of souls. God help me.



OCTOBER 5th Once again, thanks be to God, there has been another conversion. This time a man.

He came into my study tonight and told me that he had been convicted in a previous meeting and was most miserable.

He had made resolutions again and again and had even tried religion but was still unsaved although he was a member of the church.

Yesterday he threw his pipe away.



I prayed with him and then we went into the service.

Near the close of the meeting he stood up and confessed to all what he had already related to me.

His eyes were filled with tears.



OCTOBER 8th Very strong opposition. Some of the leading officials object publicly to the meetings.

Worldly members up in arms.





Satan is beginning to give evidence that he is also interested in what is going on. Have taken it to the Lord in prayer. Continued intercession this evening from about 8 o'clock until a quarter to one in the morning [8:00pm -12:45am] with Dr. Hooper.

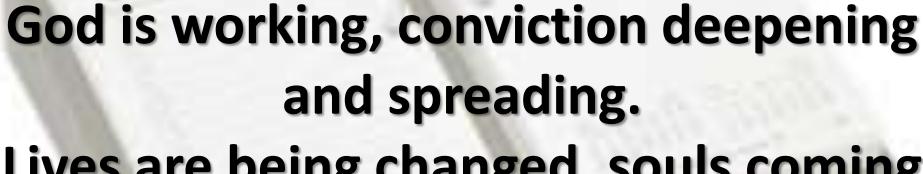
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OCTOBER 10th

Dr. Hooper and I spent the day waiting on God, and as a result we had a good meeting tonight.

Many testified splendidly for over half an hour. Indeed, I had to restrain them in order to give time for prayer.



Lives are being changed, souls coming into abundant joy and glorious liberty.



October 11th Lord, give us Holy Spirit fruit. We have taken the method of prayer as commanded in God's Word. Every other method has been tried and is being tried today, but the results do not satisfy.

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So now if we do not prevail in prayer we will become a reproach and to that extent prayer will be discredited. We cannot afford to fail. We must give ourselves continually to prayer and the ministry of the Word.

If our lives do not convict people of sin there is something wrong.

Oh, for the faith of the Syrophenician woman.

She would not take "No"

For an answer

(Mark 7:24-30).



OCTOBER 14th

Preached morning and night with freedom and liberty, but no apparent result.

Am still unsatisfied. Yet God is working a little. A man has restored stolen money to his employer and a woman has given back funds that were taken from the Church as a result of the convicting power of the Spirit.

But I pray for the conviction to spread and deepen.

Oh, for souls to be wounded!

Have been reading the diary of David

Brainerd.

Months and Months of agonizing prayer and then the mighty power of God upon the Indians.

I must have Holy Spirit fruit, nothing



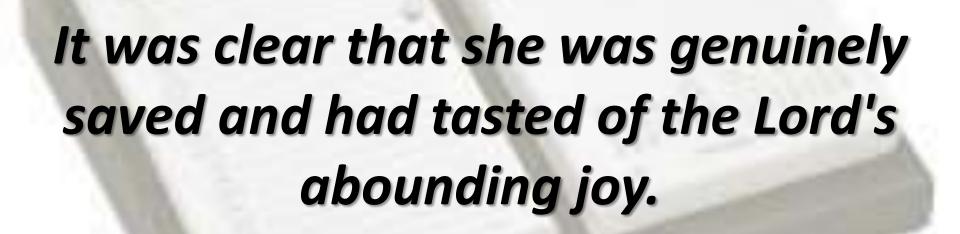


OCTOBER 17th

DAY by day we have been meeting as usual for prayer. Today we began at 9:30 this morning and continued until after 3:00. We have been asking God to break us for many weeks. About 2:00 this afternoon I was praying when suddenly I stopped and began to praise God.

Tears flowed copiously. All I could do was to sob out, "They're lost! They're lost! They're lost!" And so I wept and prayed for the people. At the meeting tonight, one who had been convicted but had not yet been saved, testified, her face

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OCTOBER 21st During the past few days the burdens have been very heavy. There is much opposition, but have been burdened in prayer, and some tears have been shed in private for poor perishing souls.

Yet how cold is my heart, how little my concern. Oh, for an exhibition of God's power in greater measure, a greater manifestation of His presence!

November 10th
Have had a few precious hours
with Dr. Hooper.



Oh, how my heart hungers! Ezra, chapters 8 and 9 have been very precious.

Truly, God has opened my eyes to some of the abominations of the Church.

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But, oh, for a glimpse of my own heart! What abominations must be hidden there! The Lord help me to sigh and cry, for the heathen have come into His inheritance, the Canaanites into the sanctuary.

Everything seems tied up. No more breaks. Work appears to be stopped. But let me to my knees. Results must come. Why should I preach without souls? Lord fulfill Thy Word, begin with someone else. Let something happen. Spirit of God, revealthe hindrance.

Nov 14

NOVEMBER 14th God has begun with someone else. During the prayer following my message tonight, two broke down and wept. One got through, I believe. The other left under conviction.



NOVEMBER 16th Another testified tonight. For weeks she has been under conviction, so great that she was afraid to sleep at night, but she is now happy and knows that she is saved.



NOVEMBER 19th O, Lord give me souls. Of what use is preaching if souls are not saved? The conviction, the certainty that He is working is marvellous.

My superintendent has just phoned me to say that when he asked a certain person to teach a class she just broke out weeping, saying, she could not because she was not right herself. He prayed with her but she did not get peace.

Now he wants me to join him on her behalf. For weeks she confessed she had been under conviction.

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NOVEMBER 20th Am finding God's Word most precious. How it reveals the abominations of my heart! — doubt, unbelief, spiritual pride, coldness, prayerlessness, powerlessness and indifference,

as well as the awful abomination of the Church,

 the lack of separation, the worldliness of the membership, ungodly choirs, worldly methods of raising money, such as bazaars, concerts, entertainments, etc., the failure to differentiate between the holy and the profane, the clean and the unclean.

Do we need a revival? God knows we do.

It matters not how holy a church may be, nor how famous as a spiritual centre, if souls are not saved, sinners awakened and convicted, there is something radically wrong.



NOVEMBER 21st

At the meeting tonight both the young women for whom we had been pleading came out bright, glorious and clear.

They gave splendid testimonies and wept much. Oh, how I praise Him! He is working, convicting and saving. All honor to His name!

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DECEMBER 12th

Both of those convicted at the last meeting testified clearly tonight.
They are now saved and happy.
One has been on our prayer-list just seven days.

Praise God! Spent about three hours in prayer with Dr. Hooper today with much profit

DECEMBER 19th

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Dr. Hooper and I met at eleven this morning and continued in prayer until three in the afternoon. God worked this evening. A young man whom I thought was saved entered my study and astonished me by stating that he had never been born again.

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This was on Sunday.

Tonight he came and sat in the back seat.

The doctor and I pleaded long for him in prayer.

Had asked God to convict him, to bring him back and cause him to come right out and weep over his sins.

I placed three chairs facing the people in the front for the penitent form. At the invitation he walked forward at once and knelt down. Soon he was shaking with great convulsive sobs. Nothing could check them.

He pled for mercy and soon knew his sins were pardoned. With tears streaming down his cheeks, he stood up and faced the people and told them that he was saved. He went home rejoicing in his Savior. **Praise God!**

He answers prayer. Oh, the joy of soulwinning!

The sweetest music I have ever listened to is the cry of a penitent sinner coming home to God. Am determined to cast ease aside and give myself unreservedly to this great work.

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JANUARY 9th After much thought and supplication I set aside this week for prayer and announced a meeting to be held every night except Saturday. Tonight's meeting was truly wonderful.

The Holy Spirit so filled one of our number that for the first time in her life she broke out in public prayer. We all felt the power of God. The people refused to go home and so the meeting continued until after eleven o'clock.

Blinded eyes have been opened, sins confessed and put away. Many who never prayed before in public and some whom I thought never could, have broken down and prayed with many tears. The burden for souls has been laid upon several, both young and old.

JANUARY 11th
This has been the most wonderful week of all.

Seldom have our meetings closed until after ten o'clock.

The people would not go. God has poured out His Spirit. Conviction has been real.

Much soul anguish.

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The presence of God has been most real, and oh, what singing! Not the lips only but the hearts. At the close of the service tonight a quarter after ten, I asked the people, and there was a large attendance, what they wanted done in the future. They were unanimous to continue the meetings. So next week we are to go on again every night. Glory be to God! How graciously He has answered! It is not of man but of Him. God has answered prayer....



Brothers and Sisters in Christ, these are only little tokens from the diary. In the course of just one year, mighty revival broke out.



JESUS CHRIST said "I gave you the work of going about and producing fruit which will be for ever (John 15:16)"

