

## WAKE UP EVERYBODY!

In the opening weeks of January 2016 we have revisited some prophetic images that were important to Dayspring in our first five years but have been less and less of a focus since 2005.

These images are of

WEATHER—looking for a change in the spiritual climate, leading to greater receptivity

WELLS—of the Spirit, leading to greater missional impact

WAKING UP—of the county, leading to greater mission response

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Attention was drawn to these themes by a hunch that developed around the end of November 2015 that, for the next while, we need to return to and develop the message *WAKE UP EVERYBODY!*

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Each of these images is of an aspect of revival—a time when God is unusually active in an area or among a people group.

The desire for revival is part of our DNA as charismatic and evangelical Christians. We have tasted God's closeness and we want to do so more.

While there was a great deal of talk about revival in Dayspring's early years, what people saw from the mid-nineties onwards fell far short of the hoped for awakening. Consequently, there is far less said at the moment.

How do we pursue our desire to be thoroughly awake?

- Let's talk about awakening rather than revival
  - It fits well with our current emphasis and our statement of purpose
  - It has less pre-formed expectations than the revival word
- Let's focus our attention on God's work in the world rather than inside the churches because out there there may already be signs of an awakening
- Let's try to identify positive changes in the spiritual weather that are new and different as well as be aware of those that are negative
- Let's regularly, learn and practise wakeful behaviours and attitudes
- Let's take the position that by making the changes we can, with the help of God's Spirit, we are involved in spiritual warfare.
- Let's drive our wakefulness forward to our frontlines—where it matters most.

And as we develop plans and take action, let's remind ourselves, we want to be fully awake because it's a new day where we can be increasingly aware of what God is doing and join in.