

“PUSH!”

This word has been often used as an acronym for Pray Until Something Happens! This past Sunday morning as I walked my dog Willow and prayed, I spent the whole walk praying for the church. Like many others, I’m always praying for God to move in our midst and pleading with Him to bring much needed revival.

At one point, I prayed specifically for some people I knew in various ministries who are going through very difficult times. Like any of us, some of them have serious health issues, financial hardships, deaths in the family or other family issues, etc. As I was interceding for these folks, I sensed the Lord saying to me these folks were suffering through “labor pains.”

As I pondered what He meant, I sensed Him speaking to me again saying: “The revival baby is in the birth canal, and it’s time for the church to come together in unity to PUSH!” Wow!! I’ve been told childbirth is very painful, and for those in ministry who have wholeheartedly gone “all in” after God, the enemy has launched an all out attack, pushing back, trying to discourage our efforts by attacking us painfully wherever and however he can, hoping to get us to give up!

Romans 8:17 in the NLT says: *“And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God’s glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.”* 1 Peter 4:12-13 in the NIV says: *“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed.”*

I believe there were a lot of labor pains, many fervent prayers, and sacrifices made that preceded the pockets of revival we’ve heard about breaking out around the world. Here’s an encouragement from 1 Corinthians 15:58: *“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.”*

I can’t speak for anyone else, but I want revival! I want to see God’s Glory revealed in our day, in our churches, in our towns, in our HEARTS, and it will only come if we continue to push past the painful birth pains that are going to usher in His Glory! *“But you, man (or woman) of God...Fight the good fight of... faith.”* (1 Tim. 6:11-2 NIV) Church! Please! Pray Until Something Happens! Amen!