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Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Seven marks of any awakening – Keir Tayler



Let's hear your story

1. How would you encourage a friend, family member or work colleague to follow king Hezekiah's example in 2 Chronicles 29?
2. How old was king Hezekiah when he became king and reigned in Jerusalem? (**He was twenty-five years old, see 2 Chronicles 29:1.**)
3. How do we know king Hezekiah was a godly leader? (**He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David; see 2 Chronicles 29:2.**)
4. What did he do in the first month of his reign? (**He opened the doors of the temple of the Lord and repaired them; see 2 Chronicles 29:3.**)



Let's go deeper

5. What did king Hezekiah tell the priests and Levites in v.5? (**To consecrate "dedicate" themselves, and the temple of the Lord.**)
6. What did the previous generation do according to v.6? (**They turned their faces from the Lord's dwelling place, and their backs on Him.**)
7. What else did they do according to v.7? (**They also shut the doors of the portico and put out the lamps.**)
8. In what way did God's people restore the temple in 2 Chronicles 31:10? (**The people began to bring their contributions to the temple.**)



Let's apply this

9. Awakening happens when:
 1. God's people repair doors.
 2. Priests are positioned in the right place.
 3. Altars are opened and consecration is demonstrated.
 4. God's people re-centre themselves on the Gospel.
 5. God's people re-centre purpose of devoting themselves to prayer.
 6. God's people re-centre themselves on scripture.
 7. Repentance explodes.

SUMMARY:

- **Seven marks of any awakening**

Read: 2 Chronicles chapters 29 – 31 and 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 7.

2 Chronicles 29:3; Awakening happens when God's people repair doors.

King Hezekiah re-opened the doors of the temple and repaired them. Doors of truth were re-opened; Jesus says in John 10:7; "truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep and v.9; I am the door, if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go out and find pasture.

2 Chronicles 29:4; Awakening happens when priests are positioned in the right place, when you clean out the junk from their lives.

2 Chronicles 29:5; Awakening happens when altars are opened and consecration is demonstrated, practiced and lived. Get the filth of idol worship out of the Holy Place.

2 Chronicles 29:6; Awakening happens when God's people re-centre themselves on the gospel. Israel's spiritual decline was centred on spiritual forgetting. They forgot what God had done, His mighty works of the past. Hezekiah remembered.

2 Chronicles 29:6; Awakening happens when God's people re-centre purpose of devoting themselves to prayer.

2 Chronicles 29:7; Awakening happens when God's people re-centre themselves on scripture.

2 Chronicles 29:34; Awakening happens when repentance explodes.

2 Chronicles 31:10; They gave because they were excited to see God move again. Generosity restored the temple and blessed their neighbours, resulted from hearts touched by grace.

God is not waiting for a new leader, not waiting for the world to clean up its act. He is waiting for those of us in the church to courageously confess our sins and stand on the gospel once again.