

**REFRESH**  
"An Invitation for Revival"  
Hosea 6:1-3

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. "Refresh" - means to become "*fresh*" or "*vigorous*" again.

2. *Proverbs 4:20-23*

3. Dr. Floyd Barackman

"The word "*heart*" is the most comprehensive Biblical term for the non-physical parts and their function in the human.

"The heart is used to represent the soul, and spirit, mind and conscience, as well as one's total inner being."

4. *Isaiah 58:11*

5. *Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23*

6. *Proverbs 4:23*

7. *1 Corinthians 10:11*

**I. LET US RETURN TO THE LORD**

1. Hosea 6:1

a) "*Come*" - That's an invitation

b) "*let us*"

c) "*return*" - this is a picture of *repentance*

1) In order to "*re-turn*" one must have first "*turned*"

d) Hosea 5:4

e) Hosea 7:10

f) Hosea 11:5

## II. RETURNING IS A CHOICE

### A. I MUST RECOGNIZE (Some things have to go)

1. Hosea 6:1

a) Returning is a "Crisis"

2. **WOW!!!** I must allow the light of God's Word to shine on my activities so that what I once desired, now I do not.

### B. I MUST REPENT

1. This is a time of total honesty.

a) "*I am so wrong God!!!*"

2. Dr Barackman

*"The repentant person accepts the responsibility of his or her wrong action, regrets the sin and repudiates it."*

3. 1 John 1:9

a) "*confess*" - is to see my sin the way God sees it.

4. 2 Corinthians 7:10

### C. I MUST RE-TURN

1. **WOW!!!!** If we want to experience revival in our hearts, then we will have to come back to the place where the water flowed before.

2. There must be effort to move in the right direction.

3. *Colossians 2:6*

a) "*As (the same way) you received Christ Jesus the Lord—so walk in Him.*"

4. **QUESTION:** When was the last time you had a Crisis of Faith?

5. Hosea 6:1

### III. RETURNING IS PURSUING KNOWLEDGE

#### 1. Vs 3

a) "Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD"

#### A. KNOWLEDGE IS FACTS

##### 1. Romans 11:33

2. Knowledge about God is information about God.

3. Can you list 10 of God's most awesome attributes and give their Biblical references?

#### B. KNOWLEDGE IS UNDERSTANDING

1. To have understanding is to interpret the knowledge.

2. It's never just about information...it's about inspiration!!

##### 3. Matthew 22:37-38

#### C. KNOWLEDGE IS EXPERIENCE

##### 1. Acts 17:28

2. Do you have the continual sense of God's presence?

#### D. KNOWLEDGE IS BLESSING

##### 1. James 1:17

2. Knowledge is an awareness that everything I have is from God.

### IV. RETURNING IS INTENTIONAL

#### 1. Vs 3

a) "Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD"

b) To "press on" is to be intentional and intense!!!

##### 2. Romans 13:11