



STRATEGIC RENEWAL



The 6:7 Awakening

2021 THIRD QUARTER MINISTRY IMPACT REPORT

Letter from Our President



The Power of Divine Math

I've often reflected, and even written, on the profound moment in the early church when the impact of the gospel was much like the "awakenings" we've witnessed in church history. I call it The Acts 6:7 Awakening. Read the verse carefully and contemplate the unleashing of spiritual power described here:

And the word of God continued to increase, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith. (Acts 6:7)

No longer were disciples being "added" as they were previously (Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4). No longer were they "multiplying" (Acts 6:1). Now the early followers "multiplied greatly" and a "great many" of the most visible and vocal opponents of the faith were being converted in droves.

But, what led to this profound moment? If we look at the previous verses we see a clue. In this moment the church was facing opposition from a hostile culture. They were being threatened by internal division, with racial implications. The leaders were vulnerable to distraction via these pressing challenges. Sound familiar? But, God led them to a prevailing solution. I call it DIVINE MATH.

$$6:3 + 6:4 = 6:7$$

A 6:3 COALITION

The apostles knew it was necessary for a handful of exemplary disciples in the Jerusalem church to rise up to take on this urgent ministry challenge.

Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. (Acts 6:3)

In the CONTEXT of a Spirit-empowered “praying church” (no one would dispute the profound culture of prayer in the church in Jerusalem) these seven disciples had been profoundly prepared for this moment. Their CHARACTER is described as reputable, full of the Spirit, and wise. Their COMMITMENT was to be available to be used of God to serve the local church in a significant fashion. These seven disciples coalesced together to preserve the health and accelerate the influence of the church.

A 6:4 FELLOWSHIP

The contribution of these seven allowed the apostles to focus on the ultimate priority of “prayer and the ministry of the word.”

But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.
(Acts 6:4)

This was not a reference to their personal prayer and study habits but rather a description of how they actually led the church collectively. This “prayer-and-word-powered-ministry” was the conviction of the apostles and is to remain so for today’s church leaders.

A 6:7 AWAKENING

I am convinced that this pattern is not only relevant but urgent if we are to see a supernatural advancement of the gospel. If you are a “person-in-the-pew” would you set your heart on being an **Acts 6:3 disciple**? Strategic Renewal seeks to equip you to that end through our resources, coaching, and renewal experiences.

If you are a church leader, would you set your heart on the imperative call to “prayer and the ministry of the word” in your public leadership of the church?

The 6:4 Fellowship exists to help pastors experience more power in ministry via our resources and relationships. We bring the tools. God brings the power.

Would you join me in believing that an **Acts 6:7 Awakening** could happen in our day? This kind of supernatural advancement of the gospel is our only hope. This is why we do what we do. Your prayers and partnership make it all possible.

Thank you for your vital role in this biblical, faith-filled hope.

In Christ,

- **Daniel Henderson**, *President, Strategic Renewal*

Thank You

THE 6:4 CATALYST CAMPAIGN – GRATITUDE AND EXPECTATION

God was so gracious as He moved in the hearts of many to join us in our summer 6:4 Catalyst Campaign. Some amazing donors committed to a \$64,000 matching challenge and many responded, allowing us to surpass our goal. Moving forward we ask that you will pray for us as we steward these resources in preparing for a special campaign in October (Pastor Appreciation Month), accelerating the distribution of our teaching resources to pastors in several countries, and in designing a high-impact national gathering in March 2022.

Thanks so much for your love for pastors and generous partnership, both “doubling and multiplying” our shared impact for the gospel.



THE FACEBOOK LIVE MONDAY MORNING PRAYER EXPERIENCE

After leading weekday prayer times through the entire 150 Psalms in 2020, we are continuing to host this engaging experience every Monday morning on the Strategic Renewal page. We invite you to join us live, or after the fact, and hope you will jump in and pray along with others from around the world.

► [WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/WATCH/STRATEGICRENEWAL](https://www.facebook.com/watch/strategicrenewal)

Donor Spotlight



Back in 2016, I attended my first Strategic Renewal Conference with our Interim Pastor Mike Moran and his wife. Before the conference, I longed for freedom, but I kept trying in my own strength to get out of the prison that I felt. I was tired, ready to quit church ministry and believing the lie that the freedom I longed for existed for other Christians, but not for me, and that I was all alone in this battle. Through the worship-based prayer throughout the conference, my belief system radically and profoundly changed. The Holy Spirit renewed me and released the healing power of His love, mercy, and grace into very specific areas in my life that I was blind to. I am beyond

grateful for the Bible-immersed, prayer-saturated and worship-filled time at the conference. God restored me, renewed me, and set me free! I was not tired any more, I did not want to quit, and I did not feel alone. I was free!

From then on, I was hooked to worship-based prayer. My husband and I started attending the N. California Prayer Summits bringing our pastor, friends, and family. In 2020, Strategic Renewal held the Prayer Summit at our church in Yuba City, CA. God's timing is always perfect, and this was no different. My husband and I lost our 17-year-old daughter in a car accident on October 23, 2019. Not only did I need the healing touch of three days of prayer, but our church did also. God is so good.

It is because of what God showed me and my family through the practice of Scripture-Fed, Spirit-led, Worship-Based prayer, that our faith is strengthened daily and that we trust and praise Him in all our circumstances, even the hard ones. We are coming up on the 2-year anniversary of Leah's death and I am so thankful that every day I am strengthened by Him who gives me strength as I praise Him and pray through His word.

Giving financially to the ministry of Strategic Renewal is a no-brainer for us as a family. The benefits of this ministry are immeasurable.

- Amy Smith

Director of Connections & Small Groups
Cornerstone Church Yuba City

Coaching

GROW AS AN ACTS 6:3 DISCIPLE

THE TRANSFORMING PRAYER COACHING EXPERIENCE

Achieve greater personal fulfillment and effectiveness as you take your prayer life from ordinary to extraordinary. Featuring author Daniel Henderson, let us lead you through a 30-day coaching experience to discover how everything changes when you learn to seek God's face. This intensive process includes four coaching sessions and provides you access to a wealth of our spiritual formation resources.

Transforming Prayer, new groups starting in October.

www.strategicrenewal.com/transforming-prayer-coaching

GROW AS A “PRAYER-AND-WORD-POWERED PASTOR”

THE PRAYING LEADER COACHING EXPERIENCE

Our Praying Leader Coaching Experience has equipped almost 600 church leaders in recent years. Some of the participants from our most recent cohorts testified:

“The cohort was the shot in the arm that I needed to reinvigorate prayer in my life and the life of the church I lead. I received clear principles and practices that I can apply in my context. I was also greatly encouraged by the rich fellowship we enjoyed on the calls.”

“The Praying Leader Cohort was one of the best experiences I’ve had. The simplicity of calling us back to prayer and the Word was good for my soul. No strategy/vision, all of which are good, can replace our commitment to prayer and the Word of God.”

“I thoroughly appreciated how practical the group coaching sessions were. There were immediately actionable ideas and developed practices in each discussion.”

“This has been, by far, one of the most impactful things I have done as a church planter. Just from the few weeks within this cohort, my prayer life and the prayer life of our church has blossomed greatly. Some things you learn you may use for a season (the right season). What I took away from this cohort is valuable in EVERY season.”

Praying Leader, new groups starting September 29th. www.prayingleader.com



IT'S THE PRAYING LEADER WHO EXPERIENCES THE TRANSFORMATION THAT ONLY GOD CAN BRING.

- Do members of your church seem content with the status quo?
- Do you want to see lasting transformation in the lives of your congregation?
- Are you feeling personally distracted with lesser priorities?
- Are you longing to grow a greater spiritual appetite and maturity in your people?
- Are there obstacles to growth that you don't know how to overcome?

The Praying Leader Coaching Experience will give you a biblical pathway to spiritual leadership that empowers your people for greater gospel ministry.

"The Apostle Paul nailed the problem, 'for we do not know what to pray for as we ought.' It's true of me, and probably you too. That's why I'm so grateful for Strategic Renewal and Daniel's prayer cohorts. We didn't just learn about prayer, we prayed. We weren't simply listening to a prayer expert, but we learned together in a collaborative community. Pastors, elders, church leaders—if you want to learn how to pray as you ought—in a Spirit-filled and Scripture-saturated manner, sign up today!"

- Dave Harvey

President of Great Commission Collective

Author of *When Sinners Say I Do*, *The Plurality Principle*, and *Am I Called?* RevDaveHarvey.com

The 6:4 Fellowship is made up of local pastors serving in their local church. Here are a few stories of the work they are doing:



MATT KYSER, OF THE VILLAGE CHURCH OF IRVINE, CA

has been praying daily for a few months that the Lord would give his church a renewed heart for evangelism. Recently their strongest Community Group has had members praying for opportunities to share the gospel, then committing to sharing it with at least one person each week, and then coming back to Community Group and reporting back on it. This group is going to be a “test group” during August for a “30 Day Prayer & Evangelism Challenge” that we may roll out in September.



**GEORGE SCHUURMAN, A REGIONAL LEADER
LOCATED IN OAKVILLE, ONTARIO, CANADA**

is leading a group in his church who are praying for inner city outreach opportunities in a nearby city. The Lord has now led them to partner with a church in that inner city doing street outreach among the homeless and marginalized. We look forward to intentional prayer gatherings with this particular church, and other churches in that city, come this Fall.

Also, part of the work of The 6:4 Fellowship is the work of our regional leaders. Here is one of their stories:



**JEREMIAH PORTER, OUR WEST REGIONAL
DIRECTOR FROM GRANITE FALLS, WASHINGTON,**

is leading a growing team of Regional Leaders to encourage pastors throughout the western U.S. and Canada to become praying leaders leading praying churches. He has also been asked to speak on the purpose, power, and priority of prayer later this Fall for the Alliance Northwest, his regional district of the Christian and Missionary Alliance.

God often works in quiet ways behind the scenes. It's through stories like these, that represent many others, where God's work is faithfully done.

Events

The Next National Gathering

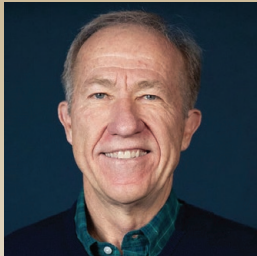
MARCH 1-3, 2022

Pray with us as we prepare for our next national gathering, titled The Acts 6:7 Awakening. We will convene at WoodsEdge Community Church in Spring, Texas (the Houston area). These days of powerful teaching, passionate prayer, practical equipping, and profound fellowship will attract church leaders from around the nation and world. Participants will also be enriched by dozens of workshops on a variety of "Acts 6:1-7" topics. We hope you will plan now to join us and come with a team from your church.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



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JEFF WELLS



VANCE PITMAN



KEVIN MEYERS



MARK VROEGOP

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Opportunities



Praying For You

Every week our staff team prays for our partner pastors and churches. We also set aside time to pray for you, our ministry partner. It is an honor to pray for you as a staff team.

► [EMAIL US AT PRAYER@STRATEGICRENEWAL.COM](mailto:PRAYER@STRATEGICRENEWAL.COM)

Monday Motivator

Every Monday you can get “Weekly Insights for the Christian Life” by Daniel Henderson in your email inbox. Be inspired, challenged, and motivated by understanding God’s word and how to apply it to your daily life.

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Transforming Prayer Coaching

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The Praying Leader Coaching Experience

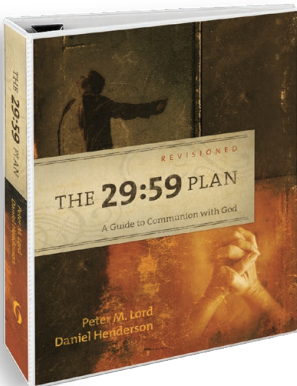
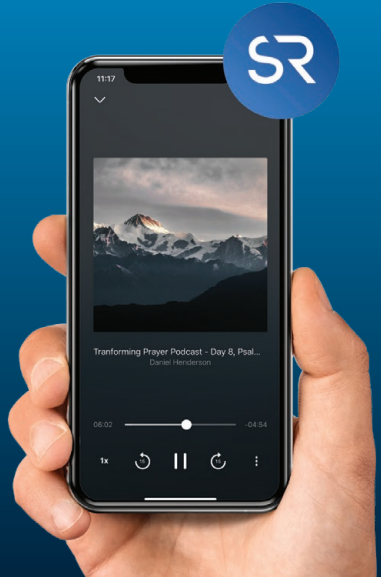
This will give you a biblical pathway to spiritual leadership that empowers you and your people for greater gospel ministry. Praying Leader, new groups starting September 29th.

► WWW.PRAYINGLEADER.COM

Resources

The Strategic Renewal App and Transforming Prayer Podcast

Have you enjoyed the new Strategic Renewal app? If so, we hope you will write a review and rate the app on either the iTunes store or Google Play. If you have not yet downloaded this resource, we hope you will do so today. You will enjoy a variety of prayer guides and can listen to The Transforming Prayer Podcast, a ten-minute guided audio experience from the Psalms.



The 29:59 Plan

Prayer is the privilege of access to God and *The 29:59 Plan* points the way to communion with Him. It is a valuable prayer tool that will encourage you to experience and enjoy a fresh spiritual union with Jesus Christ.

Peter Lord and Daniel Henderson team up to provide a fresh perspective to the original guidebook to prayer for today's generation of believers.

FIND OUT MORE AT [STORE.STRATEGICRENEWAL.COM](https://store.strategicrenewal.com)



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Your ongoing support continues to transform the lives of pastors and individuals, and is helping churches to thrive in this time.



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