

Date: 07 Apr 2024 | **Speaker:** Ps Lionel Goh | **Topic:** God's Kairos Season of Revival is Here! | **Scripture:** Various

SPIRITUAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the sermon discussion, cell members will:

1. Understand the season that we are in as a church
2. Participate fully in what God is doing in our midst

SERMON SUMMARY

This sermon has the purpose of reflecting on the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. Ps Lionel shared with the church why he believes the church is on the cusp of a season of revival (intensification of the everyday ordinary works of the Holy Spirit). Therefore, he encourages us not to miss what God is doing in our lives individually and corporately as a church, so that God can position the church for the work He has ahead for us.

SERMON RECAP

Throughout church history, we see seasons where the everyday "ordinary" works of the Holy Spirit (bringing us to repentance, reminding us of the truth, physical and emotional healings, etc.) are being *intensified*. We have come to know these seasons as "revivals". These seasons are given by God to specific groups of people because of God's kingdom advancement plans. These seasons of revival would then spread to other churches and into the nations, expanding the kingdom of God. Some of these revivals include The Korean Revival, the Welsh Revival and the Azusa Street Revival.

Drawing from the Biblical concept of time, Ps Lionel explains the concept of Kairos. It is defined as an "opportune time" ([Mark 1:14](#), [1 Chronicles 12:32](#)). From the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting, the church leadership believes that God is showing us many signs that we have entered into a "Kairos Moment" in our church history where God is intensifying the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst (revival). It is the leadership's heart that we participate and do not miss what God wants to do in our lives and in our church during this season of revival.

Using the example of the young King Josiah and his reforms in Judah ([2 Kings 23](#)), Ps. Lionel goes on to define revival and describe the tangible signs of revival ([Acts 2:42-47](#)). Ps Lionel also shared with us God's heart for revival and how we can steward this revival individually and corporately. Ps Lionel encouraged us to welcome the intensifying presence and work of the Holy Spirit in our midst through:

- a) Faith ([Hebrews 11:6](#))
- b) Humility ([Isaiah 57:15](#))
- c) Holiness ([Hebrews 12:14](#))
- d) Unity ([Psalm 133](#), [2 Corinthians 13:11](#))
- e) Praise ([Psalm 22:3](#))

As a church, let us not miss this Kairos moment that God is lavishing on our church because of His grace.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Complete this sentence: “In 10 years’ time, I hope that RiverLife Church will become....”.**

Leader’s Notes

This is an ice-breaker question. The goal of this question is to give an opportunity to all the members of the cell to share their heart and dreams for RiverLife Church.

Transition

All of us desires for our church to grow deeper in God’s purposes for our church. However, we must realise that unless we all put our hands into the plough, those dreams will not come to pass. God desires to partner together with us to grow our church. The key question is this – will we be willing to participate in God’s work?

- 2. What are some common roadblocks that people have concerning the concept of “revival” that prevents them from fully participating in what God is doing in our church in this season? How can we tell if a revival is genuinely of the Lord?**

Leader’s Notes

History as well as the Bible has shown us that there will be seasons where revival happens. However, it is important for us to note that during times of revival, the enemy is also hard at work. We see fruits of the enemy in the form of demonic manifestations, conflict, fallen ministers, false prophecies, etc. While the move of God was genuine, it is the hearts and actions of men that caused many to stumble and the revival to subsequently fade away. As a result, many shun away at the sight of revival.

Therefore, as we enter into this season where there are many signs that point to us experiencing the start of a season of revival, it is critical that we do not see the present move of God through the lens of our past experiences with revival. We must not allow our hurts and disappointments to dictate what God should and shouldn’t do in this season.

We can tell if a revival is genuine by looking at its fruits ([Matthew 7:15-20](#)). A genuine move of God will always lead an individual towards God and not towards a gifted man or a program. Also, a genuine revival will always result in genuine repentance and them wanting to participate in God’s work in the church and in the world ([Acts 2:38-47](#)). These are some of the signs to help us know if a move of God is genuine or not.

Transition

Our attitude towards what God is doing in our midst is so critical for our lives and for our church. We need to steward this season well. If we are in doubt, let us ask God to show us and grant us wisdom on how to approach this season, rather than immediately dismissing it or being indifferent towards it. If we are convicted by it, then let us fully immerse ourselves into what God is doing in our midst! Let us not be spectators but participators.

3. What is your “next step” in order to participate in what God is doing in this Kairos moment of our church?

Leader’s Notes

This is an application question. We do not want revival to remain a concept or a program. We want our lives to be changed because of it. But to do so, we need to take one step deeper into the river of God’s current move. The next step can be simple things such as doing our daily quiet times or not missing a cell meeting or going for a mission trip or seeking healing for an area of one’s life that is broken.

You could ask your members to look through the goals and steps in the 4 areas of their lives as listed in the post-21 Days microsite, “*Sustaining the Fire*” (rlc.sg/21days) and share one area of their life that they would like to work on. Also, you can propose for your cell to do the “21 Days to Overflow” together or choose one of the studies on Study Gateway (through subscription) or the YouVersion Bible app to do together as a cell.

The key takeaway for this question is that everyone must know what their “next step” is.

Closing

God’s Kairos moment is indeed upon our church. Let us not miss this season of grace and participate fully in what God wants to in our lives and in our church during this season.

Consider dividing the group into micro-groups for a deeper time of sharing as well as praying for the following items:

1. Sermon Application

- Pray for God to help us live out victorious lives that reflect what Jesus did for us through his death and resurrection.
- Pray for God to continue to give us the desire to seek Him regularly through prayer and fasting, even after this season of 21 days of prayer and fasting.

2. RiverLife

- Pray for our church, that as we enter into a season of prayer and fasting, that God will align all of our hearts and do what He needs to do so that we can live in a new normal that glorifies Him.

3. World

- Continue to pray for the various nations that are at war:
 - a. Russia and Ukraine
 - b. Myanmar (Civil War) – Pray for the situation where military service was made compulsory for man and woman between the ages of 18 and 35.
 - c. Israel & Hamas
- Continue to pray for countries that have an escalated conflict situation:
 - a. China and the Philippines in the South China Sea
 - b. North & South Korea
- Continue to pray for countries recovering from recent natural disasters:
 - a. Taiwan (Earthquake)
 - b. Japan (Earthquake)
 - c. Iceland (Volcanic Eruption)
- Pray for the recovery and rebuilding efforts as a result of the collapsed bridge in Baltimore, USA.
- Pray for Singapore
 - a. Pray against the rise of young drug abusers
 - b. Pray for a stability in the cost of living in Singapore

4. Opportunities for Outreach

- Ask the Lord to bless us as we step out to reach a pre-believer.
- Ask the Lord to grant you opportunities to reach out to a non-believing loved one, friend, or colleague this week as we seek to mature in Christlikeness.

- 1. SuperLife Camp 2024: Wisdom for Living (P1-P6).** Thu-Sat, 30 May-1 Jun. RiverLife Church
 - Camp Schedule
 - Thu & Fri, 30 & 31 May | 9am-6pm | Children Only
 - Sat, 1 Jun | 9am-2pm | Children & Parents
 - Parents are invited to join us on Sat, 1 Jun.
 - 9am to 12pm: Session with The Treasure Box
 - Parents and their children will hear a special message for families, and work together to create their very own Family Mosaic Coaster.
 - 12pm to 2pm: Lunch Celebration
 - Cost
 - 7-21 Apr (Early Bird): \$60 per child
 - 22 Apr onwards: \$70
 - Additional Costs for Family Session on Sat, 1 Jun:
 - \$15/parent (for lunch); and
 - \$10/family (for family mosaic coaster) or \$4.50/child (for individual mosaic coaster if parents are not coming)
 - Registration & More Details: rlc.sg/slcamp2024
- 2. MegaLife Camp 2024. Thu-Sun, 13-16 Jun. Thistle Hotel, Johor Bahru. For Youths Aged 13-18.** If you are a parent of a teen or know someone who's a teen, invite them for our annual Youth camp! Registration opens first week of April and more details will be shared.
 - Early Bird (6-15 Apr): \$280
 - Regular (16-22 Apr): \$320
- 3. Young Adults Camp 2024 - Commune: As One** (For Young Adults in their 20s). Join us this year at Commune: As One, where we will discover what Jesus meant when he prayed for us to be "One". Let us come together to encounter God's love in the context of family as we build deeper relationships with one another!
 - Location:
 - Fri-Sun, 5-7 Jul, Holiday Villa Johor Bahru
 - Cost
 - 3 Days 2 Nights
 - Regular: \$275
 - Student/NSF: \$225
 - 2 Days 1 Night
 - Regular: \$210
 - Student/NSF: \$170
 - More Details & Registration: rlc.sg/yacamp2024
 - Enquiries (Telegram): @YAcommunebot
- 4. RiverLife Filipino 3rd Anniversary Celebration.** Sun, 21 Apr | 11.30am, Grace Chapel (Level 1). Speaker: Pastor Lionel Goh

5. **21 Days of Prayer & Fasting - Revive Us, Lord, Align our hearts to Yours. 11-31 Mar.** Share how you've been ministered to by the Lord over the past 21 days and give thanks for the areas of your life that have been revived. Submit your thanksgiving to stories@riverlife.org.sg.
6. **The Parents Gathering. 27 Apr, 2.30pm-6pm. Grace Chapel.** This platform is designed to help parents of various life-stages to grow in their roles as parents, as well as support one another in their parenting journey. Each quarterly gathering will include short teachings, group connection time, refreshments, as well as parents processing time.
 - No fees required
 - Closing Date: 24 April 2024
 - Registration: rlc.sg/pg
7. **Family Life Portal.**
 - Our Family Life ministry strengthens relationships within the family so that they are reflective of who God is – married couples loving and serving each other, parents discipling their children in the ways of God, grandparents inspiring the generations by their faith and actions, and the singles living secure and fruitful lives for God's kingdom! RiverLife's Family Life portal is an online platform that contains this year's calendar of Family Life initiatives as well as a wide range of resources for various life stages.
 - Access the portal: rlc.sg/familylife or www.riverlife.org.sg (Under the "Resources" tab)

1. **YA Gatherings (For Young Adults in their 20s). First Saturday Every Month, 5pm-8.30pm Victory Chapel (Level 1).**
The YA Gathering is a space where young adults can get together to connect and build community. This gathering is made up of two components – Community Conversations & Communal Dinner – both with a focus on relationship building and life conversations. If you are interested in joining the gatherings and would like to find out more, connect with us on our Telegram Channel: [rlc.sg/ya](https://t.me/rlc.sg/ya).

Gathering Dates: 6 Apr, 4 May, 1 Jun, 3 Aug, 7 Sep, 5 Oct, 2 Nov

YA Camp: 5-7 Jul

Christmas Outreach: 14 Dec

2. **RiverLife Prayer Meetings.**
 - *RLC Prayer Room.* Tue, 8-9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Livestream: [rlc.sg/rpr-watch](https://t.me/rlc.sg/rpr-watch))
 - *Revive Nights.* Wed, 8pm – 9.30pm, Victory Chapel. (Livestream: [rlc.sg/revivenights](https://t.me/rlc.sg/revivenights))

We encourage you to set aside every Wednesday for a time of fasting.

3. **Quarterly Calendar for Key English Adult Congregation Events**

**Some dates are tentative and subjected to change. Stay updated via our digital bulletin and our social media channels for the latest information.*

Quarter 2	Quarter 3
<p><u>April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 06 Apr to 22 Jun – YA Gathering, Alpha #1 • 07 Apr – Dating Couples Briefing #1 • 13 Apr – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 27 Apr – The Parent’s Gathering <p><u>May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 04 May – YA Gathering • 17 to 18 May – Leaders Advance (Non-Stay In) • 30 May to 01 Jun – SuperLife Camp <p><u>June</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2, 23, 30 Jun – Marriage Preparation Course #2 • 08 Jun – Caleb Ministry Gathering, Water Baptism Class #2 • 09 Jun – RiverLife AGM • 13 to 16 Jun – Youth Camp • 27 Jun – Fun Day (Youth) • 29 Jun – Parents Gathering #2 	<p><u>July</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 to 7 Jul – YA Camp • 13 Jul – Caleb Ministry • 14 Jul – Dating Couples Briefing #2 • 21 Jul – EA Welcome Lunch • 28 Jul – Baptism Service #2 <p><u>August</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 03 Aug – YA Gathering • 03 Aug to 3 Oct – Alpha Run #2 • 04 Aug – Q3 Leaders Huddle • 17 Aug – Parents Gathering #3 • 24 to 25 Aug – RLC 33rd Anniversary Weekend, RTF <p><u>September</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 07 Sep – YA Gathering • 01 to 15 Sep – Marriage Preparation Course #3 • 01 to 29 Sep – SPYCs • 06 to 15 Sep – Equipping #2: Deuteronomy • 14 Sep – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 22 Sep – EA Mid-Autumn Lunch Outreach

Quarter 4	
<p><u>October</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 05 Oct – YA Gathering, Water Baptism Class #3 • 06 to 20 – Marriage Preparation Course #3 • 12 Oct – Caleb Ministry Gathering • 13 Oct – Discipleship @ Home for Pre-School Parents (Parents Equipping) • 16 to 23 Oct – Feast of the Tabernacles • 19 Oct – Fun Day (Youth) • 26 Oct – Local Outreach (Youth) <p><u>November</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 02 Nov – YA Gathering • 7 to 9 Nov – Ministry Orientation Camp for Sec 1s (Youth) • 10 Nov – Discipleship @ Home for Primary School Parents (Parents Equipping) • 10 Nov – Water Baptism Service #3 • 23-25 Nov – Marriage Retreat <p><u>December</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 Dec – YA Christmas Outreach, Caleb Ministry Gathering • 19 to 21 Dec – Youth Conference • 21-22 Dec – Christmas Outreach Weekend • 28 Dec – Parents Gathering #4 	

Ministry & Opportunities



1. The 9M Ministry.

This ministry provides prayer support for expectant mothers on their 9-month journey of pregnancy. Sisters-in-Christ who are fellow RiverLifers are assigned as Prayer Buddies to walk alongside mums who sign up to receive prayer support.

- Receive Prayer Support: rlc.sg/9m
- Provide Prayer Support: rlc.sg/serve

2. Missions Microsite.

Discover how you can go, give and pray for the nations. Let's make a difference in the nations together! For more information, visit rlc.sg/missions.

3. FamilyLife Microsite.

Find out more about upcoming events and initiatives concerning the family. Link: rlc.sg/familylife

4. RiverLife Cares Opportunities.

Enquiries/Registration: rlc.sg/serve-rlcar

5. Prayer Ministry.

If you require prayer ministry for any issues you face (eg. fear, worry, etc), you can sign up for RiverLife's RTF ministry: bit.ly/rlcrtf

1. Bible Reading Plan.

The church has provided 3 undated Bible Reading plans that will serve as a resource for those who wish to follow a Bible Reading plan. Link: rlc.sg/brp

- 2 Year Chronological Bible Reading Plan.
- 3 Year Bible Reading Schedule (Alternating readings between Old and New Testament passages)
- Redemptive Historical Bible Reading Plan (At your own pace, focusing on the redemption story)

2. Sustaining the Fire.

This website provides resources to help you to continue to grow in these four aspects – spiritually, relationally, physically & missionally after the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. Link: rlc.sg/21days

3. RiverLife Podcast.

The RiverLife Podcast allows you to listen to RiverLife content anytime, anywhere! The link to go to is rlc.sg/podcast or simply search 'The RiverLife Podcast' on Spotify.

4. Spiritual Growth Resources.

We have put together a curated list of recommended resources for the RiverLife family. These resources (books, articles, podcasts and videos) are recommendations for the various spiritual growth stages as you seek to grow deeper in the River of God this year. You can access them at rlc.sg/resource. This list will be continually populated throughout the year.

5. Testimony.

If you have a testimony to share, you can write to us at stories@riverlife.org.sg to share with us your testimony as an encouragement to others.

6. Stay Connected with RLC.

Follow us to stay updated on latest church news and happenings.

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