***Genesis 3:9-10 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?” 10So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”***

Revival – what a wonderful time! Revival is a time for the people of God. Revival means to re make alive. Where there is no life, there can be no revival. The children of God have been made alive in Christ – John 10:10 says Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. Our purpose this week is to grow excited again with what Christ is doing, that we might go and share life with those that feel they are dying, a flame to embers burning low. And so we start with a question straight from God – Where are you? That, my friends, is the question of relationship and revival our Savior calls to us this morning. Where are you? Why do you hide?

Before we read verse 9, let’s take a moment to appreciate something. God already knows what has happened. Rest assured, He felt the separation between Him and His children before Eve’s teeth closed on the first bite. Let’s take a minute to appreciate that God could have simply never shown up again, leaving the man and the woman alone to suffer the death He’d warned of. Nothing required Him to give us a second look… but He did. It brings into sharp focus the question David asked in Psalm 8 - *What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?* God didn’t have to show up, but He did. Likewise, God doesn’t have to show up for us, but He does – in spite of our sin, in spite hiding, He comes to find us and He asks Where are you?

Verse 9 *Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, “Where are you?”* We know the story. The serpent tempted, Eve ate, Adam ate, their eyes were opened – to what? They’d already beheld the Good – they’d walked with God Himself – Mark 10:18 Jesus says, *there is none good, but One, that is God*. The serpent said you will know good and evil. They knew the Good. What was left? Evil. God is walking in the garden. He knows the relationship connection has been broken, and God calls to Adam, “Where are you?” This is not a question of Global positioning. This is a question of relational positioning. Where are you child? It has the heartbreaking dual meaning of How are you child? Adam has lived his short life knowing only Good and now he knows evil and shame, because of sin. How are you child? Where are you child? Do you hear the love of this Parent searching for the lost relationship? His child is incapable of ever finding Him again, so He comes looking, seeking, calling to find His child.

And so God calls to us this morning in that same way. Where are you? He feels when our fire goes out, when our roots of bitterness and resentment sink deep into the soil of self. He feels our fear because we’ve taken our eyes off the good and focused on the evil. Where are you child? He asks that of each of us today. Revival gives us the opportunity to examine where and how we are. He is seeking we that are incapable of finding Him on our own.

Let’s listen to Adam’s confessional answer in verse 10 - *So he said, “I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.”* Confession – I heard Your voice. In today’s terms, Adam was ghosting God. God and Adam had a relationship. God brought animals to Adam to name, gave him a wife, placed him in a perfect garden by a beautiful river, with bdellium, which is a sweet smelling stone from the sap of trees, onyx stones, and gold. I was afraid. This is evil - God is not fear! God is strength and courage and Love. I hid myself. In Genesis 2, Adam and Eve were unashamed. After the fall in Genesis 3, they were ashamed. Sin brought them to shame and hiding from God, avoiding the relationship of the Father. Imagine God’s grief, as He looks upon His once pure children, hiding themselves among the trees from His Presence, ashamed to draw near to the only Hope they have.

Imagine His grief, as we hide from His Presence. I know many will claim not to hide, but if that were so, this nation would be on fire for Jesus. There’d be no need of Revival, because the relationship with God would be perfect. Our time, our talents, and our resources would be pouring into the One True God that pours Himself into us. We’d be sharing the Gospel with all that will hear, holding the hand of those afraid, and living without fear of what this world is becoming. We’d see that this vapor we call life is nothing but a wisp of time to reach souls for Christ. We’d be excited and starting ministries and discipling. Our excuses and hiding places have changed, our ability to justify ourselves has improved, but still we hide from our greatest Relationship, our deepest Love, our Father and Friend. Where are you child? Afraid and hiding Lord – please revive my relationship with You.

This week, as we experience Revival, pray that God moves in a mighty way. Pray that fear and hiding will be swept aside. Pray that we will be naked and unashamed, as we lay out our desperate need for God and His Revival. Pray that His voice will be heard, stirring in our heart – Where are you child? And, we’ll hear His answer – Ah, there you are… I’ve been searching for you My love.