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This is an updated edition of a book written by Missionary and evangelist Roy Hession in 1950 in which he profiles the nature of religious revival and lays out the prerequisites and consequences of the activity of God in the heart of the hungry seeker. (Larger Print)

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Olivia says

The word "revival" can spark different thoughts and feelings in different people. In this book, it simply means a life of constant repentance of sin and unhindered fellowship with Jesus Christ. And in this book, Mr. Hession explains how one can practically go about living such a life.

For me, this book was deeply convicting. What was fantastic, though, is that it wasn't a conviction that pointed out what needed to change and left me clueless as to how to change it. It was doctrine and teaching that I have been able to immediately apply to my life and see the blessedness of living a life of brokenness before the Lord.

As other reviewers have stated, I do think that every Christian should read this book. It's a short book, written simply and compellingly. Read it expectantly, read it humbly, read it ready to heed the voice of Christ. The Calvary road is not an easy way to take, but it is a blessed road to travel.

Lendl Meyer says

This is really just an "extended version" of Continuous Revival by Norman Grubb. It has some helpful illustrations and is good if you want to dive in deeper into the concepts from that other work.

Ryan says

Incredible

This will be a book to read every year! Incredibly powerful and convicting! Every believer should read and re-read this book.

Megan says

Wow! What a powerful book! The Calvary Road developed from a series of brief paper/pamphlets that Roy and Revel Hession produced about the Message of Revival. God truly worked through the papers as they were originally printed and distributed as individual messages, so eventually they combined some of these messages into this publication. They recommend reading it a chapter at a time as that was how it was originally written and published. I think each chapter is so powerful that readers would benefit from time to think about what they read and pray. That is certainly what I did. I just kept underlining things, and praying about what I was reading. The chapters are as follows: Brokenness, Cups Running Over, The Way of Fellowship, The Highway of Holiness, the Dove and the Lamb, Revival in the Home, The Mote and the Beam, Are you Willing to be a Servant, The Power of the Blood of the Lamb, and Protesting our Innocence.

There is so much depth to this book. I felt like it spoke right to my heart. I plan on reading it again...and again! Let me share some of the great thoughts and truths in the book.

"The Lord Jesus cannot live in us fully and reveal Himself through us until the proud self within us is broken."

"The only life that pleases God and that can be victorious is His life-never our life, no matter how hard we try." (which is why we must surrender to His will)

"Revival itself is being absolutely filled to overflowing with the Holy Spirit, and that is victorious living."

"Before we can enter the Highway, God must bend and break that stiff-necked self, so that Christ reigns in its stead. To be broken means to have no rights before God and man... It means just being nothing and having nothing that I call my own, neither time, money, possessions nor position."

"Revival simply means new life, in hearts where the spiritual life has ebbed--but not a new life of self-effort or self-initiated activity. It is not man's life, but God's life, the life of Jesus, filling us and flowing through us."

"Only a deep hunger for real fellowship with God will make us willing to cry to God for His all-revealing Light and to obey it when it is given."

I hope you'll take time to think about these quotes, or better yet take the time to read the entire book. It is free for kindle right now, just [click here](#).

I highly recommend this book! It is a great instrument of conviction and spiritual growth.

Konstantin says

I would recommend this book to anyone. The only thing that bothered me (and BARELY bothered me) is that the focus is entirely on being a bond-servant of Christ, which is true, but the author neglects the truth of also being sons and daughters of God. The relationship part is missing. But, seriously. Five stars. Megan

Ray says

I have heard so much good things about this book from other books I just had to read it.

The main message is that we as Christians need to constantly ask the Lord to reveal to us our sins in his light, confess them, and be drawn closer to him through that process.

Overall, it did not disappoint. Even though the message is straightforward even "simple" at times, the conviction and honesty with which it was delivered makes it a worthwhile read.

The author's conviction and the forcefulness is this book's asset but at times in its zeal became overstated/sloppy in their theological preciseness. This is not to say I am Mr. know it all on theology, I am just speaking from my understanding and I am liable to be wrong, nonetheless, here is made me wonder:

1. The frequent labelling of shyness as a sin. Others have already commented on this.
2. "Sin is almost the only thing we have in common with everyone else, and so at the feet of Jesus where sin is cleansed is the only place where we can be one."

What about Eph 4:4-5 "4There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

I get the author is trying to say that we CAN united on the fact that we are all sinners, I just felt it was bit overstated at the cost of not mentioning the unity in the Lord.

3. "Quite obviously, then, it is utterly impossible for us to be walking in any degree of darkness and have fellowship with God."

I think from the rest of the book the author would readily agree the basis of our fellowship with God is the Spirit enabled faith in the finished work of Jesus. But here, in this sentence, it almost sound like the it is grace + my complete and unreserved confession of all my sins, nothing hidden whatsoever (which is author's definition of "darkness", more on that later).

"For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves," Col 1:13 RESCUED, past tense.

"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." Eph 5:11 Here it seems it is possible to participate in the "deeds of darkness" (and our experiences certainly leaves no illusion that we are sin free!).

So it is "already and not yet", we have already been transferred from darkness to light, but we still need to choose to live in the light. It is entirely possible to be a true Christian and have unconfessed, unacknowledged, unaware sins. I agree with the author they are not good, confess them! But the BASIS of my fellowship with God is "does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly" Rom 4:5

4. "But more than that, the effect of such sins is always to make us "walk in darkness" - that is, to cover it up and hide what we really are or what we are really feeling. That is always the meaning of "darkness" in Scripture, for while the light reveals, the darkness hides."

Darkness is so much more richer and nuanced word than "ALWAYS" meaning hiding our sin.

Colossians 1:13 "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves" Here darkness is the totality of sin/evil/devil, not just self denial.

Matthew 8:12 "But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." That darkness is NOT just a place of unconfessed sin, it is place of punishment.

In final analysis, I think a lot of author's points are excellent and God honoring, they are just bit overstated/sloppy in their theological preciseness.

Zachary McIntire says

Honestly, this is a book every Christian should read. It's not long, and even if you have only a few minutes a day to read, the chapters are self-contained, and fairly short as well. I recently went through it in a Bible

study, and was reminded to review it after doing a review of "True Discipleship" by William MacDonald (another good book with a similar theme).

Many Christians pray for revival in the Church, and so we should. What I think we tend to forget is that, in the words of the old song, it must "begin in me." In this brief, but rich little book, Roy Hession helps us find the path of personal revival, which starts at the narrow door of Calvary.

Bill says

I have wanted to read *The Calvary Road* for years, having heard it recommended often, so I was surprised when initially I struggled. The early chapters seemed to fall into a familiar trap – the gospel was taken for granted as the basis for everything that was said, but never directly addressed. As a consequence, I felt the burden of all that I was being called to “do” without having been reminded of all the Jesus as already “done” for me to make it all possible. Being called to a life of holiness (“cleansing the cup”) in order to experience revival is not very encouraging if we are not directed to Jesus as our source of holiness. This kind of unbalanced emphasis is a constant danger for me as a disciple of Jesus and as a Christian teacher.

None-the-less as I continued to read, the actual cross-centred nature of the book began to become clearer. The book is in fact based on the sacrifice of Christ on the cross on our behalf, and many times Roy Hession calls his readers to return to the cross as the basis of the entire Christian life. I began to appreciate the simplicity of his message, especially his focus on brokenness. The Christian life is about constantly acknowledging our brokenness before God and before others. Chapter 10 (“Protesting Our Innocence”) was particularly powerful, a challenge to admit that God is right in his judgment of our sin and to stop keeping up the pretence that we are actually righteous.

Katrina Janine says

Every Christian must read this book!

Valerie Kyriosity says

This was along the same lines as *Continuous Revival* in terms of content, but I found it less objectionable and more helpful.

Between these two books and a Voddie Baucham sermon and one or two other things it seems I've read or heard but can't think of off the top of my head, the theme of brokenness has been repeating itself in recent weeks. I don't think any of these sources has gotten it quite right, but they've obviously been conspiring to get me to think about it, and I'm happy to oblige. Here are a few random thoughts in no particular order:

- "Brokenness...is simply the response of humility to the conviction of God" (Hession's definition).
- There is always reason to be humble before God, so in that sense the idea of continuous brokenness is agreeable to me. We should always be willing to confess sin -- to agree with God about what it is and whose

fault it is and what it deserves. And even when we've confessed it all, humility's the proper posture, but now in the form of gratitude for forgiveness and restored fellowship.

- What I don't agree with (and maybe they weren't saying this, but I think it's important to refute the notion) is that brokenness has to look like going around beating our breasts and remembering our sin all the time. For one thing, it is not humble to hold on to sin that's been forgiven. Jesus took that away -- how dare you snatch it back? And it's not obedient. We're to think about such things that are true and noble and good and pure and the like. "My sin is always before me," but "I have set the Lord always before me." Once sin has been dealt with by grace, get your eyes off of it and fix them on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith. Ah...there is a Subject far more worthy of your attention!

- Godly sorrow, godly brokenness, produces repentance without regret (2 Cor. 7:10). I kind of like the way the KJV puts it: "repentance...not to be repented of." The words are the same root in the Greek (μετ?νοιαν...?μεταμ?λητον). I wish I had a better grasp to really understand the meaning of the phrase, but my best guess is that it means what I've written above -- repentance that really completes the transaction of receiving forgiveness and cleansing and moves on with life. It doesn't stare deeply into the toilet contemplating what's been flushed.

- Brokenness, therefore, ends not in a life of perpetually bringing up the same transgressions and beating oneself up over them, but in a cheerful, worshipful humility.

Hession's thoughts about interrupted and restored fellowship with God were helpful. At some point in the past few weeks when I was reading the book, I had an experience when I could distinctly see the moment I'd stepped out of fellowship. I was too slow in getting back into fellowship, but eventually I did. I'd certainly been in and out of fellowship with God before, but it was good to have a clearer sense of the process than I'd had before.

I also thought Hession's discussion of the servant in Luke 17:7-10 was quite good and helpful. I'm prone to laziness and shirking in what God calls me to do, so the encouragement to willing and contented obedience was appreciated.

I skipped the epilogue with the interview because I was rushing to finish, but I should go back and finish that sometime.

Andrea Thom says

Short little booklet with a great overview of gospel content that I read as mandatory reading when I went on a mission trip to Bosnia.

Amanda Tero says

This ten-chapter devotional is powerful, leading the Christian to ponder their walk with the Lord. I could fill a whole review full of amazing quotes...but it is just worthwhile to read the whole book.

There was one main thing I didn't agree with how he worded, and that was his analogy of the dove and the

Holy Spirit. I think that if you view the analogy as the dove being the PEACE of the Holy Spirit, it makes more sense, seems more in line with the Bible.

Pat Heath says

Wonderful read for every Christian. Great insights for personal revival.

Brandi McPeak says

What a fantastic book. I highlighted a ton and it's a great reminder at how we ought to live.

David Dzimianski says

Incomplete thought without We Would See Jesus, also by Roy Hession - if you read it, you will understand why. He even says so in the forward.

Here's the gist: The Calvary Road gives a clear understanding of the 'mechanics' of personal revival/sanctification/victory over sin, but many readers came away with a formulaic understanding. Hession realized this, and so wrote We Would See Jesus to draw his readers to the real engine of sanctification, Jesus Himself.

This is a good book - but don't take it by itself.
