



# **Ordinary People Extraordinary Things**

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# Search for the Right Pastor



# What do you look for?

- CEO capacity?
- Faithful preacher?
- Effective Evangelist?
- Trainer?
- Young?

# Revival!

What is it?

- An Evangelical Awakening is a movement of the Holy Spirit bringing about a revival of New Testament Christianity in the church of Christ and its related community.

# Who am I?

Pastor since 1979

Interested in Church Growth

DMin from Fuller in 1986

Husband

Father

Grandfather

- It has been my consistent prayer that God would once again cause revival in my day.
- Habakkuk 3:2

# The Dream

1620 The Mayflower

1630 --The Arbella

The Church of England

- We shall be as a city upon a Hill, the eyes of all people are upon us; so that if we shall deal falsely with our god in this work we have undertaken and so cause him to withdraw his present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world.

# What Happened?

Internal Stressors

- Antinomian Controversy
- Witchcraft Trials
- The Half-way Covenant

# What Happened?

External Stressors

- Natural Disasters
  - Earthquake 1727
- King Phillip's War



# Reforming Synod 1679

God's judgment and wrath

- Decreasing godliness
- Extravagant dress
- Neglect of baptism
- Profanity
- Sabbath
- Decline if family worship
- Litigation between church members
- Tavern haunting
- Dishonest

# Reforming Synod

- A love of things of the world
- Opposition to do something about sin
- Lack of “public spirit”
- A lack of will to repent