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## I WILL TURN FROM MY SIN AND SELF-EFFORT

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord!*

*O Lord, hear my voice!*

*Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!*

*If you, O Lord, should mark my iniquities,*

*O Lord, who could stand?*

*But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.*

*(Psalm 130: 1-4, ESV)*

### I. Introduction

As followers of Jesus pray for revival, most of us understand, at least at some level, that our own sin indicates the need for revival and that our sin may also be blocking the coming of that revival. Looking to past revivals for guidance, it seems that without repentance there is no expectation of revival. Therefore, it becomes imperative that we demonstrate a proper response to personal sin. As we get serious about dealing with our own sin, then God begins to respond to our prayers and pleas for His presence, demonstrating His power by awakening our hearts and the hearts of others.

Dealing with personal sin is something that should be taught at an early stage in our Christian life. The apostle John tells us, "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves" (1 John 1:8 NIV).

### CRY OUT TO THE LORD

*Lord, I want to be honest with You about my sin. I want to turn away from sinfulness, ask for Your forgiveness, and because of that forgiveness, revel in the closeness of the relationship I have with You. I want the times of refreshing that You have promised: "Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord" (Acts 3:19).*