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The Main Thing Devotional

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# **Special Revival**

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#### The Main Thing: Special Revival, Fall Week of Prayer Edition

Last night students, faculty and staff gathered at the BIG tent for the start of Southern's Fall Week of Prayer. During the Week of Prayer, the Chaplain's Office will be sending out a devotional based on the previous night's message shared by our guest speaker, Pastor MyRon Edmonds.

**Bible Verse:** "All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him off the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way." (From Luke 4)

In the message entitled "God/Me," Pastor Edmonds shared, if revival is going to happen on campus - it first starts with us. In fact, corporate revival is nothing more than the result of individuals saying they want God to change them and nothing less than giving Him the permission to do so.

In Luke 4, Pastor Edmonds highlighted that the same people that spoke well of Jesus were the same people that were seeking to kill Jesus. They had become so familiar with a version of Jesus, which was limited to their hometown experience, that when He finished preaching they tried to kill Him. Pastor Edmonds challenged listeners by asking the question, "How is revival going to happen at Southern; a campus that is so familiar with Jesus?" Is it possible that we can become so accustomed to Jesus and the Adventist faith that we confuse our familiarity with faithfulness? Jesus is not calling us to simply be familiar with Him, He is calling us to be faithful. Faithfulness means that we set aside our preconceived ideas of Jesus and permit Him to confront our sins with His truth. When we get to the point when we can be totally vulnerable with God, that is when revival can begin in our hearts.

Join us for night two of Week of Prayer in the BIG tent at 8PM. If you are unable to attend in person, you can watch the livestream of Week of Prayer at:<u>https://livestream.com/collegedalesdachurch/events/9238832</u>

#### Week of Prayer Archive

November 2: "God/Me" link <u>https://livestream.com/collegedalesdachurch/events/9238832</u>