

"THE GREAT AWAKENING"

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"Quickenings" seem to follow a predictable pattern made up of three elements...

There is a precipitating crisis or unusual event.

- Crisis challenges us to evaluate our lives and circumstances.
- God frequently uses the pain in our stories as invitations to awaken or quicken us.
- We *want* a God who protects us from pain, but the God that we have doesn't make us walk through it alone, and he doesn't waste it.

A question or invitation.

- This process that makes us want to look into the crisis deeper.
- We must learn to be listening and paying attention to what the Holy Spirit has to teach us.
- He offers us a holy invitation to go to a deeper place with Him.

(Vs) Luke 24:11 "...but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them."

(Vs) Luke 24:19-21 "And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened."

(Vs) Luke 24:27 "And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself."

Then a process of change and recovery.

- The process of change and recovery is usually uncomfortable or even painful, but leads to renewal, depth, and joy.
- It requires conviction, commitment and surrender.
- Are you willing to step into this place to meet Him?

(Vs) "And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him." Luke 24:31