Paul is sharing his testimony with others saying that those who were with him saw the light but did not understand who was speaking (Acts 22:6-13). Paul is really known in the Bible. Ananias is less known and Paul’s companions are even less known than Ananias. What would have happened to Paul’s ministry if Ananias hadn’t been willing to pray for Paul for his healing? What if Paul had never received his sight because God could not have found a man devout enough to accomplish that task? Paul is known in the kingdom because of the work he has accomplished in the Kingdom but the greater work of the kingdom is being done by those who may be unknown to the masses. However they are known by God. In order to be effective in the Kingdom, we must know our God. The people who know their God shall be strong and do exploits for they will be able to resist the enemy (Daniel 11:32). Subsequently God is looking for men and women who know Him to continue this fight against the enemy by doing the kinds of things Ananias did for Paul, things that bring glory to God and advance His Kingdom. Now on the scene appears a comparatively unknown group of people born again people whom the world despise and reject and relegate to the category of the unfit. The world will not count them among its mighty and its valiant. On the human side, those who follow Christ are almost disregarded by the world yet it is this small despised company of unknown men and women who are going to move out with some secret vital force The Holy Spirit and they are going to go forth to conquer. For them the great systems of the world will go down in defeat before them. Medicine will give way to miracles and before them societies that were once hopeless and forgotten will be redeemed. We are the ones who pray to God, worship and love him. We are the ones who know our God and are strong. We are the ones God looks to do exploits for Him, to be strong and resist the devil. Those who know Him are the ones who actually keep the Kingdom of God moving forward on earth. Do you know Him? Knowing God includes knowledge of God in His power as sovereign in His executive authority and in His supremacy but the knowledge of God goes deeper than that. It is knowing in a way that energizes His sovereignty and causes it to function through the people that know Him. Ananias knew God that way. He understood the executive authority of God and he operated in that as he prayed sight back into the eyes of Paul. It is knowing God in a vital relationship and oneness which makes the exercise and execution of the power possible in this world. God is on the throne and He has all the power and all the resources necessary for dealing with the world’s situation but He has so chosen and ordained that the exercise and the demonstration of His fullness of power and His might and His glory that should be working through those who have a vital union with Him. This
kind of knowledge of God comes by revelation, not listening to sermons or reading. If it is not
given to you by The Holy Spirit, working it into your very being and making it a personal
revelation and an inward birth, you may hear all the truth possible and still not understand. If
you’re living on mum and dad’s faith, you’re going to have a difficult time defending what you
believe. If we don’t know God, then we can’t defend our faith nor can we resist the attacks of
the enemy. One way to be able to explain to others why you love God so much is to never
forget what your eyes have seen (Deuteronomy 6:6-7). Remind them of what you’ve gone
through in life. Moses says that we should talk about the things we’ve gone through when we
sit down, when we work, when we rise up. There is nothing to be ashamed of. The worst your
past is, the better a picture you are of the grace and mercy of God today. When your children
ask what these things mean, tell them (Deuteronomy 6:20-21). Everyone needs their own
revelation (Galatians 1:12). He goes into the Arabian desert for three years until this revelation
is wrought into his heart by the Spirit of God. Do you know Him or do you just know about Him?
When Jesus enters, there’s a witness in our hearts. When we come into the presence of The
Lord, something happens inside of us. If your heart does not long for the presence of God, then
you’re most likely living on mum and dad’s faith and that is not going to get you very far or to
heaven. No man goes to heaven on the faith of someone else. If I regard, love, harbour or
cherish wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear me (Psalm 66:18). You need to turn away
from any known sin in your life if you are going to give your life to Christ, there’s no need to
pray because The Lord will not hear.

Charles Finney says that there are six signs that a church needs revival:

1. If there is a lack of genuine love among the brethren.
2. If there are arguments and jealousies among God's people.
3. When there’s a worldly/ fleshly spirit in the church. When we are more interested in
   conforming to the world’s standards for dress and worldly entertainment and long for
   things that do nothing to glorify God.
4. When the church finds its members in gross sin.
5. When wickedness triumphs over the church. When the evil of this world influences the
   church more than the church influences the world.
6. When people are dying and going to hell and we don't care. If we are unconcerned
   about the fact that people are dying without Christ, there’s something wrong because
   Jesus died for every man. Every man’s salvation should be of interest to us. We need to
   be obsessed with the salvation of other men. Getting them saved and discipling them.