

RESTORING THE MORAVIAN FIRE - Three Strands of Truth

What did the believers at Herrnhut have that we don't have today?

First, the Moravians are the believers at Herrnhut. Who are the Moravians? The Moravians, also known as the Unitas Fratrum (United Brethren), are a Protestant Christian denomination with roots tracing back to 15th-century Bohemia (now the Czech Republic). They are one of the oldest Protestant groups, predating the Lutheran and Reformed churches by a century. The Moravians are known for their emphasis on practical Christian living, global missionary work, and unique church governance.

The Moravians' story is intertwined with the lives and ministries of some of the most important church leaders in the Great Awakenings and revivals that transformed Western society in the eighteenth century. God gave them "three strands" around which they wove their lives, and these strands helped the Moravians become world-changers.

1. They had relational unity, spiritual community, and sacrificial living.
2. The power of their persistent prayer produced a divine passion and zeal for missionary outreach to the lost. Many of them even sold themselves into slavery in places like Surinam in South America just so they could carry the light of the gospel into closed societies. The Moravians were the first missionaries to the slaves of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands; they went to strange places called Lapland and Greenland and to many places in Africa.
3. The third strand was described by a motto that they lived by: "No one works unless someone prays." This took the form of corporate commitment to sustained prayer and ministry to the Lord. This prayer went on unbroken for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of each year for over 100 years!

The Moravians' over 100-year prayer vigil and global missionary exploits marked one of the purest moves of the Spirit in church history, and it radically changed the expression of Christianity in their age. Many leaders today feel that virtually every great missionary endeavor of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries -regardless of denominational affiliation- was in a very real sense part of the fruit of the Moravians' sacrificial service and prophetic intercessory prayer. Their influence continues to be felt even in our day. The Lord is clearly planning to increase that influence once again.

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Life Application: Rekindling the Moravian Fire Today

The Moravians didn't just spark a revival—they modeled a lifestyle that fused heaven's priorities with earthly action. Here's how their "three strands" can be woven into our lives today:

1. **Relational Unity & Sacrificial Community:** Pursue deep, Christ-centered relationships that go beyond surface-level connection. "They all lived together in unity at Herrnhut before the fire fell." Unity was the altar; revival was the flame.
2. **Persistent Prayer & Missional Zeal** - Let prayer fuel your purpose.
The Moravians didn't wait for open doors—they prayed them open, then walked through.
3. **Unceasing Prayer & Ministry to the Lord** - Make your life a sanctuary of worship.
Adopt the motto: "No one works unless someone prays." Let every endeavor be undergirded by intercession.

Their 100-year prayer meeting wasn't a program—it was a lifestyle of hosting God's presence.

The Moravians didn't have better technology, more money, or greater influence. They had fire on the altar—and that changed the world. If we want their fruit, we must embrace their root.