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Psalm 85:6

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It encompasses the resurfacing of a love for God, an appreciation of God's holiness, a passion for His Word and His church, a convicting awareness of personal and corporate sin, a spirit of humility, and a desire for repentance and growth in righteousness.

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It generally involves the connotation of a fresh start with a clean slate, marking a new beginning of a life lived in obedience to God.

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Obviously, such comparisons bring great humility, but also great awe of God and His truly amazing grace.

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Unlike the original conversion experience that brings about a new relationship with God, however, revival represents a restoration of fellowship with God, the relationship having been retained even though the believer had pulled away for a time.

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