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A revival is a work of God's Spirit among His own people.

—VANCE HAVNER

Divine omnipotence is the doctrine of a revival.

—C. H. SPURGEON

The end of our vision is not the starting-point of God's working . . . . It is wisest for us to keep human agency in its own place, and to aim at reflecting all the glory on the Sovereign Lord.

—WILLIAM GIBSON

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