

day 5 | **Personal Revival Among
the Moravian Brethren**

- ① **Read about the picture of personal revival for Nicholas von Zinzendorf and the Moravian Brethren. Identify fruits of revival in their lives. How were they different after their encounters with the grace of Christ?**



- ② **Suppose you were standing in front of Jesus as He suffered and died on the cross. He says, "All this I did for you. What have you done for me?" How would your love and service reflect your gratitude for His grace?**
- a. I've chosen to love and serve the Lord faithfully because of His grace.
 - b. I'm afraid my love and service would show little gratitude for His grace.

- ③ **Now that you've studied Jesus' work on the cross for you and the benefits of His grace, what difference will that make in your service to Him? Check your response or write your own.**
- a. My love has deepened. I want to obey His invitations to service.
 - b. I've been reminded of His love, and I want to continue to be faithful in my service to Him.
 - c. I'm not willing to pay the price to demonstrate my gratitude to Him.
 - d. Other: _____

- ④ **The Moravians were so in love with Jesus that they prayed, they gave, and they went all over the world seeking to "win for the Lamb that was slain the rewards of His suffering." What will you do to tell this good news about Jesus to those who need to hear?**

- ⑤ **Have you ever experienced this kind of love for Christ, the wounded Savior, as you have celebrated Communion or the Lord's Supper?**
- Yes No

- **Pray that God will intensify your love for Christ. Ask Him to help you and your church love Him so deeply that your lives and your church will have a dramatic impact for the cause of Christ around the world. †**

Nicholas von Zinzendorf and the Moravian Revival

Nicholas von Zinzendorf, a nobleman by birth, had been single-focused since childhood. His life motto was "I have one passion: it is Jesus, Jesus only."¹

Yet in spite of his long-time commitment to Christ, he was unprepared to be so moved by God's Spirit while visiting an art gallery in Duesseldorf. His attention was captured by a painting of the suffering Christ, "Ecce Homo," under which were the words "This have I done for thee; what doest thou for Me?"² Stirred by this challenge, Zinzendorf returned to his estate. For several years he had provided shelter to a few hundred religious refugees from Moravia; to these brothers and sisters he brought home this stirring message from the suffering Savior.

On August 13, 1727, this group celebrated the Lord's Supper. As they focused their worship on the wounded Savior, their hearts were filled with love for Him who had died for them, and they sensed an awesome presence of the living Christ. That event forever changed Zinzendorf and the rest of that assembly. Look at the difference the Savior made in their lives from that day forward:

- On August 24, 48 men and women began the practice that 2 persons each hour around the clock would pray for Christ's kingdom work around the world. This began what became known as the Hundred-Year

Prayer Meeting as others took up the task of praying for missions.

- More than 100 of those present at that initial Lord's Supper eventually went around the world to "win for the Lamb that was slain the rewards of His suffering." Most worked to earn a living so that they could preach the gospel free of charge.
- The first 2 missionaries sent out from the group went to Saint Thomas. They had been told that the slave owners would not permit them to preach to the slaves, so they left Germany intent on selling themselves into slavery to be able to share the gospel freely. On arriving in Saint Thomas, they found an open door and were able to work as carpenters and preach the gospel for free.
- Another group of Moravians met John Wesley on a boat headed for America. He was so moved by their living faith that he began to evaluate his own faith. Later at a Moravian chapel at Aldersgate, John Wesley was converted. He went to Germany to meet Zinzendorf and these Moravians. Wesley went on from there to lead the Evangelical Revival in England and the First Great Awakening in America. †

1. John Greenfield, *Power from on High: The Story of the Great Moravian Revival of 1727* (Bethlehem, PA: The Moravian Church in America, 1928), 20.

2. Ibid.