

Endorsements

It is my great privilege to endorse Dr. Lemley's book "Ablaze". In my opinion it should be your primer for how to prepare for, experience, lead, and maintain both personal and corporate worship in the twenty-first century. She contends and I believe that God is always ready to revive His people, the rest remains with us. In these pages you will find a great historical review of revivals through time as well as a strong biblical theology of revival. If you will allow it, this work can guide you systematically into a state of heart and mind primed for revival. As a lead pastor for twenty-one years let me encourage you: Don't be afraid or resistant, this is solid, biblical truth flowing from a heart that longs for the lost to be saved, biblical knowledge to increase, God's leaders to be encouraged, and the power of the Holy Spirit to manifest in genuine fashion. As Dr. Lemley's pastor I have watched her pursue revival with an unwavering passion coupled with great humility. Read on and be blessed. —**Roy Rhodes, Lead Pastor, Abundant Life Community Church, Alton, IL (Currently, Assistant Superintendent for Illinois District)**

As a pastor, I prayer walk my church sanctuary each Sunday before service. I find myself speaking life over dead and dry parts of individuals' hearts. I feel the rattling of spiritual revival in my bones, yet a heaviness of slumber tranquilizing the people of God. In *Ablaze*, Kristi Lemley meets us in this precise moment of hungering for a fresh outpouring while swimming in a spiritual culture of apathy. Hope for awakening is woven into each page, and you will not want to miss a moment. —**Crystal Martin: National Director-Network of Women Ministers, National Director-Chi Alpha Cross Cultural Missions, Associate Pastor-Central Assembly of God Springfield, MO**

Dr. Lemley brilliantly seizes the journey for His presence. She giftedly captures the broad analysis of revival, preps our hearts for creating an atmosphere to receive it, and challenges me to prepare for it. If you have the heart of a revivalist and are Jesus-passionate, looking for His outpouring, this book is a must. It stirs hearts for more. I told, Dr. Lemley, "It's coming, Kristi. It's coming." —**Joseph S. Girdler, DMin, Superintendent (2004 – present) Kentucky Assemblies of God**

In this decade of modernity, the quest for revival has seemingly been placed on the sidelines while it is vitally needed for the spiritual health of the nation's today. *ABLAZE* not only gives an in-depth analysis on revival, but is a multi-faceted teaching tool to enable all leaders to strategically and urgently seek the Spirits flow

in this direction. —**Rev. Marie Miller – Evangelist, Foundations Ministries Inc.;**
Lead Pastor, Pickering Pentecostal Church – Canada

The American church needs a fresh wind of revival. The cultural and spiritual warfare taking place in our society today creates the fertile soil for a great revival. Kristi Lemley's book, "Ablaze" is inspired by the Holy Spirit for just this season. Scholarly and biblically solid, her passion for revival comes through in every chapter. Speaking with her experience as an Evangelist and her insight as a counselor, she gives you a unique perspective of Biblical revivals. I love this line from the book. "Compromise appeared easier than the conflict that would ensue from standing up for God's commandments and taking ownership of the Promised Land." This is a word for today! Let the Lord speak to you through this book to light your heart Ablaze! —**Phillip B. Schneider, Superintendent Illinois Assemblies of God**

Among those who follow Jesus, believe the Bible to be true, and, at the same time, have open eyes to see all the chaos and brokenness in our world, there can be little doubt now is the time for revival, both personally and (please, God!) among the masses. In ABLAZE, Dr. Kristi Lemley not only educates us about what revival is (and is not) and how sovereign 'moves of God' have impacted lives and nations historically, she offers practical help in knowing what our part is when it comes to revival readiness. If, like me, you feel the Spirit's tug to be prepared for what God wants to do in this world and in your own life, ABLAZE is your next important read. —**Dr. Jodi Detrick, Author of The Jesus-Hearted Woman: 10 Leadership Qualities for Enduring & Endearing Influence**

When you meet Kristi, you know that the call to teach, preach, and pray for revival is her passion. ABLAZE is well written and highlights Dr. Lemley's years of study and experience on the subject. As Kristi wrote about the revival characteristics like social justice reformations, evangelism, and missionary movements, I realized that ABLAZE is a much-needed book for the church today. As you read, ABLAZE I pray that your heart, like mine, is set on fire with the desire to see revival come to every generation, every race, every social class, and spread throughout the world. —**Lisa Potter, Executive Director of Women Who Lead, Potomac Ministry Network Assemblies of God, Writer, Speaker, Coach, and Mentor**

Is your soul thirsty for renewal? Kristi Lemley artfully guides us through what it means to experience revival. She not only provides theological and historical context, but also gives a blueprint for a life marked by the presence of God. This

powerful resource belongs in every Christian university and in the hands of every pastor, ministry leader, and believer who desires to see God move in a mighty way.

—**Angela Donadio, Author, Speaker, and Advocate**

Revival is a subject many leaders address with seasonal messages and the Scriptures speak with great clarity. Yet very few authors bring the historical and Biblical truths of Revival to a current day application. Kristi Lemley fills a huge, gaping void with this superb book. Leaders as well as all followers of Christ will be greatly challenged and encouraged as they read Ablaze. This book should kindle into a blazing fire and explode a passion in the heart of every Christian for a Godly revival to overwhelm our churches, communities, nation and world. Ablaze is for today and generations yet to be born. —**Chuck Stecker, Ph.D., Founder and Executive Director of A Chosen Generation**

With genuine love for the body of Christ, Kristi Lemley, draws attention to the loss of zeal and passion for spiritual matters and challenges us to a personal revival of the heart. This book describes important accounts of revivals in the Bible, in history, and in modern day. If you have been praying for revival, and desire a deeper understanding of this sovereign move of God, you must read this book. —**Elizabeth De Jesús Worship Pastor, Women's Leader and Bible Teacher, New Life Covenant Church, Chicago**

With passion that will set ablaze your heart to re-imagine what revival can mean to you personally, Dr. Lemley's modern day approach to revival is nothing less than compelling and contagious! As you journey through "Ablaze", the power of God's presence will fill your heart, revealing what revival truly is, and that it is possible for you – starting today. "Ablaze" is theologically sound, delivering a focused snapshot of historical, biblical, and contemporary revival. The author lays out practical steps to prepare your heart to receive a transformed life that will reignite a new hunger for God, empowering you to bring the presence of Christ into the space you occupy. —**Dr. Ava Kate Oleson, Associate Professor of Counselling, Tyndale University**

Dr. Kristi Lemley has the passion of a revivalist, the wisdom of a counselor, the theology of a Bible scholar, the pinpoint accuracy of a teacher of the Word, and the urgency of an evangelist. ABLAZE will help you become a reservoir large enough to contain the torrential rain that the Lord is about to send and ready you for the greatest move of God we have ever seen! —**Dr. Jamie Morgan Host of the revival podcast: FIRE STARTER with Dr. Jamie Morgan**