

# **Awaken, Lord, My Heart**

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***"So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober."  
(1 Thessalonians 5:6)***

From 2010-2016, our church in Indianapolis (Burge Terrace) hosted the 3G Youth Conference, standing for God's *glory, gospel, and grace*. Each year we themed the youth conference on one of the "G's" as we sought to make much of Christ. Our first conference (2010) was about God's glory.

A few years earlier, I had written a poem on God's awakening our hearts in revival, but it had been buried as other themes came to mind. As we approached our inaugural 3G Youth Conference, I wanted a new song on revival and God's glory, and so I found the original text and incorporated new ideas into the hymn. We introduced the song at the conference, thus beginning a tradition of writing a new hymn for each of the seven conferences we would eventually host.

"Awaken, Lord, My Heart" is a prayer for God to reveal His presence to His people. When God steps down from heaven to revive His own, our hearts will be awakened to the Cross, to the Scripture, and to God Himself. The final stanza speaks of our wills bent to the supreme will of our Master Potter. We must have God awaken our hearts from spiritual slumber to enjoy the goodness and greatness of all that He is.