

SEACOAST CHURCH

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●230 years ago yesterday, on July 1, 1776, Congress convened and adopted the **Lee Resolution** for independence—a precursor to the **Declaration of Independence**. This meant all-out war which, they had no chance of winning.

●What kinds of people were willing to take such a risk? Where did they come from? What was it that motivated them?

The Character of Our Founders

■They had a love of righteousness.

■Our founders had a sense of destiny.

*"O beautiful for patriot dreams that see beyond the years." --
America the Beautiful*

☞Daniel 2:20-21

■Our founders had moral courage.

■Our founders were unreserved in their dependence on God.

America Today

■Instead of loving righteousness, we love pleasure. ☞2 Timothy 3:4

■They had a sense of destiny, we have a sense of the moment. ☞2 Corinthians 4:17

■Instead of moral courage, we have moral indecision. Amos 3:10a

■Instead of being dependent on God, we are distanced from God. ☞ 2 Timothy 3:5

Revive Us, Oh Lord!

Great revivals have common ingredients:

■Scripture is rediscovered and exalted as authoritative. ☞2 Chronicles 34:14

■Confession of sin and prayer.
☞2 Chronicles 34:19-21; 2 Chronicles 7:14

■God's work done in hearts turns to action.

◇ Josiah rid the land of idols, elevated the Word of God and reinstated worship. ☞2 Chronicles 34:33

So What?

●We have a sacred responsibility to pray for our nation...to vote with biblical values...to communicate with our elected officials on moral issues...to urge our friends and neighbors to embrace God's values on key moral issues facing us...to verbally share our faith in Christ with friends and neighbors and co-workers. That would be a huge start of a great awakening!

The Summer Series begins next week: *Desperate Households*