



KINDLE THE FLAME
WATERS CANNOT QUENCH THIS FIRE



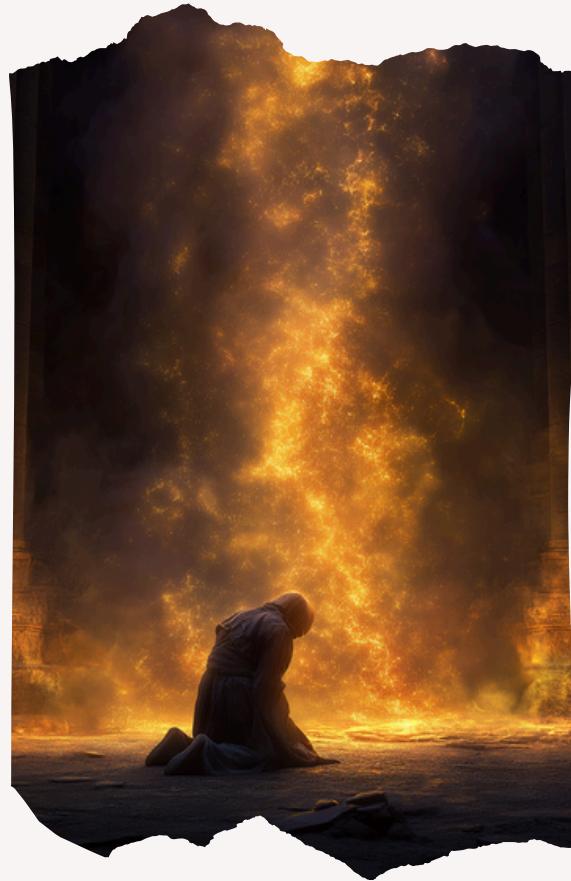
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GATEWAY FAST 2026

FOREWORD:

Friends, the time has come. Before us is an opportunity to press into God in a very special way. We are asking Him to 'Kindle the Flame' in our hearts and lives. This isn't about getting on top of our diet or health. We aren't detoxing. And this isn't about accomplishing our new year resolutions. We have not signed up with a new life coach. These next three weeks are bigger than these things. They are about pursuing the fire of God.

I don't know about you, but I want more. I want to sense His presence not just in worship, but when I am doing my chores. I want to hear his voice not just in my quiet times, but in the conflicts and the crowds. And I want to live a life that accomplishes His every purpose for my life - every day. These are the reasons that we now enter this season of prayer and fasting.



Jeremiah 29:13 says: "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart". There are so many things that we desire, so many things that we enjoy (to have, to eat, to watch, to do). But there is something we should want more - Him. And when we do want more of Him, He always leads us to first make space by giving Him more of us.

Are you ready? Shall we seek?

Date started

Date ended

The biggest thing God did in
my life during this fast was:

WEEK ONE - BUILD AN ALTAR



Build my altar wherever I cause my name to be remembered,
and I will come to you and bless you.

Exodus 20:24b



Day 1 - Build an Altar

BIBLE READING: Genesis 12:1-8, 13:1-4, 14-18

Those who want to be near God, build altars.

When you study worship, you quickly learn that worship isn't so much about the song that you sing to Him as it is about the life that you build for Him. So when I heard that phrase the other day: 'Those who want to be near God, build altars.' - it wrecked me.

When you read the story of Abraham, you find a man with an important assignment. He had been chosen by God to establish a great nation. We too, want to do great things for our King. We want to accomplish great feats of supernatural power. Admit it - you have often wondered what it would be like for God to use you to open blind eyes or cause the lame to walk again. But interestingly, our text reveals that every time Abraham - the one with the great calling - arrived at a new place, what he did, was build an altar.

Why? Because as much as Abraham thrilled at the promise of God; what he really wanted and needed was to be near to God.

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CLOSE TO GOD**

So he worshipped and acknowledged Him. The same is true for us: what we really need in this life is Him. We want His Spirit's fire to burn bright in our lives - that is why we have taken this time to pray and fast. But before we can productively talk about what the fire of God can do in our lives; we must first build an altar for the fire of God to be found upon. And for us, that altar is our very life.

Because 'those who want to be near to God, must build altars'.

REFLECTION

Take a moment to ask yourself, 'When was the last time I worshipped Him, not just in song or word, but by building an altar to my King with my life?'

Today you have entered a new place, a new season. So just like Abraham, take some time to build an altar for your king today. (Hint: Make sure to listen to today's Gateway message, 'Build An Altar')

PRAYER POINT

Sundays - Prayer for Our Church

Ephesians 3:14-21, "For this reason I kneel before the Father... I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge - that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory... Amen."

Today we pray for our church family. In particular, let's pray as Paul did over the church in Ephesus.

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Day 2 - Altar of Obedience and Trust

BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 1:3-14; 2 Corinthians 1:20

Genesis 12:7 - “The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.”

Abraham built four altars to God. The first altar, he built upon his arrival in Canaan. I wonder what that day felt like? He had been obedient, and he has arrived in the land to which the Lord had called him. It was totally unknown to him. He moved there guided only by his faith in God and his desire to obey Him. Hebrews 11:8 describes Abraham's journey this way: "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, OBEYED; and he went out, not knowing where he went."

Abraham trusted God implicitly and without questioning. But don't think it was simple. For how do you go on a journey with no map? When you are unsure where your destination is? It involves trusting God with every step you take. Just think about that for a moment. And what about when he arrived? I don't know about you, but I would have been expecting perfection. And though Canaan was beautiful, it was already occupied by the most corrupt and perverted people of the age - the Canaanites. If I'm honest, I would have been astounded that my promise had come with them already there!

But what did Abraham do? He built an altar and he worshipped. He trusted. Do we really understand that the testing of our faith is essential to perfect us? That without a test, we can't have a testimony? Will we stay faithful and obedient, when the promise doesn't look the way we thought it would?

Abraham's altar said, "I'm believing your promise. It is unfolding differently than I expected; but I still believe you can bring it to pass. And I trust that you are working something necessary in me through this process."

For many of us, today is a good day to build just such an altar. Our promise may look different than we had perceived or imagined it - they usually do. Many promises come like some of those delightful children's toys - with 'some assembly required'. But that is because He is building us into someone that can sustain the promise.

Many people turn from the promise of God when it came with battles or complications we would rather be without. But if the Lord is there with us, He will be faithful to continue what He has begun. It just requires that we build an altar of obedience and trust.

REFLECTION

Is the promise unfolding differently than you wanted it to? Take some time today to prayerfully consider what the altar of trust looks like in your life.

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PRAYER POINT

Mondays - Prayer for Our Families

Joshua 24:15, "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Numbers 6:24-26, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you & be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you & give you peace."

Today we pray for our families. Let's pray the blessing over them, and submit our lives to faithfully serve Him and do His will.

Day 3 - Altar of Intimacy

BIBLE READING: Psalm 63; John 17:3; Philippians 3:7-10



Genesis 12:8, "From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the Lord and called on the name of the Lord."

If you look at the altar in verse seven (we talked about it yesterday), and the altar in today's verse, you will notice something different: The first altar was built as a response to the word (promise) of the Lord. But the second altar was built to call on the Lord. This second altar signifies a place of prayer and personal communion with God. This is an altar of intimacy.

Abraham was coming to know the Lord as more than just the all powerful creator of the universe. Could I venture to say that his relationship with Jehovah was increasing? Growing in intimacy and communion - perhaps even a reverent familiarity?

Whatever great and precious promises we may have, they are no substitute for growing in intimacy with Him on a personal level. If you think about it, Abraham's faith was actually the result of this growing relationship. So when he arrived in the hills, the first thing he did was build an altar. He wasn't satisfied to wait for God to speak to him. Instead, he took the initiative to call out first.

Doesn't that warm your heart? I think that Paul was just the same. In fact, he said to Timothy, "I know in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able..." (2 Tim 1:12). Paul is telling Timothy that it was because of the relationship he had with God, that he knew what God could or would do in the circumstances he faced. Relationship and intimacy create something so powerful - assurance. So when Abraham arrived in Bethel, one of the first things he did was build an altar and cry out to the Lord.

This is an altar that we must build in our lives. One where we set aside time to call upon the name of the Lord. Where we give precious time to get to know him. How much must it bless Him when we take the initiative to reach out to Him; rather than wait to sense His presence?

REFLECTION

Meditate on the verse Jeremiah 29:13 today. Bring it before your eyes and thoughts throughout the day (write it on paper, set it as a reminder - do something so it keeps coming before your eyes today). Let it sink in.

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PRAYER POINT

Tuesdays - Prayer for Our Nation

Proverbs 11:14, “For lack of guidance a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisers.”

James 3:15-17, “Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic... But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.”

Let's ask Him to surround our decision makers with good and godly advisors. Let's pray that the wisdom from above, will be made available to them.

Day 4 - Altar of No-Return

BIBLE READING: Genesis 12:10-13:18



Today we look at Abraham's third altar. He built this one after he and Lot separated. He built this one after he had been to Egypt. I think that this is a very important altar for many of us to build today. You see, this altar is built on a resolve to stop wandering away from God's purposes. This altar represents a decision to stay committed to God's will and not to return to old patterns of behaviour.

Abraham's trip to Egypt was not his most glorious moment. It was instead a sad testimony of fear and weakness. How many of us can identify with Abraham (though hopefully not the part where we give Pharaoh our wife!)? How many of us get tired, and step into weakness? How many of us become fearful, and make foolish, selfish decisions?

Abraham ultimately returns to the Bethel. And he returns to calling on the name of the Lord, thank goodness! (13:4) But ultimately there isn't enough space at Bethel for both his household and Lot's, so they decide to separate. Lot chooses for himself the best land, and pitches his tent as close to the evil city of Sodom as possible; but Abraham turns his back on Sodom, and moves to Hebron. And when Abraham gets there, you guessed it; he builds an altar.

This third altar is a restoration to his former commitment. It's a time and place where Abraham draws a line in the sand, saying "I'm here where God means for me to be, and there will be no more wandering!" It is also an altar of separation. By turning away from Sodom and Gomorrah to go to Hebron; Abraham separated himself to the Lord.

Hebrews 11:10 describes it this way; “Because he looked for the city whose builder and maker is God”. Isn’t that good? When you are looking for the city of God, you don’t need what the world has to offer. This was a truth that had become reality to Abraham.

We must arrive at this altar at some point. A place where we decide we will never drift away in pursuit of the good or the easy life. A point in our life where we will never again leave the assigned purposes of God, because it is just not worth it!

REFLECTION

Abraham had tried to do things Egypt’s way. But the day came when “he looked to the city whose builder and maker is God”. Abraham got his eye onto eternity. He reached his point of no-return, and he built an altar of separation there. Is it time for you?

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PRAYER POINT

Wednesdays - Prayer for Our City and Region

Jeremiah 29:7, “Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.”

Today let’s pray for both peace and prosperity to increase in our region.

Day 5 - Altar of Sacrifice

BIBLE READING: Genesis 22:1-19

Today we find the most difficult altar a man could ever build. It's the altar we place our hopes and dreams upon. The altar we place the things, the people, most precious to us. This altar tells the most beautiful tale of implicit trust. But do not kid yourself, this is a very hard place to worship from.

And why does this altar exist? Why does God's plan and purpose often not look the way we thought it would? Why is the 'father of many nations' being asked to offer up his heir? How will all the nations be blessed without him?

Abraham never asks. That's a 'pause and think' moment! Instead, he simply obeys. Obedience that never seems to doubt the purpose of God. In Hebrews 11 we read, "By faith Abraham, when he was tried, offered up Isaac... accounting that God was able to raise him up ..."

Faith and obedience built an altar of sacrifice. This test seems too severe for us to comprehend. Yet when Isaac asks the question on everyone's mind, 'Where is the lamb?'; Abraham confidently responds, 'God will provide himself a lamb'.

We saw it at the first altar Abraham built - this trust in God. But my how that faith has matured to such a place as this. And that faith caused a great miracle to happen. Yes, a ram appeared in a thicket that day. But more importantly, Jesus appeared on a cross in the day to come.

And that is the great lesson that comes from placing our dream, our promise on the altar of sacrifice. Understanding that we cannot possibly understand. Things WILL look different than we thought, and often than we want. But faith, faith just trusts. Faith just builds the altar.

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REFLECTION

None of us will be subjected to the same testing as Abraham, but the question remains: “Are we willing to commit our all to Him who never makes mistakes? Do we fully trust in His wisdom, goodness and kindness? Are we willing to place all on the altar of sacrifice?”

Take some time today to honestly assess your ability to let God do ‘it’, His way.

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PRAYER POINT

Thursdays - Prayer for Revival

2 Chronicles 7:14, “If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

Today we humble ourselves. Father would you hear our cry and heal our land?

Day 6 - Trusting the Shepherd

BIBLE READING: Psalm 23

The loving Shepherd is 'hands-on' in our lives.

Psalm 23 is a favourite passage in the Bible for many Christians. And why wouldn't it be? It gives us such a beautiful picture of a God who cares about us. He is not being revealed as an indifferent instructor, boss or coach; but as a loving Shepherd who is 'hands-on' in our lives.

The Psalmist is declaring that his experiences are the result of the very personal care and guidance of a very involved shepherd. This is very heartening. But when you really dig into the passage, you might see some aspects to this love and care that you would probably prefer to do without:

-a walk through the valley of death - couldn't He lead me around that?

-a table in the presence of my enemies - why on earth would He stop here for a meal?

We must understand that some (but not all) of the difficult moments we face, are in truth the result of being led by a Shepherd who is intimately involved in your life. A loving Shepherd who can be trusted to know best.

Sometimes the leading and care of the Lord involves dark and terrible valleys where the enemy is lurking. But the valley is also where the richest grass is. And sometimes His rod and staff don't seem to be comforting, so much as controlling. But He is the one who can be trusted to know best. Life has taught me that He will take us through discomfort, to ensure that we will be ready for our purpose. He is not nearly so interested in my happiness, as He is my wholeness.

The journey He would take you on, is the refiners fire. Like the sheep, we just want to reach our destination. But the journey is transforming us. The fire we experience in that journey brings strength. Wisdom. Faithfulness. The God kind of love. What is happening? We are becoming more Christlike.

REFLECTION

Abraham, through his journey - through the altars and worship, through the battles and tests, through the enduring and the patience; became a man of incredible faith and the father of nations. What could the journey, the refiners fire; do in your life? What valleys have you been trying to circle around, rather than go through with the Shepherd by your side?

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PRAYER POINT

Fridays - Prayer for the Lost

Ezekiel 36:26, "And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh."

Pray that even the hardest of hearts would find in the power of Christ, the opportunity to become hearts of flesh.

Day 7 - The Sacrifice is Laid

BIBLE READING: 2 Chronicles 11:16; Hebrews 13:15-16; 1 Peter 2:5

Today let's begin to look at what happens ON the altar we build. The first thing that happens on the altar, is that a sacrifice is laid there.

Romans 12:1-2 says, "Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will."



"Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice." Isn't it interesting that in many ways, we are both the altar and the sacrifice? We build an altar with the disappointments and the brokenness, and with the very trajectory and purpose of our life; and then we give the sacrifice of our behaviours (body) and our thought patterns (mind).

I have come to realise just how significant it can be for us to get the altar and the sacrifice in this order. (Of course it can happen the other way around as it did for Gideon in Judges 6). Too many of us have spent a lot of time trying to give the sacrifice without properly preparing the altar first. Yet, when we have resolved to build our life's purpose INTO an altar; we then have a beautiful place to lay the rest of ourself upon in sacrifice. It doesn't make the sacrifice easier to give, but it does make it less arduous. This is because the sacrifice now becomes bigger than saying 'no' for 'no's sake'. The sacrifice is about saying 'yes' to the higher purpose. You have built an altar in worship. And now you are laying a sacrifice down upon it.

And know this: when I lift Him high, and then I lay me down; something very special happens.

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As we end this first week of KINDLE THE FLAME, take some time today to talk to the Father about the sacrifice. Psalm 4:5 says, “Offer right sacrifices and put your trust in the Lord”.

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you the ‘right sacrifice’ in your life. He knows the thing that belongs on the spiritual altar of your life. And then trust Him when He answers.

PRAYER POINT

Saturdays - Prayer for the Global Church

2 Peter 3:18, “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.”

Colossians 1:28-29, “He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.”

Today we are praying for mission and growth for the church everywhere. Pray that the church will labor to present everyone mature in Christ.

WEEK TWO - KINDLE THE FLAME



For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God,
which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

2 Timothy 1:6



Day 8 - What Comes Next?

BIBLE READING: 1 Chronicles 21:18-26; Leviticus 9:16-24

The first thing that happens on the altar? A sacrifice is laid. What comes next? Fire. Fire consumes the sacrifice. Most times, man provides the fire. But four times in the Old Testament God sent the fire Himself:

1 Chronicles 21 - Fire came down to consume David's sacrifice.

In David's case, God was forgiving sin and halting a plague. But this was also a significant fire because it marked the place where the future temple would be built.

2 Chronicles 7 - Fire came down to consume Solomon's sacrifice

In Solomon's case, God was consecrating that location (again), at the temple dedication.

1 Kings 18 - Fire came down to consume Elijah's sacrifice on Mount Carmel.

In Elijah's case, God was shaming the false prophets of the Baal, confirming He was the one, true God of Israel.

Leviticus 9 - Fire came down to consume the offering after Moses and Aaron came out of the tent of meeting. In Moses and Aaron's case, this followed the ordaining of the first priests.

This was the fire the priests were responsible to never let die. (Lev 6:12-13) For the 800 years (until the Babylonian captivity) that sacrifices were offered upon the sacred altar, this fire never went out.

This sacred, heavenly fire was an essential part of the Old Testament temple and the ministry of its priests. So where does that leave a New Testament believer? Do we produce our own fire, or is there another occasion of holy, heavenly fire?

Matthew 3:11, "...after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Acts 2:2-4, "Suddenly a sound like a mighty rushing wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Heaven has indeed sent the New Testament believer holy fire. His name is Spirit of God.

REFLECTION

For 800 years, the priests kept the fire perpetually burning. Take some time today to think about the fire in your life. Has it varied in intensity? Were there times it burned so strong, yet other times it seemed a dying kindle in the bottom of the fire pan?

Spend some time with God today, thinking about why it varied in intensity. And then, whatever its current intensity; set yourself to kindling that flame. (And make sure to get to Gateway today for the message, 'Kindle the Flame')

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PRAYER POINT

Sundays - Prayer for Our Church

Matthew 28:19-20, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Let's pray that we will be a church of disciples, that makes disciples. That we will have a heart for people of all nations, in our city and abroad.

Day 9 - The Smoking Flax

BIBLE READING: Matthew 12:9-21

In today's reading, Matthew is quoting a prophecy by Isaiah - "A bruised reed He will not break, And smoking flax He will not quench; He will bring forth justice for truth..." (Is 42:3)

In this prophecy the 'He' is talking about Jesus; the "bruised reed" and the "smoking flax" speaks of those who are weak or struggling - spiritually, physically, or morally. Thank goodness He does not break the bruised, as bruises can heal. But what is a "smoking flax"?

Flax was the fiber used as a wick in cheaper oil lamps. (The better lamps used twisted cotton because it lasted longer, and required less attention to keep the flame burning). When the oil in the cheaper lamp began to run out, the flax would continue to burn, but it would smoulder and smoke. Instead of a steady flame, it would give off a dim, irritating glow.

A smoking, smouldering lamp was in danger of losing any light or heat that it had. It needed to be tended either by trimming the charred wick or by adding more oil. This was the only way to restore a bright flame. Either that or you quench the wick, and get yourself a better lamp!

But thank goodness that is not what Jesus does. Jesus does not extinguish the struggling flame of those who need Him. Though he told us in Revelation (3:16) that he prefers cold to lukewarm, He does not snuff out the "smoking flax". And for this we can be eternally grateful.

Maybe you are on this fast because you found yourself frail, discouraged and wounded. Know that He sees you. A bruised reed He will not break. He would heal those wounds. And the smoking flax He will not quench. Over and over in the gospels, we see Jesus caring for the "smoking flax"-

- the widow whose son had died
- the demon-possessed boy
- the prostitute
- the tax collector in a tree

Jesus did not quench the smoking flax. Instead He fanned the flames in those who struggled. And He desires to do so for you today also. So whether your fire flickers because of hardship, or trauma, or even your own foolishness - spend healing time with Him today. He delights in filling our lamp with fresh oil.

PERSONAL PRAYER

Thank you Father for such compassionate care. Thank you for a merciful Saviour who does not break the bruised reed, but instead heals. Thank you that you do not quench the smoking flax, but stand at the ready with the oil of your Holy Spirit. I desire to burn for you. I invite you to work in my life today. (Now make this prayer your own)

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PRAYER POINT

Mondays - Prayer for Our Families

Matthew 7:24, “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock.” Pray for the wisdom and the courage to build your home on His Word and to seek and follow His ways.

Isaiah 32:18, “My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.” Pray the truth of this verse over your home and family.

Pray the truth of this verse over your home and family.

Day 10 - Stir it Up

BIBLE READING: 2 Timothy 1:3-9; Revelation 2:1-7

Remember Sundays message - 'Kindle the Flame'? (If not, you really need to listen to it again!). We learned about the Greek word 'Anazopureo'. It is the word Paul used when speaking to Timothy, about the gift of God on his life. It means 'fan into flames', 'rekindle', or 'stir up'. And after Sunday, we are all 'fired up' (excuse my pun) to do just that! So I'm going to share a spiritual 'life hack', which is one great way to stir yourself up.

In Revelation chapter two, John writes prophetically to the church in Ephesus. First, there is praise for their hard work and perseverance. But then he goes on to tell them that heaven has something against them. We all know this part - "Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love." Don't judge Ephesus - you've been there too! You sit back and suddenly realise that you are not as in love with Jesus as you first were. So what do we do about this? Well, the second part of verse five is the hack - "Repent and do the things you did at first."

When we want to kindle the flame in our life again; some of the best things we can do, are the things we were doing when we were on fire before!

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REPENT AND DO THE THINGS YOU DID AT FIRST

Perhaps you read a certain teaching book or autobiography of a faith hero that inspired you so much. Perhaps you invested more time into praying in tongues or Bible study. Maybe you started to journal, prayer walk or - well the list is endless! But those things that you were doing, they were feeding the fire in your life. Then, for whatever reason, you stopped doing those things. And the results have not been that brilliant if you are being honest with yourself.

But if you will return to some of those "first love" things you were doing before, those things you were doing when you were walking in a passion and zeal for Him; you will begin to sense heaven's call again. And you will begin to feel that beautiful, magnetic pull of eternity on your spirit.

ACTIVATION

‘Anazopureo’. Nothing more needs to be said - you know what to do!

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PRAYER POINT

Tuesdays - Prayer for Our Nation

Proverbs 14:34, “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin condemns any people.”

Psalm 46:1, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”

Today let’s pray that our leaders would awake to righteousness (1 Cor 15:34). As believers let’s stand in the gap for our nation, and ask God to be a present help in the UK.

Day 11 - Lie Down, Dead Man

BIBLE READING: Romans 6:10-14; 7:15-20

Have you ever had an old habit that you just can't seem to shake off? Something you wanted to let go of, but somehow couldn't? Or maybe it's the exact opposite - you would like to introduce a new, godly habit like early morning prayer, but you just can't get out of bed! We all struggle with these. Living sacrifices do not like to stay on the altar!

Even Paul speaks of his struggle with this in Romans. "What I want to do I do not do, but what I hate, I do." This is THE APOSTLE PAUL, who wrote half of the New Testament and performed amazing miracles in the Name of Jesus. Paul who teaches us to live holy, is admitting here that even he struggles with "the evil I do not want to do."

Let's just be honest, this is a tough reality for all Christians who desire to break free from our old nature. But, let's also understand that this struggle does not contradict the transformative power of God. It is merely a testament to both our carnal human nature and our need for Jesus.

We CAN'T overcome this struggle in our effort. Believe me, I've tried. This is a battle of spirit against flesh, and we only win with Jesus by our side. So don't get discouraged when situations

arise. But don't give up either. Old habits die hard. And living sacrifices keep needing to be reminded to lie back down!

Romans 6:11 says, "...count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus." A driving instructor once told me "You will always go where you are looking, so keep your eyes on the road." You see, it will not be your greatest efforts or your best intentions that will bring you victory over your flesh. Focusing on "the evil I do not want to do" just doesn't work. The only way a successful sacrifice can be made is IN CHRIST JESUS. So focus on Jesus today. IN HIM is your victory.

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FURTHER READING

Matthew 14:29-30

John 15:1-8

Hebrews 12:1-2

Isaiah 40:31

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Wednesdays - Prayer for Our City and Region

1 Timothy 2:1-2, "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth.

Let's lift up in prayer today all those in positions of authority in our city - mayor, counsellors, police, educators, judges, etc.

Day 12 - The Refiners Fire

BIBLE READING: Psalm 66:8-12; 1 Peter 1:3-9; Proverbs 17:3

Malachi 3:2-3, "...For He will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; He will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver."

Today let's talk about the refiners fire. Four hundred years before the arrival of Jesus, the prophet Malachi was sent to Israel with a message. His message was a reminder of God's deep love for them. He called them to return to Jehovah in anticipation of the coming of the Messiah.

Part of his message describes the Messiah's coming as a refiners fire. A refiner's fire melts down a metal to purify it. You see, once a metal is in a liquid state, the dross (rubbish) in the metal separates out and can be removed by the refiner. This is a powerful picture of what happens when we encounter God's transformative power working in our lives.

It is through holy fire that God will draw out our dross. The refiner's fire does not destroy the metal. It removes the junk. It does not consume the metal. It makes the metal more valuable. And this is what God's fire desires to accomplish in you and me. He cares about the condition of our hearts. When we need His redemptive work, the



refiner's fire comes into play. Haven't you experienced it? His refining you - allowing you to go through trials - so that you can be set free from strongholds and bondage, and the junk removed.

Remember when Peter denied Jesus?

Remember when Joseph was sold into slavery?

When Moses killed the Egyptian taskmaster?

Going through the refiner's fire is part of His work in our lives. We can welcome it, even if we don't enjoy it, because it means there is something being refined, something being redeemed. And if we will trust Him to the end, the result will be precious.

REFLECTION

Consider today what the fire desires to refine in your life. What would redemption - God turning that thing around - look like in your life?

Take some time to pray about that He would reveal to you the work that He would do in you. And commit to trust the process.

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PRAYER POINT

Thursdays - Prayer for Revival

Isaiah 60:1-2, “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you.”

Let's ask God today to shine His light in the darkness. Pray that His light would shine on us, through us, that it would rise upon us.

Day 13 - Don't Look Back!

BIBLE READING: Genesis 19:12-29

Last week, we talked a lot about Abraham. Today, let's take a day to spend time with his nephew, Lot.

When Abraham built his third altar, we saw that he had had enough of doing things his own way, and the way of the Egyptians. Lot meanwhile, parked himself near to the Canaanite city of Sodom.

And in Genesis 19, we discover that he was no longer living near them, but with them. And now he needs rescuing from that very poor decision.

That city had come to the point where it would destroy everyone who dwelled there. But God in his mercy, has come to urge Lot to get out of there. Sadly, Lot's son in laws didn't want rescuing. Sadly, his wife couldn't decide what she wanted. Do you ever do that? Remember sin and shame, remember selfishness and greed, as better than they were? "Don't look back", proved too hard for Lot's wife.



You could say that both Abraham and Lot had their 'Come to Jesus' moment, but boy did they look different! I don't know about you, but I would much prefer to build an altar and declare my point of 'no return' than need to be rescued from my choices! Yet how many of us have found ourselves in a situation not unlike Lot's? We got too close to a pattern of thought, which led to a pattern of behaviour, and the next thing we know - it has become OUR pattern of thought and behaviour too. Abraham had wisely set himself a distance away, but not Lot - he'd moved right in! And now the city was uninhabitable.

I doubt that Abraham ever doubted his decision to build that third altar. We know he continued to face tests and trials. Including being asked by Jehovah to sacrifice his son of promise! But Abraham had learned through both his bad decisions and his good ones - that following after God and leaving the other stuff behind - was the best decision he could ever make with his life.

REFLECTION

Read Mark 4:13-19.

Lot messed up. He got too close to the 'cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches'.

What are some patterns of behaviour or thinking that you could really do with sacrificing on the 'Altar of No Return'?

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PRAYER POINT

Thursdays - Prayer for the Lost

Matthew 9:37-38, "Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Pray that He would send His labourers (including you), and that they would willingly go, into His harvest.

Day 14 - Moses 2.0

BIBLE READING: Exodus 2:11-25

In the days after Joseph, the Egyptians became worried about how great in number the Israelites were, fearing insurrection. So they began to oppress the Jews. Then they enslaved them. Then they turned to genocide, drowning the Israelite baby boys. This was what Moses was born into. He should have been drowned, but instead he is adopted by Pharaoh's daughter. Even better, his birth mother is employed to raise him!

His birth mother would have told him the stories of Israel. And the prophecies about suffering in Egypt for 400 years, but then being saved through mighty acts of God's power (Gen 15:13-14). And his Egyptian mother would have ensured that he was growing up in the wealth and power of Egypt, learning their wisdom and ways. Perhaps he became convinced he had been saved from death to be a deliverer. And he would have been right. But he didn't wait for the timing and plan of God. Instead, Moses makes a foolhardy attempt to liberate one Jewish slave. It goes horribly wrong, and Moses has to flee to the backside of the desert.

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Moses had been part of the most powerful family in the world, a prince of Egypt. But now he is a total outsider. For 40 years he lives as a 'stranger in a strange land' (Exod 2:22). I expect that was a lot of time to think. To refine. To humble. The Bible later describes him as the meekest man on the earth. Quite a difference from the hothead he was back in Egypt. But THIS is the version of Moses that God used to work a mighty deliverance. This was "Moses 2.0".

What God has ordained for us is never going to be about our strength or savvy - it was always meant to be about Him. God did not use the prince of Egypt. He used an eighty year old shepherd, who had been through the fire. So whatever regrets and failures you might have, whatever foolish - or arrogant - decisions you have made; there is nothing that the fire cannot redeem in your life.

REFLECTION

Delivering Israel was part of God's purpose for Moses. But Moses had to learn to do things God's way, in God's time, and with God's anointing. Some rough edges had to be knocked off in the desert - the fire. Because that is the way destiny comes to pass in all its fulness.

What about you? Where are you in this story? And will you fully embrace the fire's work in creating the "2.0" version of you?

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PRAYER POINT

Saturdays - Prayer for the Global Church

Romans 8:18, "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."

2 Timothy 1:7, "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."

Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Today let's take some time to lift up our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith.

WEEK THREE - WHEN WIND MEETS FIRE



When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4



Day 15 - The Invitation

BIBLE READING: Hebrews 12:18-29

Have you ever stopped to read the book of Leviticus? It isn't a real "page turner". In Leviticus we learn of the five temple offerings:

1. The Burnt Offering: (Leviticus 6:8-13)

This offering represents the old life condemned, the innocent animal burnt up in the flames of judgement. Jesus was this innocent offering for us on Calvary. (1 Pet 3:18)

2. The Sin Offering: (Leviticus 6:24-30)

This offering was given as reparation for unintentional sins or to purify from uncleanness. Jesus paid this price for us on Calvary.

3. The Guilt Offering: (Leviticus 7:1-10)

This offering was given as reparation for sins against others, and also involved monetary restitution for the offended party. Jesus paid this price for us on Calvary also.

4. The Grain Offering (Leviticus 6:14-23)

This offering expressed gratitude for new life in God and His provision. Unlike offerings for sin, it was a response of thankfulness after a person had been accepted by God through another sacrifice. We still have the privilege to bring such an offering of gratitude with our life, our time, our finances.

5. The Peace Offering (Leviticus 7:11-21)

Because of the sin offerings, peace with God had been temporarily secured. This offering was about a desire to fellowship with God. None of the other offerings allowed the giver to linger or to partake. But the peace offering involved eating a shared meal at the altar, and drawing near to the Lord in worship.

You see, this is what we have always been heading for. Jesus was the burnt offering, once for all. And Jesus paid the cost of the sin and guilt offerings. Because of His sacrifice we can bring our offerings of gratitude.

But it doesn't stop there. Because now we have an invitation. An invitation to sit and linger in His courts. Not only that, but when the curtain was torn at Jesus death (Matt 27:51), we were granted even greater access into His holy place. To dwell in His presence.

Now we have an invitation to come up the mountain, and meet with God. Jesus was often seen going up the mountain to meet the Father. One day He invited Peter, James and John to experience what would happen up there. Today, He invites you.

REFLECTION

Take some time to read Hebrews 12:18-29 and Psalm 24.

The altars, the offerings - they were all for the purpose of worship, connection and drawing near to God. So don't let this fast be about works. Today, make sure that you are drawing near to the One. And don't miss todays message! - 'When Wind Meets Fire'

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PRAYER POINT

Sundays - Prayer for Our Church

Isaiah 61:11. "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor."

Let's pray for His anointing on our church. Our services, our outreach, and our lives as individuals. Ask Him for a revelation that He has anointed you!

Day 16 - The Secret Place is the Furnace

BIBLE READING: Psalm 91



There is a place in God where transformation becomes inevitable. It is the place where the noise of the world is silenced and the whisper of His voice and the power of His presence reshapes you from the inside out. Scripture calls it the secret place - but Heaven calls it the furnace.

In Acts 2 the disciples were touched with tongues of fire, but long before that day they were shaped by something far less dramatic: a cultivated lifestyle of closeness to Jesus. What happened in that upper room didn't start in Acts 2 - it started years earlier when a group of ordinary young men chose to stay near Him, listen to Him, and allow His presence to become their home.

The secret place is not hidden because God is elusive - it's hidden because it's sacred. It is the place where the flame of His presence meets the altar of your heart. And in that exchange, something supernatural happens. The impurities begin to rise. The fears, the doubts, the insecurities - they don't survive in the furnace of His nearness. The secret place is where you come out different than you went in.

Moses had a secret place in the tent of meeting, and Scripture says that when he emerged, his face shone. (Ex. 34:29) David had a secret place, and it made him unshakeable in the presence of Goliath. Jesus Himself often withdrew to the mountain alone, and it was from that furnace of communion that He walked in unparalleled authority and compassion.

The furnace does not consume you - it consumes everything that is not you. Everything that doesn't belong. Everything that has tried to attach itself to your identity, your calling, your confidence in God. The fire burns it away and refines it. Then glory transforms it.

The world may never see your secret place. But they will always see the effect of it. Like Peter and John, they may say, "These men are untrained... but they have been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13)

Today, our invitation is simple: Withdraw. Come close. Let the wind of His Spirit meet the fire in the quiet chamber of your heart. The secret place is where the burning ones are made.

REFLECTION

Read Psalm 91 and Matthew 6:6.

Ask yourself: Is the secret place my routine, is it my home? What is God refining in you right now? What is He awakening?

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PRAYER POINT

Mondays - Prayer for Our Families

Colossians 3:14b-15, “MESS And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It’s your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it. Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other. None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness. Let the Word of Christ—the Message - have the run of the house. Give it plenty of room in your lives.”

Pray for your family to be clothed in love, peace, selflessness. Pray you'll make room in your lives to bring glory to God.

Day 17 - Buried or Planted

BIBLE READING: Acts 9:1-31

David was promised that a Messiah would come from His royal line and rule forever. Jesus is seen as the fulfilment of this. He is described as the “Seed of David”, because 2 Samuel 7 says, “When your days are over and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your seed (offspring) to succeed you.”

Jesus knew He was the seed. So there was great meaning behind what He said in John 12:24, “...unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” Jesus, the Seed of David, describes His death as a fruitful one. He would be a seed that dies, is buried, and from which new life would come. His death would bring abundant life.

But lets look at John 12 again: “Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honour the one who serves me.” (v. 25-26).

Jesus wasn’t talking only about Himself. He wanted us to re-evaluate what ‘living our best life’

really looks like. Glen Scrivener says, “There is a kind of life that is not really life - it is grasping for self that leads down to the grave. On the other hand there is a kind of death that is not really death - it is losing of self that leads up to eternal life...In one you are buried, in the other you are planted. In one you perish, in the other you’re a seed.”

This is what we mean when we sing: “He turns graves into gardens”. It’s about more than His ability to fix any mess I might have made of my life. It’s about what He can do when I allow myself, my plans, my identity, to fall to the ground and die. Not buried, but planted.

Isn’t Paul a brilliant example of this? After his conversion on the road to Damascus, he was changed. Saul (his Jewish name), whose burning mission was to destroy the Lord’s disciples, was buried. But Paul (his Roman name), picked up a holy calling to partner with the Holy Spirit, preaching the gospel to the Gentiles with signs and wonders following. He grasped a revelation that resulted in him writing two-thirds of the New Testament books. Saul was not buried, but planted.

REFLECTION

Read 2 Corinthians 4 today, and ponder this question - When my days have been completed and I am called back home; will my testimony be buried, or planted?

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PRAYER POINT

Tuesdays - Prayer for Our Nation

Psalm 82:3-4, "Defend the weak and the fatherless; uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed. Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."

Psalm 9:18, "But God will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish."

Today, let's pray for those living in poverty in our nation. Let's pray that God will raise up people, charities, and organisations that would uphold the cause of the poor.

Day 18 - The Most Vehement Flame

BIBLE READING: Hebrews 12:28-29; Song of Solomon 8:6-7; Proverbs 8:17

God's love IS the consuming fire. It IS the 'most vehement flame'. Matthew 14 tells us that it was love that motivated Jesus to heal. John 3 tells us that it was love that motivated Him to hang on the cross. And it is love for Him, and love for others, that will set you apart, and turn you into one of the burning ones.

When we have been rekindled to Jesus as our first love, and when we are burning to know Him more, the presence of God ignites and increases in our life. It changes what we focus on, what we pursue. As we allow that fire to have its way in us, we next find ourselves in the very heart of His presence. And it is there, that we become fully and truly alive. Fully and truly consumed.

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“[For my determined purpose is] that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly], and that I may in that same way come to know the power outflowing from His resurrection [which it exerts over believers], and that I may so share His sufferings - as to be continually transformed [in spirit into His likeness even] to His death,” (Phil 3:10 AMPC).

We must cultivate a lifestyle of remaining on fire with our love for Jesus and our passion to know Him more. God doesn't ask us to serve Him with half or even most of our heart and mind: Instead He asks us to "...love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength".

The Psalmist put it best when he said that zeal consumed him. (Ps 69:9). God has made it pretty clear - He is not looking for more lukewarm followers. And the world certainly won't benefit from them either. Instead, we need to be the burning ones - who have, and will continue, to kindle the fire of love.

Loving God and loving others is serious business.
Let's keep at it, by the fire of His Holy Spirit.

REFLECTION

1 Corinthians 14:1 in the Amplified version says, “Eagerly pursue and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest].”

Many times we have gone lukewarm whilst pursuing spiritual knowledge and spiritual gifts. But if we were to instead make love for Him, and love for others, our ‘great quest’; do you think it would lead to a different result? (Truth is, we’d probably have all three.)

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PRAYER POINT

Wednesdays - Prayer for Our City and Region

Romans 12:21, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

Let’s pray the enemy would not successfully influence the people of our city to choose evil in response to the fear and unrest he is sowing. Pray the church would show the “better way”, choosing love and kindness over division and hostility.

Day 19 - All Consuming Fire

2 Chronicles 7:1, “As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.”

A Catholic priest once said, “Fire is not very balanced or moderate. Fire is not interested in negotiation. Instead, it seeks to completely consume everything it touches.”

Or, as Hebrews says, “...since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our “God is a consuming fire.” (12:28-29)

You are chosen by God to be set apart, consumed by the fire of His love.

You are a part of the remnant army that Jesus is raising up for “such at time as this”.

You are invited to step into your call as a burning one who will finish well.

Without fire, we really have nothing of value to offer this world. So we must burn to know Jesus. And we must burn to glorify His name - no matter

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the cost. I may not know what the fire of God would produce in your life, but I know that it would mark you and change you. And I know that you would become a torch that will light the way for some, and ignite a revival fire in others.

You see, Pentecost marked a great change in how God works among man. God sent His Holy Spirit fire to work with and through us. In the Old Testament, it was the select few that the Holy Spirit rested upon and empowered. But today, He abides within all believers. And He rests upon and empowers the burning ones.

Smith Wigglesworth said this: “God wants to flow through you with measureless power of divine utterance and grace till your whole body is a flame of fire. God intends each soul in Pentecost to be a live wire. Not a monument, but a movement.”

So what must we do? We must steward well the flame within us, so we can become a conduit for revival fire to flow through. We must focus on Jesus, so we do not burn out. And we must continually remember to put more fuel on the fire.

REFLECTION

Read Leviticus 6:12-13.

Every Autumn, we stock up our wood store and garage with various ‘fuel’s’ for our log burner. Hardwood, kiln dried wood, wood briquettes, e-coal, kindling - it’s quite the collection.

Spiritually, it is so important that we keep finding fuel to keep the flame burning bright and hot.

Today, take some time to figure out what you need in your collection to keep the fire burning.

And read Romans chapter twelve - there is some great fuel listed there!

PRAYER POINT

Thursdays - Prayer for Revival

Isaiah 62:6-7, “I have posted watchmen on your walls, Jerusalem; they will never be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.”

Amos 9:13, “The days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the reaper will be overtaken by the plowman and the planter by the one treading grapes. New wine will drip from the mountains and flow from all the hills.”

Today, let’s be the watchmen on the walls, giving Him no rest. Pray for the new wine to be experienced, and for the day when the reaper overtakes the sower to be upon us.

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Day 20 - The Kingdom is at Hand

BIBLE READING: Mark 12:28-34

At the beginning of Jesus earthly ministry, He announced “the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” (Matt 4:17). When He cast out demons, Jesus said it was ‘the kingdom of God come upon you’. (Matt 12:28). He told the man with spiritual insight in our reading today, “You are not far from the kingdom.”

When Jesus sent the disciples out to preach and heal, He asked them to tell people that the ‘kingdom had come near. Even when their message and ministry was rejected, they were still supposed to say, “The kingdom of God has come near you.” (Luke 10).

All of this, reveals to us that the “kingdom of heaven” is not talking about “the sweet by and by.” When Jesus said that the kingdom is at hand, He was declaring it near and accessible. He was saying that something spiritual was occurring; it had come “near” and was having an impact on the physical world.

After the fire fell on Peter and John and they changed so dramatically, people took note of them, that they had been with Jesus. (Acts 4:13). What was happening? The kingdom of heaven was having an effect.

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The same can be true for us today. As we spend time in the furnace of His secret place, as we kindle the fire in our spirit, wonderful things can begin to happen. First, we begin to see things and believe things differently than we used to. We are changing (that is one form of repentance - changing the way you think), because the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

When something is “at hand”, it doesn’t take much to reach out and touch it. In the kingdom of God, there is no disease, no chains, no spiritual blindness. When that reality collides with this world, the enemy loses his grip. The kingdom of heaven is near, friends. And it is the fire of God that gives you and I the courage to access it. For ourself and for others.

REFLECTION

Read Matthew 10:7-8 & 16:15-19; Luke 12:31-32

Jesus released the kingdom of Heaven. He taught His disciples to release His kingdom. He provided His Spirit for His early church to release His kingdom.

Can you not feel Him urge you and I to do the same?
Take some time today to consecrate your heart to this purpose.

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PRAYER POINT

Fridays - Prayer for the Lost

John 6:44, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them...”

Acts 26:18, “to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.”

As we pray for the lost today, pray that He would draw men and women to Himself. Pray that He would open eyes to see the light, turn from Satan, & receive forgiveness.

Day 21 - Exit Strategy

BIBLE READING: Exodus 34:1-10

The final day of a fast is not the end of something - it's the beginning of a walk. Over these twenty-one days, you've met with God, heard His voice, and felt His fire kindle within you. But now comes the invitation to walk in what you've received.

Paul writes, "As you therefore have received



Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him" (Col 2:6). The grace that met you in the secret place is the same grace that will now empower you to live this out in daily life...if you'll let it.

When Moses came down from the mountain, carrying the tablets written by the very finger of God, he was glowing with glory. Yet when he saw the people's idolatry, anger overtook him, and he shattered the stones (Exod 32:19). The encounter was real, the revelation was real - but the moment was lost in human-ness.

Thankfully, God did not abandon Moses. He called him back up the mountain and said, "Cut two tablets of

stone like the first ones, and I will write on these tablets the words that were on the first tablets which you broke" (Exod 34:1).

What a picture of mercy. God rewrote what Moses had broken. The same presence that met Moses the first time met him again. The same glory that was lost in anger was restored in grace. This is the heart of God for you today. Maybe you've come through fasts before, only to lose the fire in the weeks or months that followed. Maybe you've broken what God once wrote on your heart. But the Lord says, "Come up to Me on the mountain." He is the God who writes on our hearts again.

The flame you've kindled in this season is meant to burn beyond the fast. It's not sustained by emotion, but by devotion. Keep walking in what you've received - guarding the fire, feeding it with worship and the Word, and letting it illuminate every part of your life. The same Spirit that met you in consecration will empower you in continuation.

Let this be your declaration: "The fire will not go out. The flame will not fade. I will walk in what I have received."

REFLECTION

Meditate on Colossians 2:6-7 and Philippians 1:6.

Take some time today ask the Lord, “What does it look like for me to walk in what You’ve written on my heart?”

Then revisit your journal or notes from this fast. Highlight one word, one promise, or one revelation that you will intentionally live out in the coming weeks.

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PRAYER POINT

Saturdays - Prayer for the Global Church

2 Timothy 4:1-4, “In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage - with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”

Pray that the global church would stay true to a biblical gospel and that members of His global body will rise up to preach, evangelise, and disciple.

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