

Part 2: Helpers of the Flame

2 Corinthians 1:24

Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you stand firm.

Hebrews 3:12

See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

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Message notes:

You can chose to get around people that are fire _____.

My job is not to be a fire _____ –it’s to be a fire starter.

There are all kinds of _____ in life where we need help with the flame.

You can’t be on fire for God and full of _____.

If you just try to keep your fire by _____, it’s a daunting task. We need the body of Christ.

God isn’t looking for performance, He’s looking for _____
_____ that go on the fire and cause your heart to burn with joy, faith, love, acts of service, or worship.

If you’re going to be a helper of other people’s fire, you can’t be _____, critical, or come down on somebody.

You can’t fan someone else’s flame if you don’t have a _____.

_____ yourself and say, “Come pray for me.”

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. The message discussed the role of community in maintaining spiritual fire. Who are the “fire igniters” in your life, and how have they helped you keep your spiritual flame burning? Do these “fire igniters” know you well enough to know when your fire has died down?
2. Pastor Jamie spoke about the difference of being a fire igniter and a fire inspector. What is the difference in those two types of people? In what ways can we support each other’s faith journeys by being fire igniters?
3. Pastor Jamie warned against being dependent on others for spiritual growth. How do you balance receiving help from others with taking personal responsibility for your spiritual fire?
4. The message emphasized honesty about your own spiritual state. Why is it important to be honest about the state of your spiritual flame, and how can vulnerability lead to growth within a community?
5. Pastor Jamie emphasized the need for community and encouragement to prevent hardening of hearts due to life’s challenges. What specific action can you take this week to encourage someone in your life who might be struggling with their faith?

Ministry Time:

Pastor Jamie spoke about giving words of encouragement to people. Pray for anyone who would like to hear from God. Listen specifically for the Holy Spirit to give you a word of encouragement for them.

The message spoke about how being open and humble about our struggles allows others to help fan our flames. Pray for anyone who is willing to be open about struggles that are hindering your flame.