"A God Encounter Part #2"

Lighthouse Teaching

- Moses encounters God in a burning bush. (Exodus 3:1-6 NLT)
 - 3 One day Moses was tending the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian. He led the flock far into the wilderness and came to Sinai, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the middle of a bush. Moses stared in amazement. Though the bush was engulfed in flames, it didn't burn up. 3 "This is amazing," Moses said to himself. "Why isn't that bush burning up? I must go see it." 4 When the Lord saw Moses coming to take a closer look, God called to him from the middle of the bush, "Moses! Moses!" "Here I am!" Moses replied. 5 "Do not come any closer," the Lord warned. "Take off your sandals, for you are standing on holy ground. 6 I am the God of your father the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." When Moses heard this, he covered his face because he was afraid to look at God.
- There are many places in scripture where the presence of God is represented by fire and or light.
- After being in the presence of the Lord Moses' face was radiant when he returned from Mount Sinai. (Exodus 34:29-30 NLT)
 - 29 When Moses came down Mount Sinai carrying the two stone tablets inscribed with the terms of the covenant, he wasn't aware that his face had become radiant because he had spoken to the Lord. 30 So when Aaron and the people of Israel saw the radiance of Moses' face, they were afraid to come near him.
- Passover Celebration (Numbers 9:15-16 NLT)
 - 15 On the day the Tabernacle was set up, the cloud covered it. But from evening until morning the cloud over the Tabernacle looked like a pillar of fire. 16 This was the regular pattern—at night the cloud that covered the Tabernacle had the appearance of fire.
- Tongues of Fire (Acts 2:1-4 NLT)
 - 2 On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

The Vision on Easter Morning

- Why do we celebrate Passover?
- Why did the Holy Spirit show us the presence of God as fire in these passages?
- How does this pertain to this vision for PCC?
- In the old testament the spirit of the Lord would descend and rest.
- After Jesus died on the cross He sent us the Holy Spirit.
- Presence of the Holy Spirit is evidenced by tongues of fire. (Acts 2:1-4 NLT)

Pilot Light Analogy

- When you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, He lit a pilot light inside of you.

"This little light of mine"

- Some have been hiding it under a bushel
- Some have let satan blow it out time and time again
- But it's time to let it shine!

It all starts with "A God Encounter!"

- The exodus from Egypt started with "A God Encounter!"
- Your salvation started with "A God Encounter!"
- The Holy Spirit burning inside of you, just like the lamp, and just like the lighthouse will show you the Way.
- Jesus said I am the way, the truth and the life... (John 14:6 NLT)
- Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. (Psalms 119:105 KJV)
- But just like the old keepers of the light house, you must tend to that flame and keep adding fuel to that fire.

A Pilot Light often has a shield to keep the flame from blowing out.

But what happens when you add fuel to that flame?

- Every time you read the word of God, every time you worship Him, every time you pray and spend time in His presence, with every God Encounter your adding fuel to the Fire!

Friends, It's time that we Encounter the Lord on a daily basis!

Now, what happens when the enemy tries to blow on that well established flame?

- Greater is He that is in me, than He that is in the world... (1 John 4:4 NKJV)
- You begin to burn brighter and brighter, your way becomes even clearer, and the presence of God burning within you lights the way to freedom for those around you!

This is where the Holy Spirit is taking us. It's time for the people of PCC to burn white hot with the presence of God!

It's time for the Exodus of the people enslaved to sin in Pueblo, and the Lord is establishing PCC as a place where the Fire of God and the light of His Presence show the way to Freedom!