

How Real Friendship With The Holy Spirit Can Change Your Life

### INTO THE BIBLE

Never restrain or put out the fire of the Holy Spirit. And don't be one who scorns prophecies, but be faithful to examine them by putting them to the test, and afterward hold tightly to what has proven to be right. Avoid every appearance of evil.

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 TPT

Then the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people, and fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

#### Leviticus 9:23b-24 NKJV

I'm writing to encourage you to fan into a flame and rekindle the fire of the spiritual gift God imparted to you when I laid my hands upon you.

#### 2 Timothy 1:6 TPT

Do not get drunk with wine, which will only ruin you; instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with the words of psalms, hymns, and sacred songs; sing hymns and psalms to the Lord with praise in your hearts. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, always give thanks for everything to God the Father.

#### Ephesians 5:18-20 GNT

The Holy Spirit of God has sealed you in Jesus Christ until you experience your full salvation. So never grieve the Spirit of God or take for granted his holy influence in your life. Lay aside bitter words, temper tantrums, revenge, profanity, and insults. But instead be kind and affectionate toward one another. Has God graciously forgiven you? Then graciously forgive one another in the depths of Christ's love.

Ephesians 4:30-32 TPT



## SERMON TAKEAWAYS

#### 5 WAYS TO RELEASE THE FIRE

- 1. Create Space To Read God's Word (Jeremiah 5:14; 23:29)
- 2. Develop A Rhythm Of Prayer And Fasting (Acts 1:14; 2:2-4)
- **3. Expand Your Praise** (Ephesians 5:18-20)
- **4. Remove All Malice** (Ephesians 4:30-32)
- **5. Mature In Obedience** (Isaiah 59:2)

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Pastor Matt said we can either restrain the Holy Spirit or we can release the Holy Spirit. Speak to a season where you restrained Him and a season you released Him. What was the difference between each season?
- 2. Would you say you are on fire for God? If so, share what you have done to position yourself to be set on fire. If not, what do you need to do to position yourself to receive the fire from God?
- 3. What does it look like practically for you to become a "living sacrifice"?
- 4. Paul asks us to rekindle the fire. Other translations say stir up the gift. What can you do to rekindle the fire in your life?
- 5. Out of the 5 ways to release the fire, what is one way you are getting right and one way you struggle with and need to work on?



## PRAYER FOCUS

This week, pray for courage to position your life to match the life of Jesus. Invite the Holy Spirit into your daily activities to renew your mind and receive the fire.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK!!

Our Spring 2021 small groups are open and ready for you! Groups are a great way to build your faith, build relationships with others and stay connected to the church. We have groups for students, men, ladies, married couples...we even have groups for camping, running and golf! Chances are, there is a group that fits you! Find your group here <a href="https://www.rescuehousechurch.org/small-groups">https://www.rescuehousechurch.org/small-groups</a>

### PARENTING ON PURPOSE Equip Seminar - February 17, 24; March 3

Do you want to be a better parent? Do you want to be intentional about parenting your children in a way that helps them discover who God made them to be? Then, mark your calendar and join us for this 3 week Equip Seminar! You will learn how Jesus grew to live out his purpose and how you can intentionally parent your children to live out theirs. Sign up today at https://www.rescuehousechurch.org/parenting-on-purpose/

