

# Divine Life Church Worship & Training Center

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## The Fire Within Pastor Deon Byers

As believers, the fire of God within us is crucial for enduring tough seasons in our lives. If we are going to be ready for what is coming, the fire of God has to burn within us. It is important to maintain a true authentic relationship with God and be completely sold out in obedience to Him in every area of our life. Our obedience should say, "I'm going to please God no matter the circumstance. When our heart's desire is to please God in every season of our lives, the fire on the inside of us becomes a source that we pull from in difficult seasons. It pushes us to persevere during difficult seasons and we avoid the cycles that tend to cause us to not fulfill the purpose of God in our lives.

### Acts 16:23 – 33

*And when they had laid many stripes on them, they threw them into prison, commanding the jailer to keep them securely.<sup>24</sup> Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.<sup>26</sup> Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's chains were loosed.<sup>27</sup> And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself.<sup>28</sup> But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here."<sup>29</sup> Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.<sup>30</sup> And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"<sup>31</sup> So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household."<sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.<sup>33</sup> And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.*

- ⇒ Although Paul and Silas were imprisoned, they continued to pray, worship, and minister the gospel. They didn't allow their circumstance to hinder them from doing Kingdom business.
- ⇒ Paul's obedience and connection with God allowed him to positively impact the kingdom, even in a tough season.
- ⇒ Fasting is a tool that aids in developing a more intimate relationship with God. By putting to death our flesh, through fasting and prayer, we are able to

hear God more clearly, concerning His plans for our purpose.

- During difficult seasons, how do you maintain your focus on God's vision for the kingdom?
- What is your motive for fasting and praying? Is it driven by your desire to grow in the things of God and have a closer relationship with Him or is it merely a means in receiving material things from God?
- Do the adversities of life hinder you from fulfilling your purpose in the Kingdom of God?

### Proverbs 23:26

*My son, give me your heart, And let your eyes observe my ways.*

- ⇒ When we give God our heart, He is able to mold us into the person He created to be.
- ⇒ God knows the depths of our hearts, including those areas we try to keep hidden. It is impossible to deceive or manipulate Him. When we fully trust God and are honest with ourselves, we truly give Him the ability to make us whole in every area of our lives.
  - Personal Question ~ Are there any areas within your heart that you are trying to keep hidden from God?

### Romans 5:8

*But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

- ⇒ God loved us before we loved Him. Jesus died for our sins before we choose to live for Him.
- ⇒ Paul had an encounter with Jesus that changed his life and allowed him to be totally sold out to Jesus.
- ⇒ It's in the secret place that we develop a deeper relationship with God.
- ⇒ We cannot be sold out to the vision of the house/ministry in which we've been planted, if we are not first completely sold out to God in our own lives.
  - What are the hindrances that prohibit you from being completely sold out to God's vision for your life?
  - What are the hindrances that prohibit you from being completely sold out to the vision of God for Divine Life Church?

- o How is the DNA of the house demonstrated in the fruit of your life?

**John 6:35 – 36**

*And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet you do not believe.*

- ⇒ Jesus is the bread of life, who is able to fulfill every need that we may have. It is God's desire to fulfill those needs, but we must first see Him for who He truly is and believe that He is able to be who we need Him to be, beyond our expectations.
- ⇒ God will be who you see Him to be.
  - o Is Jesus all you need, or do you fill your voids with fleshly desires?
  - o Who is God to you?
  - o What are you expecting from God?

**Matthew 5:6**

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.*

- ⇒ We must use wisdom when engaging with those who are struggling in areas in which we've obtained freedom. You become prone to falling back into old cycles. Setting the proper boundaries helps to avoid becoming entangled with those circumstances and individuals who are not seeking freedom for themselves.
  - o Are you victorious in the area you are trying to help someone else gain victory?
  - o What characteristics of God are exemplified in your walk.

**~ Something to Think About ~**



- ⇒ God has blessed us with an Apostle & Prophetess who equips us for battle through training and teachings, so that we will be able to war as Faceless Army members. Not only are we blessed with leaders who train us and hold us accountable, but they have assigned Pastors and Elders to assist in developing and watching for our souls as well.
- ⇒ It is important to stay connected, even when the storms of life come. Everyone faces seasons where they may need for a break, but it is vital to not become disconnected.
- ⇒ We will not get lost in God's will supporting God's vision. Apostle is the head of the church, but it is God's vision.
  - o How does the DNA of DLC resonate in your life?

- o When you experience the storms of life, who are you able to connect with that will pray with you, intercede for you, and hold you accountable?
- o Are the scriptures (Matthew 18: 15 – 17) demonstrated in your life, when you need to handle offense?
- o How are your gifts/talents utilized to help fulfill God' vision for DLC?

**Mission**

The mission of Divine Life Memphis is founded in Ezekiel 34:16. To reach the lost, bring back the scattered, heal the broken, and strengthen the weak.

**Vision**

The vision of Divine Life Memphis is to raise up a Faceless Army of equipped believers.

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