

Build A Fire

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF BUILDING A FIRE AFTER THE STORM

Key Scripture: Acts 28:1-10 (Paul shipwrecked on Malta)

- After weeks in a terrible storm, Paul and companions were shipwrecked
- They arrived wet, cold, tired, and in a strange place
- The natives showed "unusual kindness" by building a fire
- The fire became a place of both protection and ministry

Key Insight: Nothing in Scripture is insignificant - even seemingly small details like building a fire carry profound spiritual lessons.

II. WHAT A FIRE PROVIDES IN DIFFICULT TIMES

- **Comfort** in the midst of confusion
- **Transformation** - changes wet to dry, cold to warm
- **Visibility** - signals to others where you are
- **Protection** from elements and dangers
- **Opportunity** for service and ministry (Paul healed the sick after the viper incident)

III. THE SPIRITUAL FIRE WE NEED

Key Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:6 - "Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands."

The Pentecost Connection:

- Just as the disciples waited after Jesus left
- The Holy Spirit came as "cloven tongues of fire"
- This fire transformed fearful disciples into bold witnesses

Key Insight: "Fire changes things. Fire will change your environment, your surroundings, and will even change you if you let it."

IV. BUILDING YOUR OWN SPIRITUAL FIRE

- Don't rely on others' spiritual fires (pastors, friends)
- Prayer is essential - "Prayer is where your life needs to be"

- Allow the Holy Spirit to:
 - Provide comfort
 - Give direction and knowledge
 - Help you stand when you don't feel like standing
 - Enable boldness to speak God's Word
 - Burn away impurities (like gold refined by fire)