

Light the Fire

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Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.³ After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:1-11

⁴ On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵ For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

Acts 1:1-11

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

Acts 1:1-11

¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Matthew 12:40

For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.



When spiritual fire dies

- When there is compromise
- When there is sin
- When there is neglect
- When there is overwhelming fear
- Sometimes when there is hurt whether it is perceived or real

When spiritual fire ignites

- When we break bread
- When we worship
- When we pray together
- When we get real with each other
- When we encourage

Acts 1:12-17

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³ When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

Acts 1:12-17

¹⁴ They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. ¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, "Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry."

Matthew 10:2-4

These are the names of the twelve apostles:
first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his
brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and
his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew;
Thomas and Matthew the tax collector;
James son of Alphaeus, and
Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot and Judas
Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Question 1

Do I have a desire for God to do something remarkable or miraculous in my life?

Question 2

What would it be like to see God do supernatural things in me and through me?

Holy Spirit transformation

- Change of thinking
- Change of heart
- Change of perspective
- Change of attitude

Quote

If a man has not discovered something that he will die for, he isn't fit to live.

Acts 1:14

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Preparation for fire step 1

They join together constantly

PC People Connecting

- With God
- With each other
- With the world

Preparation for fire step 2

Spending time in prayer

Types of prayer

- Gratitude (Thank you)
- Repentance (I'm sorry)
- Guidance (Please help us)

Quote

Prayer is not a substitute for work, thinking, watching, suffering, or giving; prayer is a support for all other efforts.

Thought

Sometimes we get impatient or annoyed when the Christian Life infringes on our leisure or entertainment. But what if we got to the place where we got impatient or annoyed when our leisure or entertainment infringed on our walk of faith (Christian Life)?

Preparation for fire step 3

Reading Gods word

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart

Our need of God's Word

- Need to be in the word
- Need to apply the word
- Need to be led by the word