

*DAY 7*

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This whole week has been about cultivating revival—specifically, in pursuit of encountering the burning love of JESUS on a personal level. That is what Christianity really is...encountering the love of God manifesting through His Son and Holy Spirit.

I want to make a bold declaration...And it's true. You and I were created to burn. Created to burn with God's own fiery love deep in our hearts, so much so, that it becomes our all-consuming obsession. This is the abundant life that Christ came to give us all—to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength (see Mark 12:20). Knowing Him and loving Him is our purpose and destiny. God's love revealed in Christ for us is so immeasurable. It is a love that is not of this world— yet, it lives and burns within our human hearts.

“Never lag in zeal and in earnest endeavor; be aglow and burning with the Spirit, serving the Lord” (Romans 12:11 AMP).

You and I were created to burn for God! Our assignment on the earth is to be a burning and shining lamp which stands as a prophetic witness to an entire generation, crying God is still “Immanuel” - He's God With Us! He is with us in the here and now, and the weight of His presence and the fire that you carry demonstrates this kingdom reality.

Jesus said, “The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is good, your whole body also is full of light” (Luke 11:34 NKJV). The word “good” in the Greek is “haplous,” which literally means to be singular in one's focus. In other words, Jesus is saying, when your eye is singular in its pursuit of Him and void of all other distractions, you are going to steward a burning heart, and in turn your whole body will be full of light.

It's no secret that we live in the midst of a culture that is drowning in distractions. Marketing agents are fighting for our eyes, and they understand that if they can capture and sustain our attention they can fuel and provoke our passions. Sadly, so many are consumed in the cyber and pseudo worlds of social media and pop culture. I'm not condemning them, but I want my passions and full attention to be consumed by God alone. I don't want anything to steal or hinder my desire for His word and His Presence! I want the eyes of my heart to have unbroken focus. I want my heart to be consumed with love for JESUS. I want my eyes fixed on the place of gazing upon the beauty of the Lord (see Psalm 27:4)!

We must focus our lives. That is why we are fasting right now. The hour is urgent. The Church must be burning with fresh oil from Holy Spirit (see Matthew 25). That to which we consistently surrender our eyes and hearts, reveals what our heart truly burns for. We need to ask God for the abundance of grace, that we might live with a consecrated and singular eye, so that we might in turn steward a burning heart. You can zealously burn daily with the Spirit—not just weekend or Saturday/Sunday religion! Remember, what we behold we will surely become. As we fast and we break open the Scriptures, we behold the revelation of God's great love, plan and purpose for our lives as sons and daughters. We see that we are loved, chosen and set apart for God alone. We see that we have been brought into a Kingdom that is eternal. Eternity is God's everlasting love story that He has planned for us. I'm burning for Him now...but I'm also burning for the Kingdom Come and the love we will forever share with Jesus

In the here and now—I believe that you are called to be a burning lamp, as witness to this generation. I believe that you desire to live a consecrated life fully pleasing unto The Lord. I pray that God will give you covenant friends who will burn with you and run passionately with you to ignite our world with His Presence and Love! The gifts and blessings that we pray for in life come in the packages of other people. Our job is to recognize and discern when those gifts are presented, so that we can be the recipients of God's grace and goodness, in and through them.

May you identify your band of brothers or family of fire! To those that believe they just need God alone, they are terribly mistaken. You need God, and you need His people in your life! May you find a company of burning hearts just like yours!

I dare you to be consumed with God and see how He will move to transform your life into the realm of the miraculous, the amazing and the extraordinary. May your burning heart become a revival catalyst for others, for friends, for churches, for cities and for nations to be set ablaze by the fire of The Lord!

I declare over you today—you are a burning one! Be set ablaze by the Holy Spirit! Spread His fire, His joy and freedom. Let the family of burning one's shine this new year of 2025!