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**Let's Burn (and Perhaps Be
Burned) for Jesus**

*Three insights for igniting and fueling
Holy Spirit filled ministry*

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¹ When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven.

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⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,

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¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

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1. The Holy Spirit moves most when believers are together. (v. 1-4)

- There is strength in numbers.
- There is power in unity.
- There is safety in numbers.

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2. Our lives will burn brightest for Jesus when our hearts are set ablaze with faith. (v. 5-12)

- When we trust Jesus, the Holy Spirit provides the will and means with which to act.
- What we do matters, but what we do will be dictated by what we believe and by how much we believe it.
- We must be ready and willing to faithfully act (not merely act faithfully).
- Let the old self burn up and let the new self in Jesus burn bright.

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3. The world may try to snuff out our fire by burning us, but that will just make our light shine brighter. (v. 13)

- The world's pushback is inevitable against those who trust Jesus.
- When we burn (and perhaps get burned) for Jesus, we can count it as joy because it will just allow us to shine all the brighter.

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