

# Scripture Reading

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*“Then I said, “I will not make mention of Him, Nor speak anymore in His name.” But His word was in my heart like a burning fire Shut up in my bones; I was weary of holding it back, And I could not.”*

**Jeremiah 20:9**

# REKINDLING THE FIRE



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**Luke 24:32**



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Most of us have felt this **fire in our hearts**. We have a burning desire to work for the Lord, to advance His cause. But sometimes we let the fire go out. **WE NEED TO**  
**REKINDLE THE FIRE!**





# A REDUCTION IN INVOLVEMENT

- We stop teaching classes.
- We no longer see souls as being in need of salvation.
- We no longer greet the visitors.
- We stop actively participating in worship.
  - *Spiritual energy cannot be replenished with less involvement!*



# A REDUCTION IN INVOLVEMENT

- **James 4:17** Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.
- **Romans 12:10** Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;
- **Hebrews 10:24** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **25** not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.



# A REDUCTION IN SPIRITUAL HUNGER

- Stop reading and studying
- No longer attend Bible studies
- No longer attend gospel meetings
- More concern with sermon length than learning and growing
  - *When worldly things choke out the word, the hunger is gone. Drifting is inevitable.*



# A REDUCTION IN SPIRITUAL HUNGER

- **Matthew 5:6** Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled.
- **1 Peter 2:1** Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, **2** as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, **3** if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

# LACK OF APPRECIATION

- Hyper-critical state – see nothing good
- Complain constantly
- Elders, preachers, teachers, classes...
- No patience dealing with others
  - *Enter the dying stage. The fire is beginning to smolder and will soon die out!*





# LACK OF APPRECIATION

- **Galatians 6:10** Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.
- **Matthew 7:12** Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.
- **John 13:34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one

# LACK OF WILL OR MOTIVATION

- No motivation is left.
- Any little thing will keep me from the services.
- I begin to question my faith.
  - *When a person's motivation and will die, his fire is in grave danger of going out!*



# LACK OF WILL OR MOTIVATION

- **2 Corinthians 13:5** Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified
- **2 Corinthians 8:12** For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what he does not have.



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- **Ezekiel 18:24** “But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.



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- **Hebrews 12:1** Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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- You know it will be worth it.
  - **1 Peter 1:3-5**



# WHY DO I NEED TO REKINDLE THE FIRE?

- **1 Peter 1:3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** to an **inheritance incorruptible and undefiled** and that **does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5** who are **kept by the power** of God **through faith** for salvation **ready** to be revealed in the last time.



# WHY DO I NEED TO REKINDLE THE FIRE?

## YOU NEED TO INFLUENCE THE SALVATION OF YOUR FAMILY!

- Your children need to see your example.  
– **Col.3:18-21**
- Godly homes give the direction in life.  
– **Prov. 6:22**
- As the family goes, so goes the church!  
– **Eph. 6:1-4**



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**Proverbs 6:20** My son, keep your father's command,  
And do not forsake the law of your mother. **21** Bind them  
continually upon your heart; Tie them around your neck.  
**22** When you roam, they will lead you; When you sleep,  
they will keep you; And when you awake, they will speak  
with you.





# WHY DO I NEED TO REKINDLE THE FIRE?

## YOU NEED TO MAINTAIN A LIGHT IN A DARK WORLD.

- Christians are to be the world's salt and light.  
– **Matthew 5:13-16**
- Godly examples give hope to the world!  
– **Proverbs 14:34**
- We influence others by the way we conduct our lives!  
– **1 Timothy 4:12**





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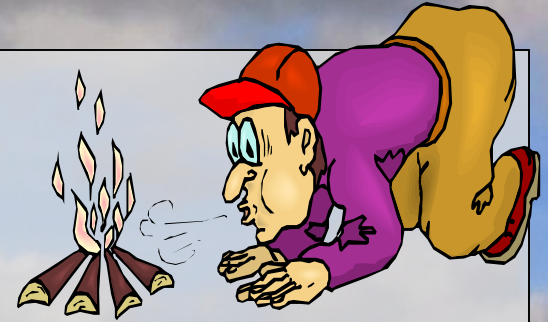
**Proverbs 14:34** Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people.

**1 Timothy 4:12** Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

# HOW TO REKINDLE THE FIRE?

## USE THE RIGHT FUEL:

- God's word
  - **John 6:66-68**
- Commitment and determination
  - **Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 15:58**
- Prayer
  - **1 Thessalonians 5:17**
- Involvement with spiritual people
  - **Romans 12:10**
- Heroes of the faith
  - **Hebrews 11**





# HOW TO REKINDLE THE FIRE?

## USE THE RIGHT FUEL:

**1 Corinthians 15:58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

**John 6:66** From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. **67** Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?” **68** But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life



# WHAT ABOUT YOUR FIRE? IS IT STILL BURNING?

- Maybe you need to start the fire for the first time...

- Hear

- Faith

- Repent

- Confess

- Be baptized into Christ



- Maybe your fire has gone out and needs rekindling...

- **Acts 8:22-24**

- **James 5:16**

- **1 John 1:9**

