

Burn Baby Burn

Summer at the Bayou - Part 4

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“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.” 2 Timothy 1:6-7 (ESV)

Zeal: To be “on fire” is to be eager, zealous, or “burning” with enthusiasm

The Old Testament counterpart of an “on-fire” Christian is a person who had **zeal for the Lord and acted on it.**

“And Solomon said, ‘You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day.’” 1 Kings 3:6 (ESV)

- **Billy Graham**
- **William Seymour (Azusa Street Revival)**
- **Pastor Mike Walker**
- **Pastor Sean Walker**

Three reasons a believer loses their fire/passion:

1. Seeing wrong

**Walk more by faith not by sight.
There is an invisible world.**

Faith begins with a vision. Faith is setting your affection on something that is bigger than what most of us are living for. God wants to give each of us that vision if we will look to Him.

Are your sights typically set more on the things you can see or the vision God has for you?

2. You care way too much (cares of this world)

“And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful.” Mark 4:19 (KJV)

“You’re cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and His way. And do you suppose God doesn’t care? The proverb has it that ‘He’s a fiercely jealous lover.’ And what He gives in love is far better than anything else you’ll find. It’s common knowledge that ‘God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble.’” James 4:4-6 (MSG)

This world gives you a false hope of success. Hope deferred makes the heart grow sick.

“Unrelenting disappointment leaves you heartsick, but a sudden good break can turn life around.” Proverbs 13:12 (MSG)

3. How you're living!

"There is a way that seems right to a man but in the end produces death." Proverbs 14:12 (ESV)

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Proverbs 9:10 (ESV)

"Don't be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, he will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith." Galatians 6:7-10 (MSG)

"They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly." 2 Timothy 3:5 (NLT)

Christians who are "on fire" for the Lord reject the safe, comfortable life in favor of accomplishing God's will; they actively "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11).

They are "eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). Some believers today need to heed Paul's advice: "I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you." 2 Timothy 1:6 (NLT)

Four keys to keeping that fire for God:

1. Stick to the basics

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105 (ESV)

2. Remain in fellowship

3. Remember the joy of your salvation

"Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." Psalm 51:11-12 (ESV)

4. Go back to your first love