



Ablaze for God: Lighting the Fire

Luke 8: 4-15

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What does a heart ablaze for God look like?

Many times we look at those who have made a mark for God and believe that they are out of our league.

The point of this series:

In this passage, Jesus gives a vivid picture of where we stand in our relationship with him. The four different areas:

1. Path- It is a hard path and the seed never penetrates, thus Satan robs them of God's truth
2. Rock- Excited at the beginning but takes no root
3. Thorns- Hears the Word but is short lived because life chokes it out
4. Good soil- Produces a crop because they have these characteristics:
Nobel and good heart Listen and keep the Word Persevere

Today, my hope is that you decide to have God light a fire in your heart and to abide in the good soil.

Eight characteristics of a life ablaze for God

1. _____

I John 3:16-18; 4:19-21 -*"This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possession and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear Children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, I love God yet hates his brother he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother."*

-Jesus also said that they will know us by our love

2. _____

James 4:2-3; Matthew 7:7-8 -*"You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."* *"Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you..."*

-John Hyde, a missionary to India saw a revival come as a result of prayer

3. _____

Luke 14:25-33 -*"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters, yes even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciples..."*

-1943 Five New Tribes missionaries martyred

-1956 Five missionaries are martyred in Ecuador

4. _____

Matthew 6:25-33 -*"Therefore, I tell you do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food and the body more important than clothes..."*

5. _____

Matthew 25:34 -*"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come you who are blessed by my Father take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.'"*

6. _____

John 13:1-17 -*"...Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him..."*

-Question: Are you willing to serve in obscurity?

7. _____

Romans 8:18 -*"I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us."*

8. _____

Philippians 1:21 -*"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain."*

-Hebrews 12:2- Fix your eyes on Jesus

-*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he can not lose."*

Application

God is calling us today to be hot for him and be ablaze!

What is holding you back and is there anything you need to give him?

Do you want to receive the power of the Spirit?

Come and jump into the arms of God and watch your real adventure begin.