



## Ablaze for God: How to Stay Ablaze

Philippians 3:7-14

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### Review:

Lighting the Fire- What life looks like if you decide to jump over the edge and begin a life that is ablaze or consumed with God  
The point- We have to make the choice to stay in the good soil

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

For generations people have sought God but few have kept the fire for the entire journey

- Moses prayed in Exodus 33:18, "I pray that you show me your glory"
- The Old Testament is filled with good kings that ended terribly
- Paul clearly communicates the number one goal of the believer 'To know God'. Why?

Answer: This is where the purpose of life is found

Can you name people in your life that are ablaze for God?

- What is it about them that is different?

Answer: They all have a common denominator- Hunger for God

### Three elements that are essential for keeping the fire ablaze

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Paul admits that he has not reached the goal, but seems driven by the fact that he has a journey ahead to obtain it (v12)

- What does it look like to live authentically?

Consistency between:

- Words and Actions
- Claimed values and Actual Priorities
- Public vs. Private life

- We vacillate too frequent

-Without authenticity we are doomed:

- No power just form (Acts. 1:8)
- We duplicate others
- No joy (Isaiah 51:11)

- How can we become authentic?

\_\_\_\_\_ -Psalm 46:10

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Confession (James 5:16)

- Be specific
- Write them out; it is hard to see your sin in print

Accountability

- Find a group or partner to hold you accountable
- Do something specific with your temptations
- As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another (Proverbs 27:17)

Avoid

- Sexual Sin (I Thessalonians 4:3-5)
- Love of Money (I Timothy 6:9-10)
- Unhealthy Desires (James 4:1)

3. \_\_\_\_\_

It is critical that we understand ourselves

- Refuse to deny the pain, frustration and heartache
- Tell God how you feel  
God already knows (Matthew 6:8)
- Discuss our pain/struggle with someone

\_\_\_\_\_ -Answer the call and go into His presence

Isaiah 6:1-8

Don't fear, pray Paul's statement in Philippians 3

### Application

God is calling us into his holiness

Begin to live like Jesus (I John 2:6)

Ask God, through this Holy Spirit, to help you to engage at this level

Decide to get near the fire and let it consume you!