

MONDAY 3.7.22 – MATTHEW 3:11-12

At the point that you become a child of God, through putting your trust in Christ, the Holy Spirit comes into your life and a flame is ignited. Having been a Boy Scout Master for many years I have had to get many a fire started. Fires always start out small and if you provide them with a steady supply of good fuel, they soon become a blazing flame. So it is with the Spirit of God. If you choose to fuel the Spirit’s fire within you with good things, prayer, Bible study, involving in ministry, sharing the love of Christ, soon the Spirit will be a blaze in your life. The questions that you need to ask yourself is, what kind of fuel am I putting on the Spirit’s fire in my life?

Let the fire within you be a light in a dark world.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 3.8.22 – EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Do you ever find yourself underestimating our all-powerful God? Praying for things that you, yourself could just go ahead and do without him if you chose to devote your time and energy to it? I find it funny we tend to ask God for mundane things while forgetting to ask for the “impossible”. Above and beyond. More than we could ever muster by ourselves. Today, as we take time to pray, we are encouraged to be fearless, trusting in the God who spoke through a burning bush, parted the Red Sea, bore a son by a virgin, resurrected a crucified Christ... the God who knows no bounds. If you can accomplish what you are praying for without help from God, you are not praying boldly enough.

Prayer: Almighty God, give us the courage to pray for those things that are above and beyond all that we ask or think. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY 3.9.22 – ACTS 2:14-41

“Repent!” That’s what Peter instructed the crowd to do when they were convicted of their sin and realized their need of a Savior. The word “repentance” means “a change of mind.” The people Peter addressed were trusting their animal sacrifices, acts of charity, or obedience to the Law of Moses to make them right with God. However, good works—even done in sincerity—will not forgive people’s sins and gain them entrance into heaven. Peter’s audience needed to repent—to change their mind about Jesus. They needed to place their trust in Him and Him alone for eternal life. We need to do the same. The Philippian jailer inquired of Paul regarding salvation. What did he need to do? Paul’s simple response: “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31). Faith in Jesus Christ—not works—secures forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

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THURSDAY 3.10.22 – JOEL 2:28-32

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; **and you will be my witnesses...**” (Acts 1:8).

Joel 2 reminds us that the promises of God had not changed. And neither had His purposes. The promise and purpose of Acts was not new. The promise was His power, the purpose was that we would be His witnesses. God had long desired to display His power through His people. And He longed to call His people to repent and return to Himself.

We see it in Acts 2 as Peter, having received the power of the Holy Spirit, gave witness to the resurrection of Jesus and extended the invitation to turn and repent. We see it in Joel 2

as well, as the Lord (before the promise of the Spirit that Peter quotes in Acts 2) calls out to His people, “return to Me with all your heart...” (see Joel 2:12-13).

I wonder how each of us might need to hear that invitation again? In what ways is God calling you to return to Himself? What are the things in our lives that need repentance? And I wonder how God might be longing to demonstrate His power in each of us, that we might truly be His witnesses and others may discover the truth and hope that we have found?

“Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love” (Joel 2:13).

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FRIDAY 3.11.22 – PSALM 16:8-11

Psalm 16 is often entitled “You Will Not Abandon My Soul”. In it, David demonstrates great confidence in the Lord and the assurance He has with God on His side. He goes so far as to even declare that death will not have the final say.

Peter references this in Acts 2:25-28 as his own demonstration of confidence in the resurrection of Christ and assurance of hope we can have in the empty tomb.

Are you walking in this confidence? Are you living with this kind of assurance, this sure and certain hope? Be full of joy and gladness today for the tomb is empty and He lives in you!

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