



**Has Your Fire for Started to Grow Dim?**



# Timothy

The recipient of Paul's letters in 1 and 2 Timothy

He's been called by God

Empowered by the Spirit

***“Fan into flame the gift of God which is in you...”***

***2 Timothy 1:6***



# Timothy

**Timothy's flame was fading. The fire wasn't gone but it was dim**

**It's time to reignite the flame**

**It's time to awaken the Spirit within you**

**We don't reignite our fire by trying harder**

**We reignite it by returning to the One who gave it to us in the first place**



# Timothy

In first Timothy he was young, gifted, and full of potential

He was Paul's spiritual son — a man of sincere faith

But he was also timid

He had moments of fear and discouragement

He was leading a growing, influential church in the city of Ephesus



# The Message to Ephesus

***“I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance... Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.”***

**They were still faithful**

**Still doing ministry**

**Still doctrinally sound**

**But the flame was gone**

**They had lost their first love**

***Revelation 2:2,4***





**REIGNITE**

**AWAKENING THE SPIRIT WITHIN**

**2 Timothy 1:7**

# **For God**

**The first two words of verse 7 are the key to the whole passage: “For God...”**

**This fire didn't start with Timothy**

**It didn't originate with Paul**

**It wasn't sustained by charisma, effort, or feelings**

**The fire — the spiritual flame inside us — begins and ends with God**



# **For God**

***For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.***

***John 3:16***

***But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.***

***Galatians 4:4-5***



# For God

He is the sustainer, as the writer of Hebrews calls him a consuming fire (*Hebrews 12:29*)

And when we lose sight of that — when we try to substitute passion with performance or connection with control — the fire will fade in us

You cannot reignite the flame of God without returning to God Himself



# Know God

***“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”***

***Jeremiah 29:13***

To know God is to pursue Him  
not as a concept, but personally as an individual

Spending intentional time with Him

Listen to His voice through Scripture

Pour out our hearts in prayer

Honor His presence in worship



# Be Known by God

***“You have searched me, Lord, and you know me”***

God already knows everything about us; ***Psalm 139:1***  
our past, our pain, our thoughts, our secrets

But spiritual fire comes when we choose to be known

When we stop hiding

When we stop pretending

When we let Him into the messy, unfiltered  
places of our hearts. ***(Revelation 3:20)***



# **Be Known by God**

**This is the place of vulnerability and surrender**

**We confess our sin instead of covering it**

**We express our fears instead of burying them**

**We seek rest from our burdened lives**

**We say: “God, I’m not where I want to be...  
but I trust You with where I am.”**

**Let God meet you where you really are**



# Make God Known

*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*

When the Spirit is alive in you, it spreads through your words, your love, your testimony

We weren't meant to be reservoirs that hold God's presence

We're meant to be rivers letting His love and truth flow through us



# **Make God Known**

**Know your flame grows when you share it**

**Invite someone to church**

**Text a word of encouragement**

**Pray for or with a coworker**

**Tell your story of what God has done**



# Where is Your Flame Today?

If the fire has dimmed, God hasn't walked away He's calling you to return

***“Fan into flame the gift of God that is in you...”***

That Spirit, the one of no fear, but instead power, love, and self-discipline still dwells in you

But if we are going to reignite and fan into flame that produces a roaring fire you must first decide to pursue God again



**“God, I want You. I want to know You, be known by You, and make You known. Reignite the flame in me.”**

