



REIGNITE

AWAKENING THE SPIRIT WITHIN

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NASB: “For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.”

NKJV: “For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

NAB: “For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.”

ESV: “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

MSG: “God doesn’t want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.”



2 Timothy 1:7

AMP: “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but He has given us a spirit of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline, abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control.”

What the Spirit took away: fear, timidity, cowardice, and shyness.

The first thing the Spirit gave: power or boldness

**Self-discipline, Discipline, Sound mind, Self-control
Sensible Sound Judgment and Personal Discipline**

LOVE



What is Love?

Paul isn't talking about the love we see in movies

He's not talking about butterflies in your stomach or emotional highs

He's talking about something deeper stronger more demanding

He's talking about what I want to call

Compassionate Commitment





Love Without Compassion

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or

Is Just Noise

a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13:1–3

**It is not enough to be passionate for God
I must have compassion for people**



Just a Noisy Church

**I can have great worship services,
but they mean nothing without love**



**I can preach awesome sermons or teach engaging
lessons but without love, it's meaningless**

**I can have fantastic faith and even work miracles
but without love, it's all for nothing**



**I can be the most generous person
on the planet but giving away all
my possessions doesn't equal love**



The Lesson of Love

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:12–14

Love is the binding agent

But compassion is part of the fabric



What is Love?

Love, in the Spirit, is
compassionate commitment

Not just how I feel, but how I live

Not just affection, but action



Not just words, but the willingness
to get close and stay connected,
even when it's uncomfortable



Compassionate Commitment

Here's the hard truth: Compassion will cost you

It requires vulnerability

It means I must:
Know myself

Let others know
me and Be honest
about my shortcomings, my
downfalls, and my issues



Real, Spirit-filled
love builds bridges,
not walls



Compassionate Commitment

Jesus modeled this powerfully. Repeatedly in the Gospels, we see Jesus moved with compassion

He acted on it

He fed

He embraced

He got close

He healed

He touched

He wept

In God's plan, Jesus got up close and personal with us



Compassion Adapts

The more compassion I have, the more adaptable I become.

The Adapter did not compromise the connection

The Adapter did not conform the drop cord, electric socket, lamp, or bulb

But it did adapt the connection so that the bulb could receive power



Compassion Adapts

Jesus Style

He didn't conform to the world
but He did take on flesh

He stepped into our world

He walked in our shoes

He spoke our language

He felt our pain

That's what adaptable love does
it meets people where they are



1 Corinthians 9:19–23

Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.



Compassion Adapts

Is the way I deliver God's truth connectable and consumable to the people God has called me to reach?

Because our connecting point must:

- Deliver the power
- Be relatable
- Be consumable
- Be adaptable



Compassion Adapts

We are not the fire-starters, but we are stewards of the flame

And if I'm not careful, I'll wield power without love and instead of igniting someone's faith, I'll explode their life



God's Spirit empowers us with love, the kind that:

- **Draws near**
- **Listens long**
- **Stays present**
- **Shows grace**
- **Makes connection**



God's Holy Spirit

The Spirit God gave you is not a spirit of fear

It is a Spirit of power

**But also, a Spirit of love compassionate,
committed, and vulnerable**

God is calling us to reignite that love





**The world is not
changed by
loud voices
it's changed by
loving hearts**