

God's Fire Still Burns

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God's fire still burns in us, even when we can't see it, and we can revive our faith by trusting in His Word.

Scripture: Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 40:31, Jeremiah 20:9, Ezekiel 37:3, John 14:27, Romans 10:17, 2 Timothy 1:6-7, Hebrews 4:12, 1 Peter 5:7, Revelation 21:5

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes that many in the Body of Christ resemble a Valley of Dry Bones, filled with shame and despair due to sin. He reminds us that God asks, 'Can these dead bones live again?' and affirms that the answer is a resounding 'Yes!' through the renewing of faith in God's Word, which is a consuming fire and our only true light in darkness. Wilkerson encourages believers to cling to the Word and trust in the Lord, assuring them that God's fire still burns within, even when it seems hidden. He calls for a revival of faith, where those once dead in spirit will rise again, proclaiming God's mercy and healing power.

Transcript

Sadly, much of Christ's Body today resembles a modern-day Valley of Dry Bones. It is a wilderness filled with the bleached skeletons of fallen Christians. Ministers and other devoted believers have flamed out because of a besetting sin. And now they are filled with shame, hiding out in caves of their own making. Like Jeremiah, they have convinced themselves, "I will not make mention of [the Lord], nor speak any more in his name" (Jeremiah 20:9).

God is still asking the same question he asked Ezekiel: "Can these dead bones live again?" The answer to this question is an absolute, "Yes!" How? It happens by the renewing of our faith in God's Word.

The Word of the Lord is itself a consuming fire. Indeed, it's the only true light we have during our dark nights of despair. It's our only defense against the enemy's lies, when he whispers, "It's all over. You've lost the fire. And you're never going to get it back."

The only thing that will bring us out of our darkness is faith. And faith comes by hearing God's Word. We simply have to cling to the Word that has been implanted in us. The Lord has promised, "I will not let you go down; therefore, you have no reason to despair. There's no cause for quitting. Rest in my Word."

You may think, "But this dark night is worse than anything I've ever known. I've heard a thousand sermons on God's Word, but none of it seems of any value to me now." Don't fret; God's fire still burns in you, even if you can't see it. And you're to pour onto that fire the fuel of faith. You do this by trusting the Lord. When you do, you'll see all your doubts and lusts consumed.

God's Spirit is breathing life again into every set of dry bones. He's reminding them of the Word he implanted in them. And those who once lay dead are being revived. They're crying as Jeremiah did, "God's fire has been shut up in me for too long. I simply can't hold it any longer. I can feel the Lord's power raising me up. He's putting life in me. And I'm going to speak the Word he gave me. I'm going to proclaim his mercy and healing power."

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