Responding To The Fire

Responding to The Fire challenges us to live fully for Christ—abiding in Him, obeying His commands, bearing fruit, loving others, and making disciples with faith, obedience, and surrendered hearts.

- 1. Jesus is our Message
- 2. We are presence driven
- 3. Excellence is our standard
- 4. Honor is our culture
- 5. Generosity is our privilege
- 6. Discipleship is our commission.

NOTES:

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Luke 9:23 NKJV "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

- a) To Abide in Christ Jesus said: "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed." (John 8:31)
- b) To Obey His Commands "If you love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15)
- c) To Bear Fruit "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples." (John 15:8)
- d) To Love One Another

Jesus marked this as the true sign of discipleship: "By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

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Ephesians 4:11–12 – "And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

2 Timothy 2:2 – "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

Hebrews 13:17 – "Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account."

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Romans 3:23: For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Establishes the need for salvation).

Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Explains the consequence of sin and God's provision).

Romans 5:8: But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Shows that salvation is possible through Jesus sacrifice).

Romans 10:9: If you declare with your mouth, Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Explains how to receive salvation through faith).

Description

PART II. HOW WILL YOU RESPOND TO THE FIRE

Exodus 3:2-3 (NKJV): "And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So, he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn."

Exodus 2:23-24 (ESV): "During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help..."

NOTES:

I. Holiness Demands

Exodus 3:5 (NKJV): "Then He said, 'Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

Hebrews 12:28-29 (ESV): "Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire."

1 Peter 1:14-16 (ESV): "As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance... You shall be holy, for I am holy."

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II. – GOD'S FIRE BUT DOES NOT

Exodus 3:2-3 (NKJV):"...though the bush was burning with fire, the bush was not consumed."

Malachi 3:2-4 ESV "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver..."

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III. WE RESPOND WITH , NOT EXCUSES

Exodus 4:10-12 (NLT): "But Moses pleaded with the Lord, 'O Lord, I'm not very good with words...' The Lord replied, 'Who makes a person's mouth? ... Now go! I will be with you..."

Luke 12:11-12 (NLT):"...don't worry about what to say. The Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said."

Esther 4:14: "...if you remain silent, deliverance will arise from another place."

Acts 7:22 NLT Moses was taught all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was powerful in both speech and action.

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III. GOD'S CALLING IS NOT A CAREER — IT'S A

Matthew 28:19-20 New Living Translation 19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, [a] baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

2 Timothy 1:6-7 ESV "Fan into flame the gift of God... for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

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