Faith Christian Fellowship Sunday, January 3 2016 Fresh Fire or Strange Fire? 1: What Did the Lord Say?

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 - i) Webster says: Real = actually existing or happening: not imaginary, not fake, false, or artificial, important and deserving to be regarded or treated in a serious way
 - ii) John 8:31-32 GNB So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples;
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 - We value a faith, a discipleship, a move of the Spirit, a community of believers that is real. Not fake or false or artificial. Important and valuable and serious.
 - iv) FCF Tucson is striving to live out the reality of the Word and the Sprit in the New Testament: :
 - A family, not a business.
 - An organism, not an organization
 - Building people, not institutions.
 - Participants, not observers.
 - The people of the Spirit. We expect Him to show up.
 - People of the Word, not the pawns of the culture.
 - We are hot, not cool.
 - Holy Ghost sensitive, not seeker-sensitive
 - Striving for excellence in service, not polished production.
 - Not lone rangers, but family within the family of God, a real part of the world-wide FCF family.
 - Carrying the Word to the world, building and sending ministers, not just hiring mercenaries
 - We may modernize methods, but we will stay true to our heritage: a message of faith and a heritage of Holy Spirit power and freedom

We will keep it real. It's time for fresh fire, not strange fire

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