

**Faith Christian Fellowship**  
**Sunday, May 22, 2016**  
**Healing Fire**  
**An Atmosphere for Miracles 1**

**TEXT:** 2 Timothy 1:6-7 NLT This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. (7) For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. Leviticus 9:23-24 - Leviticus 10:1-2

We are talking about this word: Desire Fresh Fire, not strange fire. In Acts 3:1-10 we found the first documented healing in the Book of Acts. Peter let us know that we have three things that allow us to do wonders: The Name, faith, and hands. We saw in Acts 4 that God is good and He wants you healed.

In Acts 5:12-16 we see a powerful move of the Spirit in healing the masses. Today we want to focus in on Verse 16: An atmosphere where all are healed without respect to methods

**Here's the issue for today:** How do we foster an atmosphere charged with the healing power of God.

First an overview, then we will dig a little deeper in the first two

1) **5 INGREDIENTS FOR A MIRACLE ATMOSPHERE**

- a) **Start with Prayer.** Acts 4:23-31
- b) **Let the Holy Ghost clean house.** Acts 5:1-13.
- c) **Come Expecting.** Proverbs 8:34.
- d) **Stifle Strife.** James 3:16
- e) **Maintain peace.** Romans 14:19

2) **Start with Prayer.** Acts 4:23-31

- a) Quit praying the problem: **Question:** Can you find two other prayers in the acts or the Epistles? What can you learn from these prayers?
  - i) Pray who He is
  - ii) Pray what He said **Question:** What is your #1 need today? Find a Scripture that promises you your answer and form a prayer using that promise.
- b) Refer the problem to Him: V 29 "look on their threats."
- c) Two requests:
  - i) Boldness
  - ii) Power: stretch forth Your hand to heal

3) **Let the Holy Ghost clean house.** Acts 5:1-13.

- a) Give room to the Holy Spirit to move

- i) He is a gentleman. If you want to play church, He will let you.:
  - ii) Be bold to address sin. Let the Spirit move through you in correction. **Question:** How does known sin or disobedience in your personal life effect you and your Christian life?
  - iii) Speak the truth in love. Jesus died for sinners of whom I am chief, but He doesn't want to leave them there.
- b) The cure is supernatural, not legalism
- i) Legalism produces sin: Romans 7:9 I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died.
  - ii) This is an example of a Word of Knowledge bringing supernatural correction and judgment, 1 Cor 12: 7-11. **Question:** Describe an instance when you experienced one of the spiritual gifts for yourself or through another believer.
- c) Why is this particular offence so egregious as to merit dropping dead? Hypocrisy – pretense to enhance e reputation, a feigned sacrifice, while keeping back money for himself. **Question:** Hypocrisy means claiming some moral value, but not practicing it yourself. What areas of your life might fit this definition?
- i) V 4. The property was theirs to do with as they wished. They owned it, they controlled it.
  - ii) The problem arose when they made a show of offering it to the Lord, but held back for their own profit. **Question:**
    - \* Seeking adulation
    - \* Preserving selfishness
- d) Judgment comes first on those who damage God's temple. Compare with Acts 4:32 4:32 / 1 Cor 3:16-17. **Question:** What kinds of things do you think bring harm to the Church, His Body?
- i) Hypocrisy in the area of finances and religious politics threatened the unity of the Body, a unity of heart and mind that made the flow of power possible. (Money and pride)
  - e) Are we willing to entreat the Lord to clean up His House? 1 Peter 4:17 / Romans 3:18 / Proverbs 8:13
  - f) Notice the result: Acts 5:13-16

**Question: What would it be worth to regain the respect of the community, to see multitudes added to the Lord, and to have an atmosphere charged with healing power?**

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