

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, May 29, 2016
Healing Fire

An Atmosphere for Miracles 2

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 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. Last time, we talked about prayer and allowing the Spirit to work in us.

Here's the issue for today: Have you let go of your expectation?

Come Expecting. We are a people of expectation.

- 1) **We expect His return.:** Don't get discouraged or distracted.
 - a) Heb 9:27-28 He is coming for those who eagerly wait for Him
 - i) Phil 3:20-21
 - ii) Our citizenship is already settled
 - iii) We are eagerly awaiting the transformation of this mortal body
 - b) Hope of His return inspires us to live ready 1 Jn 3:2-3. **Selah:** What does it mean to live ready for His coming?
 - c) 2 Peter 3:9 Don't lose hope!!! **Selah:** If you believed the Lord was coming tonight, what would you do today?
- 2) **Faith functions with expectation**
 - a) Bible hope includes the eager expectation of the thing hoped for. Romans 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.
 - b) Faith is the present reality of things we expect in the future Hebrews 11:1
 - i) Hebrews 11:1 GW Faith assures us of things we expect and convinces us of the existence of things we cannot see. **Selah:** Make a list of things you have prayed for but now have just given up on. Meditate on what success would look like. Let hope rekindle. Put your faith back to work.

- c) Expectation prays, then looks for the cloud. 1 Kings 18:41-46
- d) Have you quit expecting while still professing to believe? Start looking!!!! **Selah:** If you really expect something to happen, how does it change your attitudes and actions?

3) **Come Expecting:**

- a) **Selah:** When you go to church, what do you expect? Eph 2:20-22
- b) Is it religious order and predictability?
- c) Is it life and vitality?
 - i) 1 Corinthians 14:26 This is not a lecture or night club or an entertainment venue. It is God's people gathered to minister to Him and to one another
 - ii) 1 Peter 4:11 NLT ...*speaking (serve) with all the strength and energy that God supplies.*
- d) It is up to you to expect the Spirit to bring the best gifts
 - i) *Desire* the gifts that bring the greatest blessing: better, i.e., more useful, more profitable 1 Corinthians 12:31
 - ii) *Be available* if God wants to use you: The power is perfect, the gifts are perfect, the Giver is perfect, the vessel is us. You don't have to be perfect, just willing. 1Co 13:12
- e) Where is your expect-er when you walk through these doors?
 - i) Matt 18:20 tells us that Jesus is here this morning. Do you believe that? **Selah:** How would it change your attitude and actions if the Lord were physically, visibly present in church?
 - ii) Proverbs 8:34 MSG Blessed the man, blessed the woman, who listens to me, **awake and ready** for me each morning, **alert and responsive** as I start my day's work.
- f) Before you come in the door, stop, pray, believe for the most useful and needed gifts to flow freely. Offer yourself to Him for use, but also pray that others be used to His glory. It ain't about you, it's about us and Him.
- g) **Selah:** How would you pray before church services if you were available to God and wanted the best for all in the service?

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