

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, June 5, 2016
Healing Fire
An Atmosphere for Miracles 3

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. We have talked about prayer, allowing the Spirit to work in us, and expectation.

Here's the issue for today: Are you willing to get the strife out of your life?

Stifle Strife. It kills the anointing

- 1) Division is the #1 enemy to the flow of power in the church (And in your home, business, community...)
 - a) 2 Timothy 2:23-24
 - i) Most disputes are foolish and/or ignorant.
 - ii) Foolish disputes generate strife.
 - iii) When we strive, we end our ability to minister to people.
 - b) James 3:16
 - i) The very word for strife indicates a selfish motive.
 - ii) Envy and strife open the door for confusion and EVERY evil work. **Selah:** Why do you think envy is associated with strife?
 - c) Paul took the issue very seriously in the church Titus 3:10 NLT If people are causing divisions among you, give a first and second warning. After that, have nothing more to do with them.
- 2) Strife is not simply disagreeing, it is being rebellious and argumentative.
 - a) Hebrews 13:17
 - i) God has set authority in every institution: Home, work, civil, church. **Selah:** What is your attitude toward the biblical

authority in your home? Workplace? City? Church? Is it godly?

- ii) Obedience and submission are not the same thing. Obedience is an action; submission is an attitude. **Selah:** How can you handle situations where authority asks you to do something against your conscience without being disrespectful?
 - iii) A lack of submission (*hupoeiko* -To submit, surrender, yield, cease to fight.) is unprofitable for YOU
 - iv) See also 1 Pet 5:5-7; 1 Cor 16:15-16.
- b) Daniel 1:8-21 Daniel is a great example of being submissive without being obedient. **Selah:** What can we learn from the story of Daniel's promotion? How can you apply this lesson in your life?
 - c) One purpose (THE purpose?) for submission is to bring the unity that allows power to flow. Matt 18:19-20
- 3) It is not necessary for you to be right, but to be submissive.
- a) Pro_13:10 Pride is the root of strife. **Selah:** Think of the last heated argument you had. Can you identify where your pride played a role?
 - b) Pro_17:1 Strife-free living is precious beyond words.
 - c) Pro_22:10 Beware the Scoffer: (*loots* to make mouths at, that is, to scoff; to deride or to express utter contempt.) Deal quickly with those who are disrespectful of authorities. **Selah:** Do you have friends who are scoffers about the things of God or the Church? How can you deal with them without partaking of their sin?
 - d) Pro_29:22 Anger and bitterness stir the pot.
 - e) Proverbs 22:24 NLT Don't befriend angry people or associate with hot-tempered people, **Selah:** Does this verse remind you of any of your friends? Of yourself? What actions can you take to change this?

**So then, let us aim for harmony in the church
and try to build each other up.**

(Romans 14:19 NLT)