

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, June 12, 2016
Healing Fire
An Atmosphere for Miracles 4

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, expectation, and stifling strife.

The issue for today: Selah: God has made us one. How do we maintain the unity and peace that God has given us? Eph 4:3

Maintain Peace. Learn to Get Along with People

James 3:17-18 MSG Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. (18) You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

1) PRINCIPLE # 1: **Find the Common Ground Eph 4:1-6**

- a) Notice that this requires work. It is hard to do.
- b) It requires certain attitudes in us before it can begin: **Selah:** Which of the 4 desirable qualities in this passage do you need help with? Pray for God's impartation.
 - i) Lowliness: modesty; humbleness of mind
 - ii) Meekness: mildness of disposition, gentleness of spirit
 - iii) Longsuffering: Patience; longanimity, forbearance
 - iv) Forbearing: to hold oneself up against, put up with:
- c) Notice verse 6 one God and Father of all, who is **above** all, and **through** all, and **in** you all.
 - i) God is **over** all – He really does hold our future, and our present. He knew where you were going to be today before you got here. 1 Cor 8:6 / Rom 8:28.

- ii) God is **through** all – we must entertain the possibility that the obnoxious person we are dealing with might be an agent in the hands of God!!!! Pr 27:17 / Acts 15 Barnie and Paul
- iii) God is **in** all – no matter what it looks like, we can have confidence that God is working in the individual. He doesn't just deal with you! 2 Thess 3:4 / Gal 5:10. **Selah:** Think of the problem people in your life. Can you envision God at work in them? Try it – use our faith!

2) Principle #2: **Walk in their shoes. Phil 2:1-18**

- a) Verse 5 Adopt the attitude of Christ:
- b) Lay aside rights and privileges
- c) Take on the plight of a brother
 - i) Gal 6:1,2 bear burdens
 - ii) Romans 8:26-27 Make intercession. **Selah:** God gave the Spirit to help you pray for others – what use can you make of His gift today? Do it!
 - iii) Rom 15:1 Bear with the weak, not pleasing ourselves
 - iv) Eph 5:25-27/ Heb 4:15 Self-sacrifice qualifies us to speak into the lives of others. **Selah:** Who have you been trying to correct or “straighten out?” Are you qualified to speak into their life?

3) Principle #3: **Esteem others as more important than you. Romans 12:10**

- a) Honor = to recognize as very valuable – 1Cor 6:20.
- b) Note the whole passage surrounding 1Cor 12:23 the uncomely are the more necessary. **Selah:** Do you know anyone in your church who performs thankless tasks? Get acquainted with someone this week: it is honorable.
- c) Preferring: the way to success: Romans 12:10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; **Selah:** Think of ways to put someone else before yourself today. Now do it!
- d) Gen 13:9 Abraham gave away what looked like the best plot to Lot – Sodom and Gomorrah

Don't be obsessed with getting your own advantage.
Forget yourselves long enough to lend a helping hand.

Philippians 2:4 MSG