

Rekindle

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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“Rekindle” is our Community’s theme for 2023. All of us need to be rekindled, to rise above the inertia that had been set in us during the past four years. However, satan is doing his best to harm the church, to convince us to stay at home, to be lazy and apathetic. On the other hand, we must ignite the fire of the Pentecost. The fire should always be with us (2Tim.2:6-8): the passion to win souls, to pray, and to serve God.

I. What are the indicators we are on fire?

A. Are we still on fire? The apostles were all afraid huddled in one room (Acts 2). Only Peter was the bold one who (after baptism) was filled with the Holy Spirit. They were all on fire, as the Spirit appeared as tongues of fires over their heads. The Blessed Mother was among them. Then, Peter started his first papal address. The first sermon was attended by 3,000 people, and they were all touched. (convicted) by the Holy Spirit.

B. Are we still talking to Jesus? Have we become lazy or forgotten Jesus? The Father is always longing to hear from His children (our joys, our pains). We must pray without ceasing (1Thess. 5:17).

C. Why does Satan, the father of all lies invite us to sin? a.

1. He doesn’t want us to submit our plans to God (Prov. 16:3). Hence, let us not allow anything that is not true to enter our minds (Phil.4:8).

2. Satan comes to steal our time to hear the word of God. Let us not be absent from the community (Heb. 10:24-25). We are easy prey when we are not in a support group. When we pray together, satan will leave us.

3. We need to correct someone who sins because we are responsible for others (Eze. 3:18-20).

4. If the words are passing from ear to ear, satan will steal these. Apparently, we can be easily discouraged by pains, persecutions, sickness, and even blessings.

D. What has happened to the youth?

1. Despite obstacles, we need to keep the zeal in our hearts (2Tim. 2:6).
2. The singles and youth need to take the responsibility and to be set on fire, be in love with our Lord, and to proclaim God’s word.

E. Did God create us (with the emotion) to have passion in Him? Indeed, passion energizes life.

1. Love God with all our heart, mind and soul (Lk. 10:27). Our spouses are second priority.

2. Every person that the Lord sends is a gift from Him (Jn.3:16).

3. God does not want us to love Him half-heartedly. We must love God with all our energy (Mk. 12:28-30).

4. If we want to follow God, we must have public display of affection (PDA) for Him. We must serve with enthusiasm and stop whining (Col. 3:23; Phil2:14).

5. We should be excited to read the Bible, and should write in a journal the messages of our Lord to keep the fire burning.

E. Why should we be wary of the Passion Killers? We should be because of

1. Unbalanced time.
2. Unconfessed sin.
3. Unsupported lifestyle and life’s demands.
4. Secular friends (1Cor 15:33).
5. Unclear purpose.
6. Undernourished spirit (Exo 34:6-9).

Conclusion:

When God gives us the grace, let us wait patiently because the Lord is not finished with us. Let us not constrain God with our time. Let us bring people back to God, since everything will work out for good for those who trust Him.

Reflection:

1. Are you turning cold? Are you still praying to Him? Or are you too busy?
2. Are you excited to serve? Are you giving with enthusiasm? Are you joyful when we give tithes? (Prov. 3)

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