

**Agape House of Worship
Wednesday Bible Study**

Topic: Keeping the Fire Burning
Reference Text: Leviticus 6:12-13

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The Mount of Transfiguration Experience

Matthew 17:1-9 “After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. 3 Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. 4 Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” 5 While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” 6 When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. 7 But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” 8 When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. 9 As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

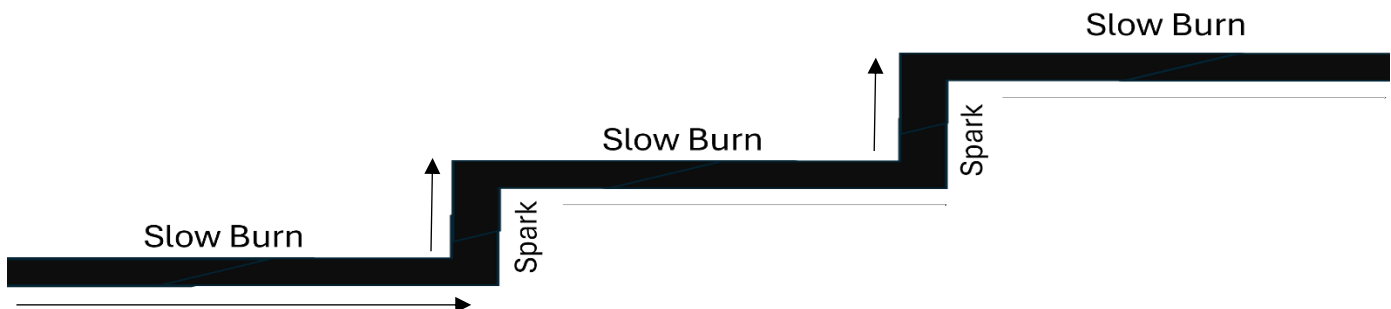
Question: What are the lessons from this story?

Spark Vs Slow Burn Experiences

The concept of "Spark" and "Slow Burn" are used in romantic relationships. They describe different approaches to building romantic relationships. A spiritual spark refers to an immediate and intense connection, often described as love at first sight or instant chemistry. A slow burn, on the other hand, describes a relationship that develops gradually over time, with intimacy and attraction building slowly. Both approaches in relationships have their merits and drawbacks, and neither is inherently superior. These concepts are also true in our walk with God. Spiritual encounters and powerful experiences like what we experienced at the retreat are "spiritual sparks." Our daily devotions and study which are more organic are like "slow burns." In our spiritual lives, however, it is not either or. God uses both approaches in our lives.

Without the encounters (sparks) our devotional lives (slow burn) may become boring, routine and stale. The slow burn can burn out. Encounters provide jolts and sparks to keep our daily fire fresh. They also take our daily fire to the next level of intensity. 2 Corinthians 3:18

Without the daily spiritual discipline of devotion and study, the effects of “spiritual sparks” won’t last. From the story in Matthew 17:1-9, we learn that we can’t live based on the sparks. Peter wanted to build shelters on the mountain, but Jesus didn’t honor the request.



Question: Why do you think Jesus didn’t honor Peter’s request? Why is it impossible to live based on sparks?

How to Keep the Fire Burning

Leviticus 6:12 *"The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it."*

Romans 12:11 *"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."*

"Spiritual sparks" are gifts from God, keeping the fire burning after the spark is our responsibility. In this study, we are going to examine seven keys to keep the fire burning.

1. **Don't forget the lessons of the retreat** - The Word of God (logos and rhema); prayer and meditation are means of divine encounter. Start your day in prayer and the Word. Take time to memorize and meditate on the Word. These lessons are foundations for what we experienced at the retreat, and they will be foundations for what He will continue to do in your life.
2. **Live a life of worship and thanksgiving** – Worship creates an atmosphere for God to inhabit. A worshiper is always assured of God's presence. This is because God inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3). Always maintain an attitude of praise, worship and thanksgiving. As you praise Him, you receive more.
3. **Don't get caught up in the feeling** - The presence of God is not a feeling. Yes, many times, when He is around, we feel His presence (especially corporately), but there are also many times you won't feel Him. Don't depend on your feeling to step out in faith for God. It is by faith and not feelings.
4. **Develop consistency in your walk with God** - John 15:4 says: *"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."* Consistency in our walk with God is a fundamental aspect of Christian living, reflecting a steadfast commitment to faith and obedience. James 1:4
5. **Surround yourself with people of similar interest** – Maintaining the fire cannot be done alone. You need to be in an environment that challenges you and encourages you to go after God. There are two ways to do this; one way is to "infect" the people who surround you with the same passion for God and the Holy Spirit. If that is not possible, then you must go for the second way, which is to change the people you are surrounded with. Either way, make sure you surround yourself with people who esteem and pursue God. Psalm 1:1, Proverbs 13:20
6. **Always expect God to use you** - As you go through the day, expect God to use you. In your daily prayer, dedicate yourself to God and ask Him to anoint you for the assignment He has for you for the day. Always keep in mind that you are a walking divine encounter for someone. Listen to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Take initiative to bless and pray for someone. Remember, the Holy Spirit moves when we step out in faith.
7. **Don't become legalistic** - Legalism is an attitude that believes that God only blesses us because of our good works. This attitude either leads to pride or condemnation, which quenches the Holy Spirit. Remember that you did not receive the gift of the Spirit because of your good works (read Galatians 3:1-14). There will be days (or even weeks) you will mess up or feel like a failure. Do not become subject to condemnation or allow yourself to be deceived that God no longer loves you because of this. When you mess up, come back to God. Remember, His "mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13).

Question: *Are there other things we can do to keep the fire burning?*