

Going Deeper

The Collective Church Weekly Devotions

September 12, 2021 - Vanessa Hunt – Get Ready for God to Light a Fire in Boise!



Vanessa Hunt, Associate Pastor at Westgate Chapel, came to us with a powerful word from the Lord; "I want to light Boise on fire!" Vanessa sees an awakening coming and asks the question, "Will we be fire starters?" Revival fire is coming, which is the overwhelming sense of God's presence.

The American church has done a good job of looking alive, but our fruit shows that we are dead. Our only hope is that Jesus comes and lights us on fire!

Revival//Isaiah 59

The normal way of living in revival is that we are truly alive in Christ. That the Gospel is so true that we want the entire world to know!

Read Isaiah 59. It describes communities like the ones we live in. Where there is no true justice. When Jesus steps in to save us, he goes to war. He puts on body armor and prepares. He brings the fullness of Himself; the Lion of Judah.

A fear of God will come upon the people, but will we recognize him when He comes? When Jesus is standing at the door and knocks, he isn't knocking at the door of the unsaved heart. This writing comes from The Revelation and is writing to us that Jesus is standing at the door of the Church, asking, "Will you recognize Me? Will you let Me in?"

How to recognize Jesus when he comes in awakening//Malachi 3

Malachi 3:1 says, "I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me." God always reveals through his messengers what he's going to do before he does it.

The fire of Jesus will hurt. Holy Spirit will be convicting us of our sin and it will be overwhelming. It will last for days and we will cry out for mercy. Will be we ready? Will we accept the refiner's fire? The Book of Revelation describes Jesus as having eyes of fire. He's coming as a refiner. Who will be able to stand? No one. Do not run from it, but stand and lean into Him. Stand on the Rock and let Him purify you fully. Holy Spirit hasn't yet convicted us (the world) of our sin.

If we don't understand what He's saving us from, then we don't understand the need for a savior//Mark 5

When Jesus comes back, He comes as a redeemer, refiner and rescuer. We are in a storm inspired by the enemy. God is not afraid.

The world didn't celebrate Jesus when he came the first time. The world will not celebrate Him the second time he comes either.

Are you ready? Jesus is coming soon, but first he is coming with revival. Will we recognize it when it comes? It may not look or feel as we expect, but there is nowhere else we would rather be than in the region God does his reviving work first.

There is peace in responding to the Lord. What is our response going to be? Perhaps, "Light me up!"

Application Questions:

1. Read Isaiah 59, Malachi 3, and Mark 5. What is God's word telling you?
2. What are you prepared to do when faced with God's overwhelming presence, with Holy Spirit convicting you of the sin in your life, in which God simply cannot coexist?
3. Should you wait for revival? How can you bring God more powerfully into your life now?

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