

Discussion Guide

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Keep The Fire Burning

Chain Reaction Week 4

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Main Idea

No one plans to lose their fire for God — it fades slowly through busyness, distraction, fatigue, and comfort. Like a wilderness fire that must be intentionally tended for warmth and protection, spiritual fire does not sustain itself. When the fire goes out, the temperature drops quickly, and darkness closes in. As believers living in a broken world, it's "on our watch." Heaven's instruction is simple: keep the fire burning. The enemy doesn't need to destroy your faith — he only needs to distract you long enough for it to cool. Today, Pastor Daniel challenges us to Keep the Fire Burning.

Achor Verse: *"When I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."* (2 Timothy 1:5-7, NKJV).

Read: 2 Corinthians 1:20

1. GENUINE FAITH PRODUCES ENDURING FIRE

Genuine faith may begin around you, but it must become personal within you. Inherited or familiar faith cannot sustain enduring fire—only authentic, surrendered faith ignites a legacy that outlives you and must continually be stirred up.

Discussion: Where in your life might you be relying on inherited or familiar faith rather than a personal, surrendered faith — and what would it practically look like for you to "stir up" an authentic fire for God this week?

2. GOD IGNITES THE FIRE> WE TEND THE FLAME

Spiritual passion doesn't usually fade through dramatic failure but through small, unaddressed "splinters" — offense, compromise, distraction, and complacency — so we must intentionally remove what smothers the fire and live daily consecrated, keeping our spiritual fervor burning.

Scripture: Romans 12:11; Leviticus 6:13

Discussion: What “small splinter” — offense, distraction, compromise, fatigue, or hidden irritation — might be quietly draining your spiritual passion right now, and what would it look like to intentionally remove it this week? If God ignites the fire but we are called to tend the flame, what daily rhythms (not just Sunday moments) do you need to strengthen or establish to keep your spiritual fervor burning consistently?

SPIRITUAL PASSION IS A COMMAND, NOT A PERSONALITY

3. PRAISE KEEPS THE FIRE BURNING AND SILENCES FEAR

Fear seeks to shift the atmosphere and silence our faith, but praise pushes back and fuels the fire God has ignited within us. No matter the circumstance, when we own our faith, tend the flame, and lift our praise, we protect the fire and shift the atmosphere in our lives.

Discussion: In what area of your life has fear been quietly shaping your atmosphere — and what would it look like to intentionally respond with praise instead of retreat this week? When pressure or discouragement hits, do you tend to go quiet or go worshipful — and how could lifting your praise practically strengthen your faith and protect your fire?

SUMMARY

No one intends to lose their fire for God — it fades when faith becomes familiar instead of personal, when small compromises go unchecked, and when fear silences our praise. Genuine faith must be owned, the flame must be tended daily, and praise must be lifted to protect what God has ignited within us.

It's on our watch. God lit the fire — now keep it burning.

CALL TO ACTION

- **Identify and Remove a “Splitter”** — Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal one small irritation draining your fire (offense, distraction, compromise, fatigue, hidden sin). Take one concrete step to address it — have the conversation, release the forgiveness, reset the boundary, or confess and repent.
- **Establish a Daily “Fire Tending” Rhythm** — Commit to a consistent daily practice that fuels your faith (10–15 minutes minimum): Scripture, prayer, worship, or journaling. Don't rely on

Sunday alone — build a daily connection that keeps your spiritual fervor burning.

- **Use Praise as a Weapon** — When fear, pressure, or discouragement shows up this week, respond intentionally with praise instead of silence. Play worship in the car, pray out loud, declare Scripture — shift the atmosphere before it shifts you.
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GROUP LEADER RESOURCE

What Fuels Your Fire?

Go around the group and answer:

1. What's something small that can completely change your mood or energy for the day — for better or worse?

(It could be coffee, a text, traffic, a workout, a compliment, lack of sleep, etc.)

2. What's one thing that consistently recharges or motivates you when you're drained?

After everyone shares, transition with:

“Just like small things can drain or fuel us physically and emotionally, small things also affect our spiritual fire — either feeding it or slowly smothering it.”