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Stirred: Stoke the Fire

May 29th & 30th

Speaker: Pastor Joel Schmidgall

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:6

Series Overview

“The Holy Spirit is not static. The Spirit is working in us and through us on a daily basis. How? Stirring us at the very core of our being. Sometimes the stirring is a small nudge or a gentle prompting, but even the still small voice of the Spirit can awaken and animate a powerful zeal within us. It always begins with a stirring. We are stirred, not shaken!”

Series Discussion Questions

What is the Holy Spirit stirring in you?

Message Overview

Do you know there is more to you than you realize? A pile of wood, logically, is a pile of wood. But a pile of wood, when heat and oxygen are added, becomes a bright, warm, and glowing fire. You are who you are. But when you add the Spirit of God to who you are, you become a bright and glowing example of His love and light. There is a spark of faith in each one of us. It's when we “fan into flame the gift of God” that faith becomes something combustible. The question is HOW do we fan into flame God's gift? Join us as we wrestle through this important question in seeking to become who God destined us to be.

Message-Specific Discussion Questions

Read 2 Timothy 2:3-5. In this passage, Paul lists out the names of people who were the spark to his faith. **Who comes to mind when you think about the people who influenced you to follow after Jesus?**

Take some time to think about the moment that you came to know the Lord. **What did that experience look like for you? How can you rekindle that fire?**

Pastor Joel gave us four practical applications that we can do in order to fan into the flames the Gifts of God:

- Seek God
- Use the Gifts
- Practice Spiritual Disciplines
- Engaging in Faith Community

What are some ways that you can put these applications into practice?

Pastor Joel gave an open invitation for anyone who needed prayer for the gift of salvation and for revelation as you seek for the gifts of God in your life. He explained the importance of taking a step of faith and asking for prayer. **What step of faith is God calling you to take in this moment?**

Practical Application

- Pastor Joel stated: “If you want to fan the flame into the gift, a great kindling is to jump into a small group!” NCC launches our summer small groups next week! **Take some time to pray about joining a small group at NCC!**
- Throughout this series, we are being reminded that the Spirit is working in us and through us on a daily basis. NCC Daily’s audio podcast will return on Monday, May 3 as we learn *lectio divina*, or divine reading, of Scripture. Each day we’ll be guided through the practice of listening, reflecting, responding, and resting in the Word of God — allowing space for the still, small voice of the Spirit to stir us in unique and personal ways. **Subscribe [here!](#)**
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