Reigniting the Flickering Flame

 Reigniting = to make or cause something start burning again

 Flickering = (of a flame or light) burning or shining unsteadily; wavering

Matthew 24: 4-14

⁴ Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. 8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 24: 4-14

9 "Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. 10 At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, 11 and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. 12 Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, 13 but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

2 Tim 1:6-7

⁶ For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

⁷ For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.

Aaron and his sons, saying: ⁹Command Aaron and his sons, saying: This is the law for the burnt offering. The burnt offering shall be on the hearth upon the altar all night until the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning on it.

¹⁰ The priest shall put on his linen robe, and his linen undergarments on his body. Then he shall remove the ashes from the fire of the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11 Then he shall take off his garments and put on other garments, and he shall bring the ashes outside the camp to a clean place.

12 The fire on the altar shall be kept burning on it. It shall not go out. The priest shall feed it with wood every morning. He will arrange the burnt offering on it, and he shall burn the fat of the peace offerings on it. 13 A perpetual fire shall be kept burning on the altar. It shall never go out.

Call and Commission

To Aaron and his sons — set apart for this special task

Command

- 1. The burnt offering is to remain on the altar hearth throughout the night, till morning.
- 2. The fire must be kept burning on the altar. It must not go out.

Chore (Task)

The priest must:

- 1. Put on his linen clothes
- 2. Remove the ashes of the burnt offering
- 3. Carry the ashes outside the camp
- 4. Keep the fire burning on the altar
- 5. Add firewood
- 6. Arrange the burnt offering on the fire
- 7. Burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it

Two Things that will kill the fire:

1. Don't remove the ashes

2. Don't add more wood to the fire

God knows what must be done to keep the fire burning. So, He reveals His plans and tells you exactly what to do

Obedience brings you blessings Disobedience robs you of blessings

1. Confess and Repent of all your sins

- Get rid of all the ashes first

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psalm 103:12 - As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

- Don't live in the past nor dwell on past glory and victory and get stuck there
- Move on and move forward. Get going.
 Get involved in the work of the church and of His kingdom

- Don't harbor sin, anger, hatred, unforgiveness, bitterness and resentment in your heart.
 These will kill the fire in your life.
- As God has forgiven you, forgive others who have offended you.

2. Yield and Submit yourself to the Holy Spirit

- Add wood to the fire
- Let Him have absolute control of your life and decision
- Let Him lead and guide you and direct your path
- Be quick to obey His prompting

- He is the fuel and oil that anoint and empower you for work and service
- He is the fire and spark that cause you to shine and be active, effective, and efficient
- He is the air and oxygen that sustain you and keep you alive, alert, energetic, strong, capable, and competent

Zechariah 4:6 - Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

1 Thess. 5:19 - Do not quench (suppress, subdue, or be unresponsive to the working and guidance of) the [Holy] Spirit – (through wilful sin, rebellion and disobedience).

3. Relook and Rebuild your personal and family altar.

A. Have a regular Quiet Time with the Lord

B. Read, meditate, memorise, study, and obey the Word of God.

Matthew 4:4 - Man shall not live on bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

- His Word is food for your soul and spirit

- C. Sing, Praise and Worship Him with a grateful spirit and a thankful heart
 - 1 Thess. 5:18 In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
 - Psalm 37:4 Delight yourself in Him and He will give you the desires of your heart.

D. Pray fervently and Fast regularly

Luke 18:1 – Men should always pray and not give up.

1 Thess. 5:17 – Pray continually, unceasingly.

E. Offer Yourself as a living sacrifice on the altar of God — Romans 12:1

Tell Him that you will die to self and you want His will done in your life.

Ask Him to change your heart, revive your spirit, renew your mind, restore your passion, reprioritise your values in life and reignite the flickering flame in you

Ask Him to anoint, empower and use you to witness to unbelievers and to be a blessing to others for His glory and honor

Ask Him to surround you with Spirit-filled brothers and sisters who will

- 1. Challenge, encourage and cheer you on
- 2. Pray for you to burn continuously and shine brilliantly for Jesus
- 3. Help you be Christ-centred and not Self-centred

Today, Trust God for your breakthrough and victory.

Isaiah 41:10

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, yes, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.