



**GET YOUR
FIRE BACK!**



FIRE REPRESENTS



PRESENCE OF GOD

WORD OF GOD



HOLY SPIRIT



8 THINGS ABOUT THE FIRE OF GOD

1. Fire brings light

2. Fire brings heat

3. Fire purges & cleanses

4. Fire needs fuel

5. Fire spreads

6. Fire can be extinguished

7. Fire produces smoke

8. Fire leaves ashes

LEVITICUS 6:10-13

10 The priest shall then put on his linen clothes, with linen undergarments next to his body, and shall remove the ashes of the burnt offering that the fire has consumed on the altar and place them beside the altar. 11 Then he is to take off these clothes and put on others, and carry the ashes outside the camp to a place that is ceremonially clean. 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. 13 **The fire must be kept burning on the altar continuously; it must not go out.**

LUKE 24:32

32 They asked each other,
“Were not our hearts burning within
us while he talked with us on the road
and opened the Scriptures to us?”



**WHAT KILLS
YOUR FIRE
FOR GOD?**

MATTHEW 24:12

And because lawlessness will be
increased, the love of many
will grow cold.

FIRE KILLER #1

YOU FOCUS ON YOUR LOVE

FOR JESUS INSTEAD OF

FOCUSING ON JESUS'

LOVE FOR YOU

MATTHEW 26:31-35

31 Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of me, for it is written:
“I will strike the shepherd,
and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’

32 But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

33 Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will.”

34 “Truly I tell you,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.”

35 But Peter declared,
“Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you.”

MATTHEW 26:69-70

69 Now Peter was sitting out in the courtyard, and a servant girl came to him. “You also were with Jesus of Galilee,” she said.

70 But he denied it before them all. “I don’t know what you’re talking about,” he said.

MATTHEW 26:71-72

71 Then he went out to the gateway, where another servant girl saw him and said to the people there, “This fellow was with Jesus of Nazareth.”

72 He denied it again, with an oath: “I don’t know the man!”

MATTHEW 26:73-75

73 After a little while, those standing there went up to Peter and said, “Surely you are one of them; your accent gives you away.”

74 Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, “I don’t know the man!”

Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken: “Before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times.” And he went outside and wept bitterly.

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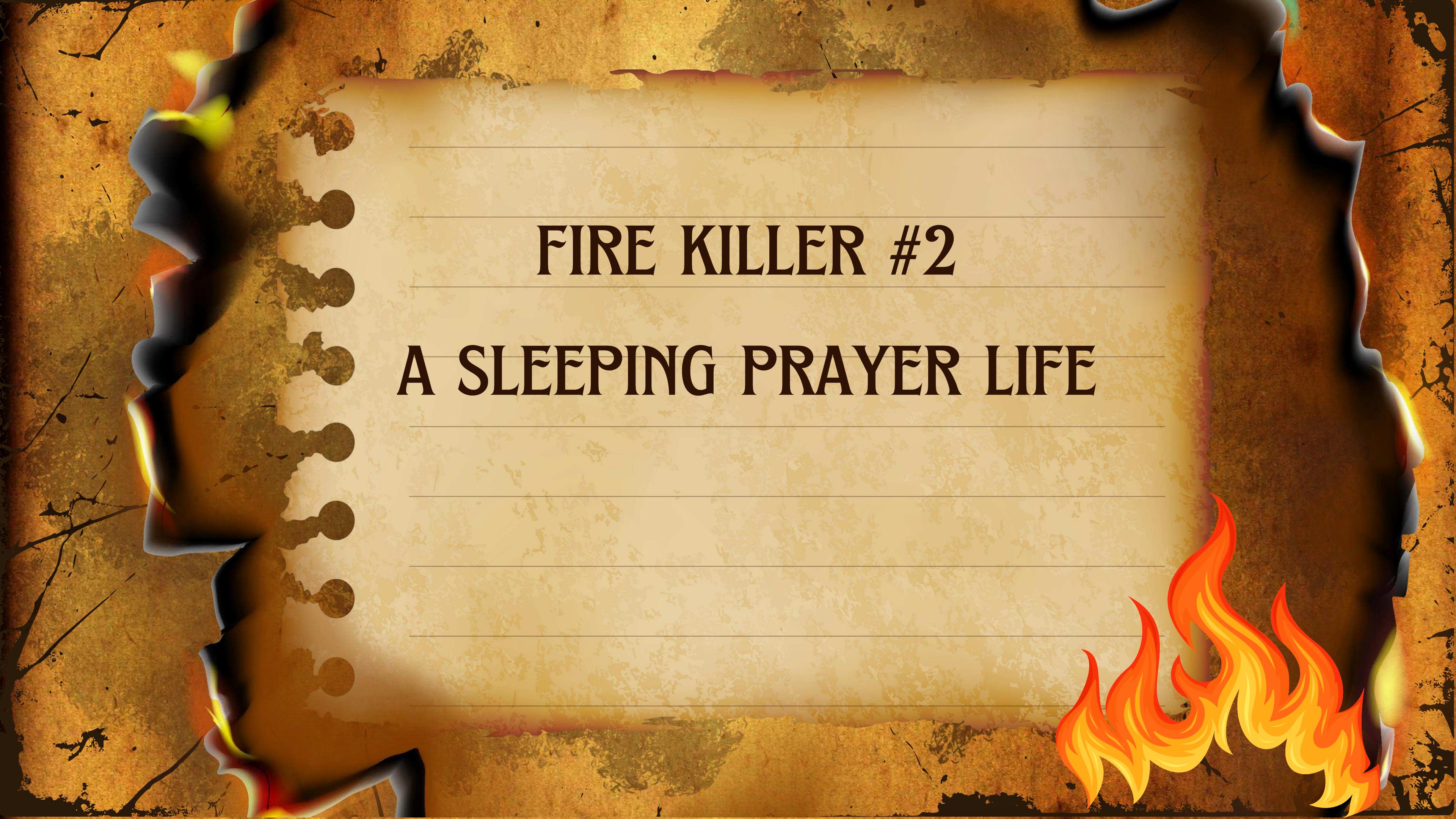
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- DON'T MEASURE YOUR LOVE BY HOW MUCH YOU PRAY, FAST, OR SERVE.
 - DON'T LIVE TO PROVE YOUR SPIRITUALITY.
 - LIVE FROM THE CONFIDENCE THAT YOU ARE ALREADY LOVED, ALREADY ACCEPTED.
- WHEN YOU REST IN HIS LOVE, YOUR LOVE BECOMES STRONGER, DEEPER, AND LASTING.



FIRE KILLER #2

A SLEEPING PRAYER LIFE

MATTHEW 26:36-39

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, “Sit here while I go over there and pray.” 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

MATTHEW 26:40-42

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. “Couldn’t you men keep watch with me for one hour?” he asked Peter. 41 “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

42 He went away a second time and prayed, “My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done.”

MATTHEW 26:43-45

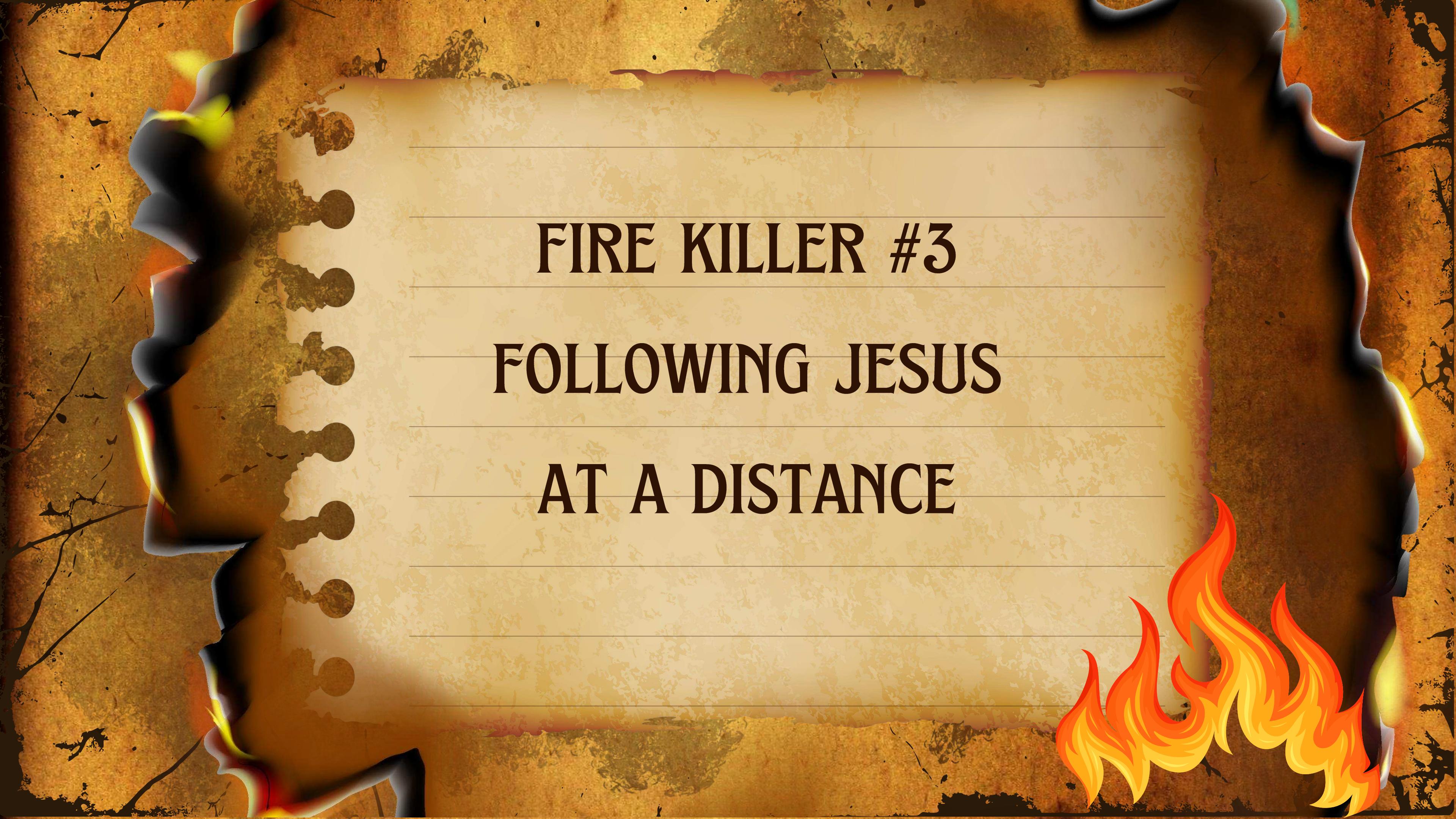
43 When he came back, he again found them sleeping, because their eyes were heavy. 44 So he left them and went away once more and prayed the third time, saying the same thing.

45 Then he returned to the disciples and said to them, “Are you still sleeping and resting? Look, the hour has come, and the Son of Man is delivered into the hands of sinners. 46 Rise! Let us go! Here comes my betrayer!”



- **IF YOU DON'T PRAY, YOU WILL STRAY.**
- **IF YOU SLEEP SPIRITUALLY, YOUR PAST LIFE WAKES UP.**
- **NOBODY FALLS SPIRITUALLY ASLEEP UNTIL THEIR DEVOTIONAL LIFE FALLS ASLEEP FIRST.**

- *JESUS INVITES YOU TO PRAY WITH HIM—
NOT JUST WATCH, BUT PARTICIPATE.*
- *PRAYER KEEPS THE FIRE ALIVE. PRAYER
KEEPS THE OLD YOU BURIED. PRAYER
KEEPS YOUR SPIRIT BURNING BRIGHT.*



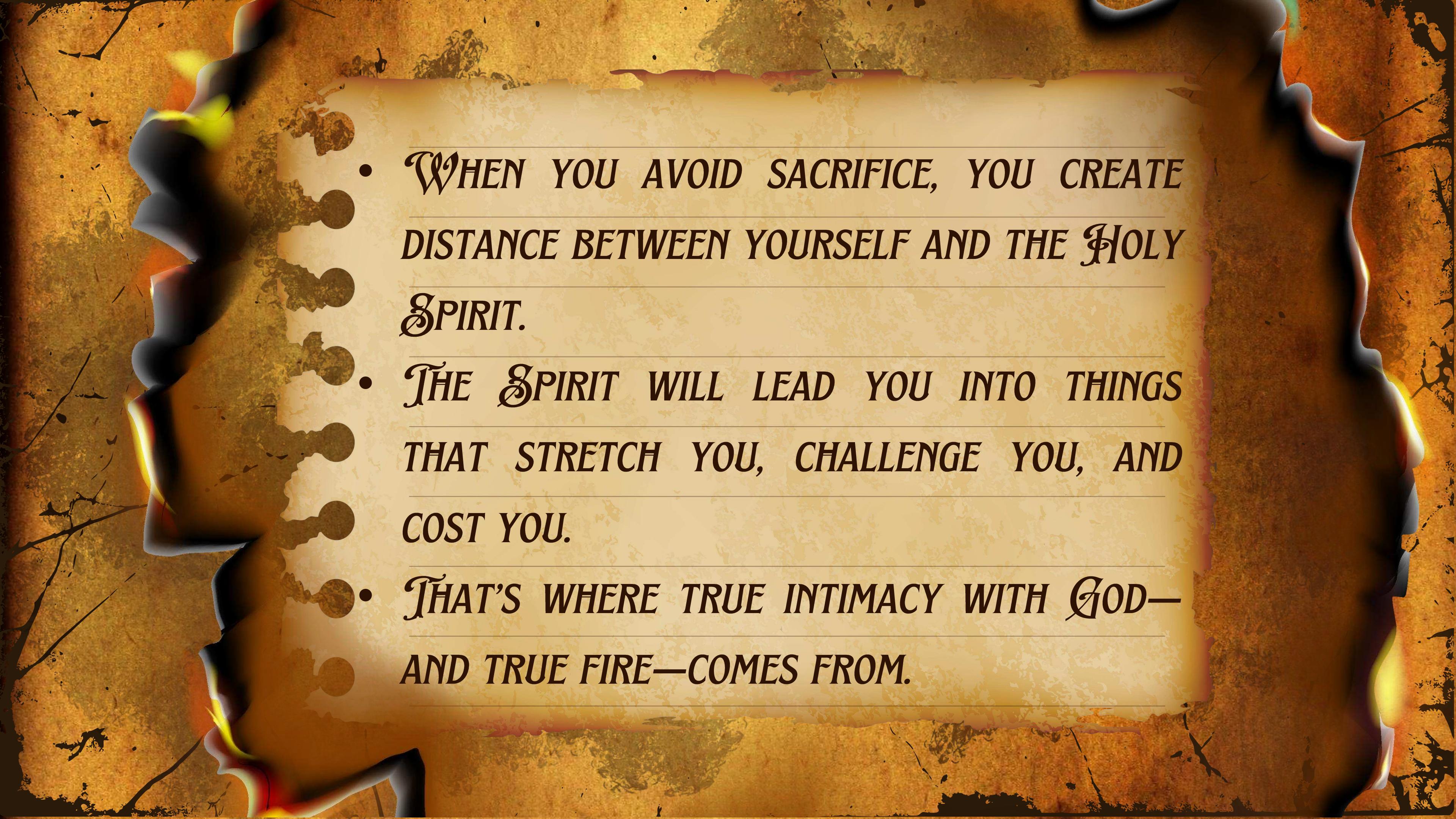
FIRE KILLER #3

FOLLOWING JESUS

AT A DISTANCE

MARK 14:54

54 Peter followed him at a distance,
right into the courtyard of the high
priest. There he sat with the guards
and warmed himself at the fire.

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- WHEN YOU AVOID SACRIFICE, YOU CREATE DISTANCE BETWEEN YOURSELF AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
 - THE SPIRIT WILL LEAD YOU INTO THINGS THAT STRETCH YOU, CHALLENGE YOU, AND COST YOU.
 - THAT'S WHERE TRUE INTIMACY WITH GOD—AND TRUE FIRE—COMES FROM.

- DON'T FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT ONLY WHEN IT'S CONVENIENT.
- DON'T KEEP A "SAFE DISTANCE" FROM GOD'S CALLING.
- FOLLOW HIM EVEN WHEN IT COSTS YOU—BECAUSE THE FIRE BURNS HOTTEST ON THE ALTAR OF SACRIFICE.



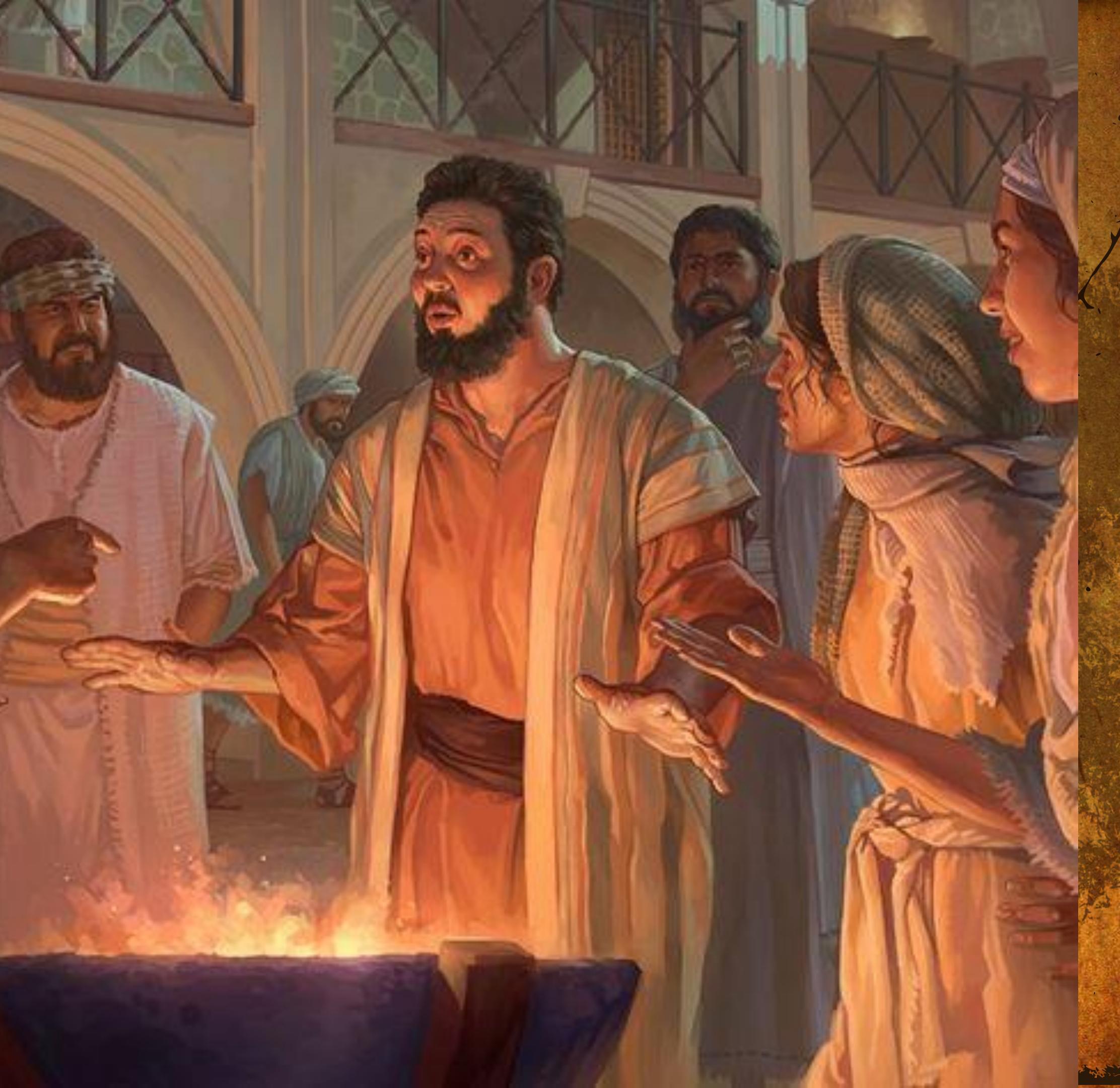
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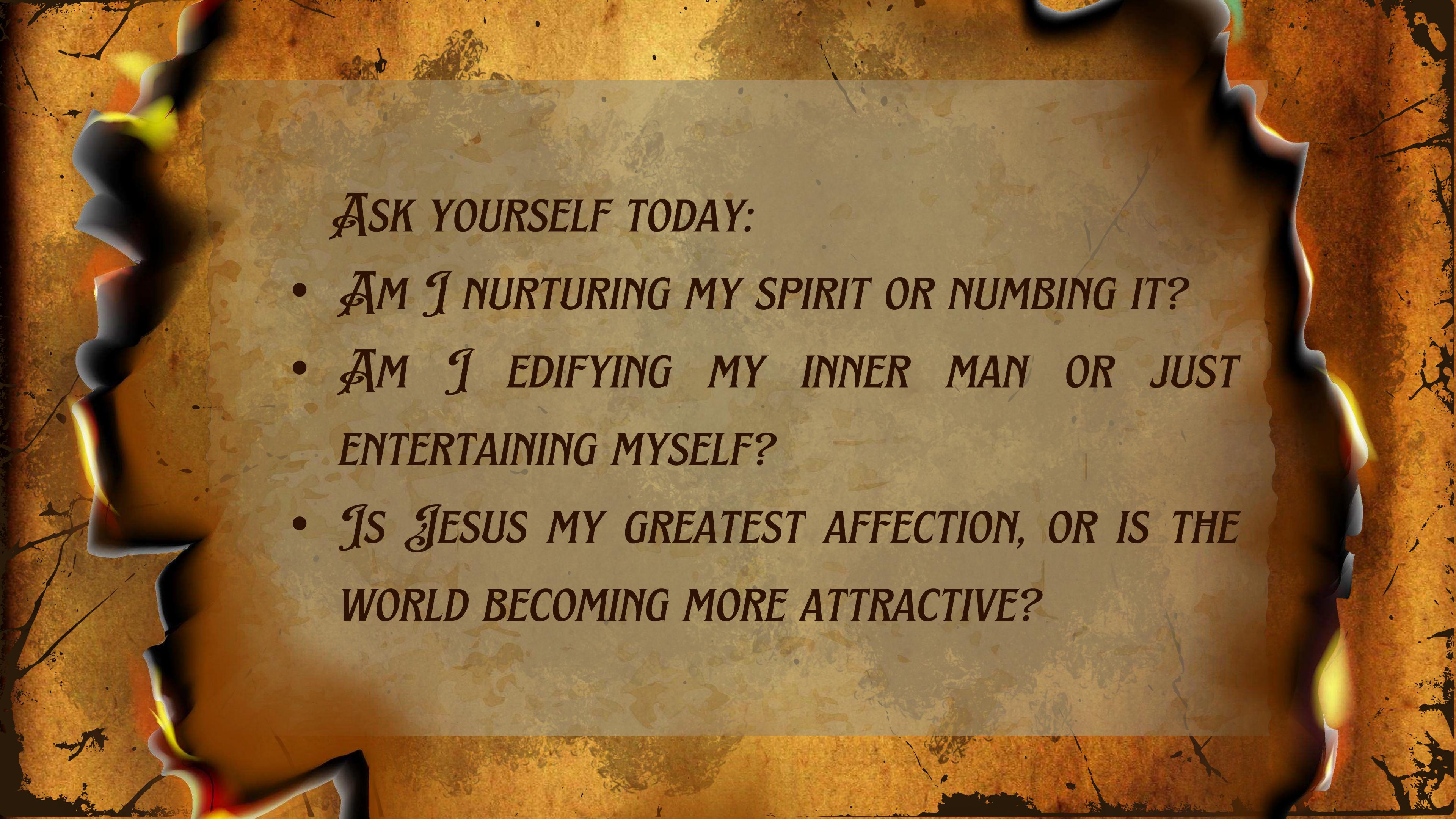
WARMING YOURSELF

AT THE WORLD'S FLAME

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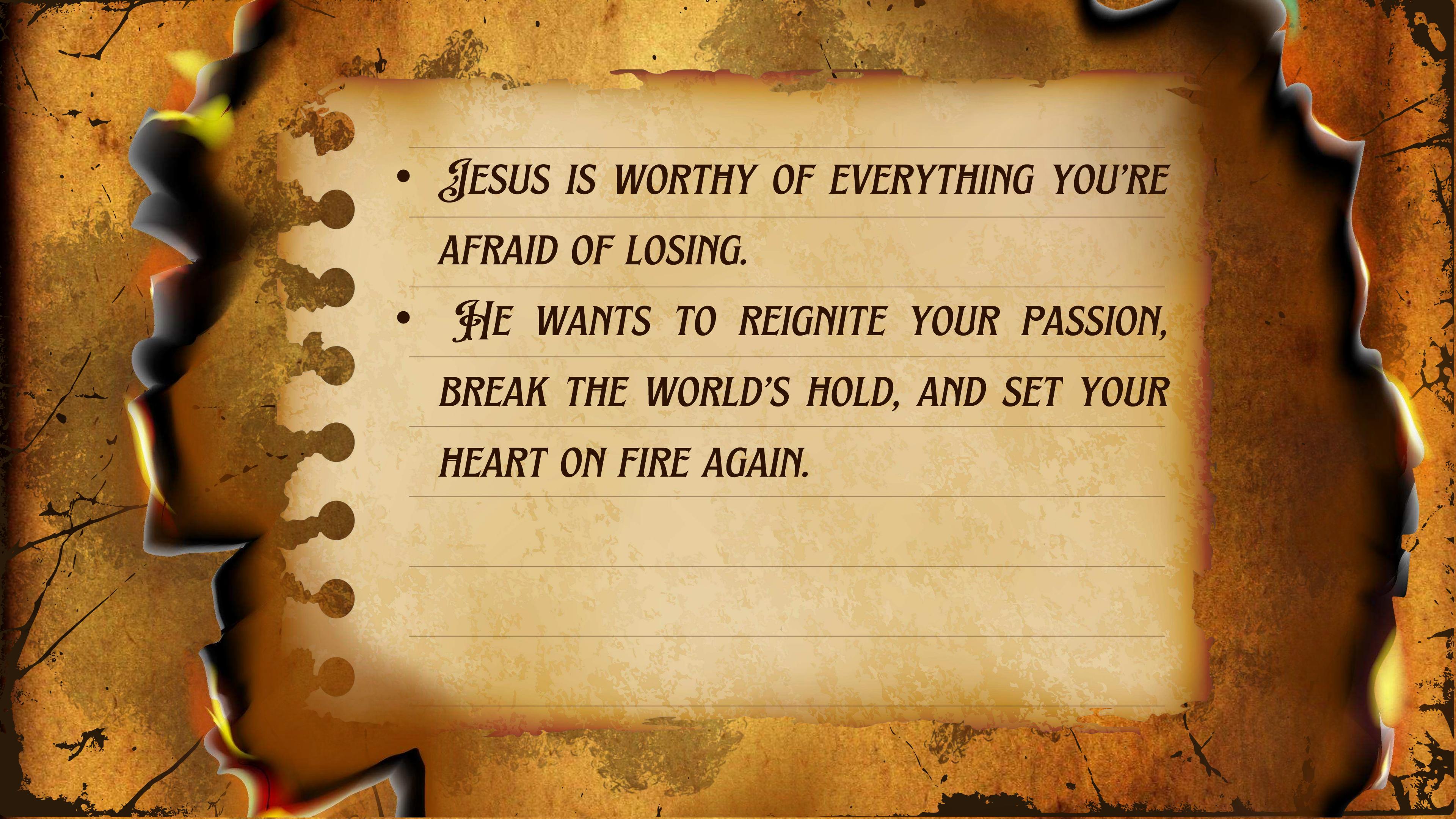
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ASK YOURSELF TODAY:

- *AM I NURTURING MY SPIRIT OR NUMBING IT?*
- *AM I EDIFYING MY INNER MAN OR JUST ENTERTAINING MYSELF?*
- *IS JESUS MY GREATEST AFFECTION, OR IS THE WORLD BECOMING MORE ATTRACTIVE?*

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- JESUS IS WORTHY OF EVERYTHING YOU'RE AFRAID OF LOSING.
 - HE WANTS TO REIGNITE YOUR PASSION, BREAK THE WORLD'S HOLD, AND SET YOUR HEART ON FIRE AGAIN.



FIRE KILLER #5

FAILING TO REPENT

JOHN 21:1-3

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: 2 Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. 3 “I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

JOHN 21:4-6

4 Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

5 He called out to them, “Friends, haven’t you any fish?”

“No,” they answered.

6 He said, “Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some.” When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

JOHN 21:7-9

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- NO MATTER HOW FAR YOU'VE FALLEN.
- NO MATTER HOW LONG IT'S BEEN.
- NO MATTER WHERE YOU'VE BEEN.
- JESUS DOESN'T JUST SAVE SINNERS—
- HE RESTORES ALL WHO LOST THEIR FIRES.

HOW TO GET YOUR FIRE BACK

1. Focus on Jesus' love for you
2. Wake up your devotional life
3. Follow the Holy Spirit even when inconvenient
4. Nurture your spirit, don't numb it
5. Live a lifestyle of repentance



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