

## Friday Morning Fire "Love That Still Burns"

Good morning, Highland Park!

As we step into Valentine's weekend and continue celebrating Black History Month, the Lord dropped this in my spirit:

We are still here because love kept burning.

Not soft love.  
Not sentimental love.  
But survival love.  
Sacrificial love.  
Sanctified love.

The Scripture says:

"Let all that you do be done in love."  
— 1 Corinthians 16:14 (NLT)

Family, that's not a suggestion — that's strategy.

Love That Sustained a People

Our ancestors didn't just survive because they were strong.  
They survived because they loved.

They loved God enough to pray in secret.  
They loved family enough to stay together when the system tried to tear them apart.  
They loved community enough to build churches on land they didn't even fully own.

Love kept burning in cabins.  
Love kept burning in cotton fields.  
Love kept burning in classrooms with hand-me-down books.

And that same love is burning in you.

Valentine's Day Is More Than Romance

This weekend is not just about roses and restaurants.

It's about:

- Loving God with your whole heart.
- Loving yourself enough to heal.
- Loving others enough to forgive.
- Loving your purpose enough to stay disciplined.

Because real love is not just a feeling.  
It is a decision to stay faithful.

A Word for This Morning

Some of you are tired.  
Some of you are disappointed.  
Some of you feel unseen.

But hear this clearly:

The love of God has not cooled off toward you.

“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.”  
— Psalm 136:1 (NLT)

Forever means:

- Through layoffs.
- Through heartbreak.
- Through rejection.
- Through political noise.
- Through economic pressure.
- Through personal struggle.

His love is still burning.

Prophetic Push for the Weekend

Highland Park, this weekend:

Love boldly.  
Forgive quickly.  
Pray deeply.  
Serve joyfully.  
Worship passionately.

Because when love leads —  
fear loses.  
hate loses.  
division loses.

Love is not fragile.  
Love is fire.

And this Friday morning, I declare:

The fire is still burning in your marriage.  
The fire is still burning in your calling.  
The fire is still burning in this church.  
The fire is still burning in your future.

You are not cold.  
You are not forgotten.  
You are not finished.

You are loved.  
And love still wins.

In Jesus' name — Amen.

— Pastor Henry Davis  
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