

Friday Morning Fire "The Fire Still Burns"

Jeremiah 20:9 (NLT)

"But if I say I'll never mention the Lord or speak in his name, his word burns in my heart like a fire. It's like a fire in my bones! I am worn out trying to hold it in! I can't do it!"

Good Morning, Highland Park Family!

This is the last Friday in Black History Month—but can I testify this morning that the fire doesn't go out just because the calendar page turns!

Black History Month may end—but Black faith never ends.
Black resilience never ends.
Black prayer never ends.
Black hope never ends.

Because what God put in our bones—still burns.

Jeremiah said, "It's like fire in my bones." And if there's any people on earth who know about fire in their bones—it's us. Our ancestors had fire in their bones when they prayed in slave fields. They had fire in their bones when they sang, "Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah..."

*They had fire in their bones when they marched across bridges...
Fire in their bones when they sat at segregated counters...
Fire in their bones when they built churches with their bare hands...*

And that same fire... Is in YOU this morning.

Because the fire is what kept you when life tried to break you.
You should have quit—but the fire kept you.
You should have lost your mind—but the fire kept you.
You should have given up—but the fire kept you.

The same God who carried your ancestors— Is carrying YOU. Because the fire still burns.

And here's what I came to declare this morning:

You are not starting from nothing—
You are starting from inheritance.
You inherited faith.
You inherited strength.
You inherited survival.
You inherited victory.
Because every prayer they prayed...
Every tear they cried...
Every battle they fought...
Added fuel to your fire.

Isaiah 43:2 says: “When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned.”

Notice—God didn’t say you wouldn’t go through fire.
He said the fire wouldn’t destroy you.
Because the fire was never meant to consume you—
It was meant to confirm you.
And I hear the Lord saying this morning:
The fire is rising again.
Fire in your faith.
Fire in your vision.
Fire in your purpose.
Fire in your future.
This is not your burnout season—
This is your burn brighter season.
Not burnout—
Burn brighter.
Not giving up—
Going higher.
Not backing down—
But stepping forward.
Because the fire still burns.

Prayer:

Father, in the name of Jesus, We thank You this morning for the fire.
Thank You for the fire that carried our ancestors.
Thank You for the fire that carried us through danger seen and unseen.
Thank You for the fire that refused to let us quit. Lord, stir the fire again.
Where someone is tired—stir the fire. Where someone is discouraged—stir the fire.
Where someone is ready to give up—stir the fire. Remind us that greater is in us than what is against us.
Remind us that the same power that sustained generations before us—Is sustaining us right now.

And Father, we declare—

We will not lose the fire.
We will not abandon the faith.
We will not quit this season.
Because the fire still burns.
And we give You glory.
We give You honor.
And we give You praise.
In Jesus’ name—
Amen.

Prophetic Declaration:

This is my fire season.
I will not burn out - I will burn brighter.
What God placed in me - Will carry me forward.
The fire still burns.
In Jesus’ name—
Amen!