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"REIGNITE YOUR ZEAL FOR GOD"

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MARK 12:28-30; ROMANS 12:11 (ESV)

I. UNDERSTAND THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF PASSION

TRUTH: Nothing great is ever accomplished in life without passion.

TRUTH FOR YOU: Without passion life becomes boring and routine.

INSIGHT: Nothing else matters in life if you don't love God passionately (Colossians 3:23).

INSIGHT: If your life is filled with contention, that's the presence of the flesh nature, the old you before Christ.

TRUTH: Zeal and fervor aren't automatic; they are a choice, a discipline you live by (Hebrews 10:36, 12:1).

INSIGHT: As time goes by, we can lose our enthusiasm for life... because of passion killers.

II. THE MAJOR PASSION KILLERS OF OUR LIVES

A. Unbalanced life, Ecclesiastes 3:1; Psalm 127:2

TRUTH: Some of you are always giving out to this cause and that need...always helping, sharing, serving, working.

TRUTH: Bible study without ministry is spiritually dangerous (James 2:17).

The "five purposes" of a healthy Christian life:

- 1) Worship of God
- 2) Fellowship with other believers
- 3) Reading God's Word daily
- 4) Ministry to others
- 5) Mission

INSIGHT: You can go to seed on any of these and get unbalanced and lose your passion; all are needed for balance and growth.

B. Unused talent, 1 Peter 4:10 (LB)

INSIGHT: God has given you a special role in this world. He wants you to make a contribution with your life.

TRUTH: You need a job to make a living, but you need a ministry to make a life; that fulfills you.

C. An unconfessed sin

TRUTH: Few things will rob us of joy and passion quicker than guilt.

INSIGHT: Regardless of our rationalization of sin, our conscience eats at us, because it's from God (Psalm 38:4-5; 1 John 1:9).

D. Unsupported lifestyle, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

TRUTH: A prolonged absence of fellowship with believers will drain your passion for God.

TRUTH: You must be in a Life Group before the next crisis comes...and it is coming.

THE PATTERN OF BELIEVERS WALKING AWAY FROM THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE CHURCH FAMILY:

- 1) They stop coming to worship.
- 2) Their heart starts to turn cold.

INSIGHT: All of us have a need to be around other people who have a passion for God.

INVITATION INSIGHT: In COVID periods an unsupported lifestyle is our greatest threat to our spiritual life (Ecclesiastes 4:9-10).

ACTION STEPS:

- 1) Commit to keep your Life Group going.
- 2) Get in a Life Group NOW!