

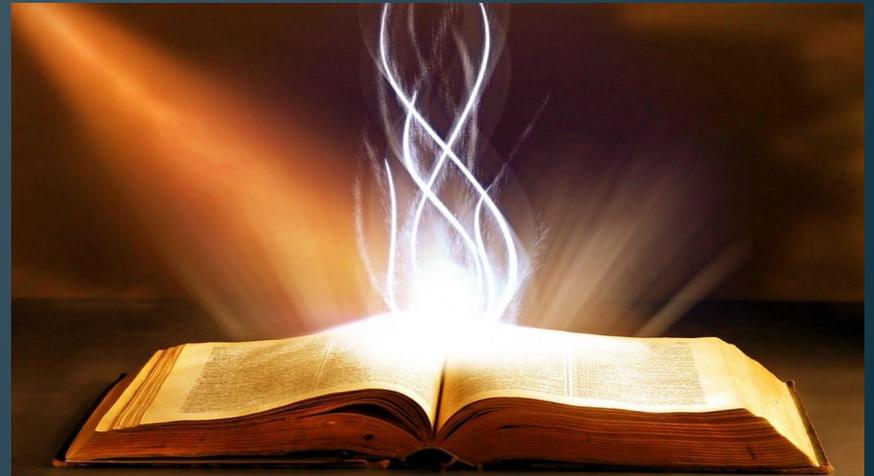
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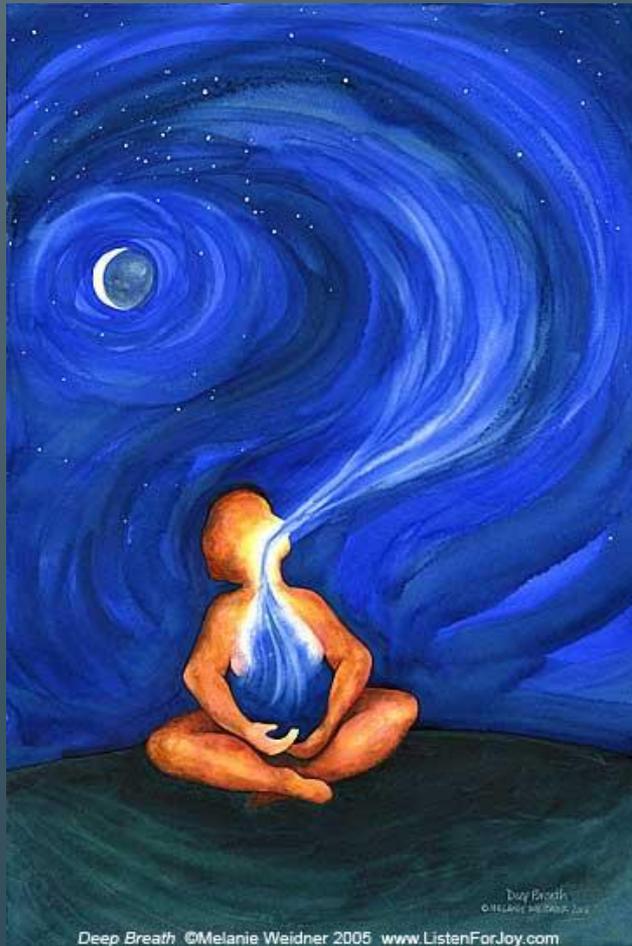
- What is this story saying to you as an Individual?
- What is this story saying to us as a Church?
- What do you think Fire represents in the story?

Fire in the Bible

- Acts 2:3-4 the tongues of fire when the disciples were filled with the HS at Pentecost
- 2 Timothy 1:6 Fan into flame the gift of God
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19 Do not put out the Spirit's Fire



Ruakh: Hebrew for God's Spirit



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- How do we fan into flame the Gift of God's Spirit?
(Individual)
- Who are you on fire with? (Community)
- Who are you on fire for? (Mission)

Acts 1:4-5, 8-9

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- ⁸ **You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses**, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- ⁹ After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him.

Acts 1:12-14

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Acts 2:1-4

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- ³ Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. ⁴ And **everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit** and began speaking in other languages, as **the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.**

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Who are we on Fire with? (Community)



- Do you think it's necessary to fan the Spirit's flame by gathering together constantly in prayer with other believers?
- If so, are there any obstacles to you doing this?



Who are you on Fire For?



Summary

- Fan the flame by gathering together to pray
- Ask God to identify people to be on fire with:
 - who are right in front of you, and/or
 - people who are difficult or hard to love
- Ask God to identify people to be on fire for:
 - who are in the places you already frequent
 - hard to love people and/or those you feel hopeless about