entry point
Ignite! That is the Holy Spirit will do in our lives. In order for this to happen, we must prayerfully make our daily decisions in accordance with God’s will. We must be emptied of ourselves before we can be filled with the Spirit of God. Only when the Holy Spirit fills us can we be ignited by God’s flame to refine us. He will never let the refiner’s fire consume and destroy us. We must go through this process before we will see God in all things. At that point, He can use us to glorify His extraordinary purposes for our lives. However, going through the fire often becomes a painful process for us. It can lead to spiritual burnout, sometimes without us initially noticing! Once we recognize the signs of burnout, God has a remedy to get us back on track.

apply it grow in maturity James 5:17-18 reads "Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for the next 3-1/2 years! Then he prayed for rain, and down it poured. The grass turned green, and the crops began to grow again." God has the answers to all of our prayers. His blessings meet and exceed all of our needs. This week, sharpen your focus on God. Draw near to Him in prayer. Earnestly seek Him to re-ignite the Holy Spirit in your life. Listen for His gentle whispers, and respond in obedience.

finer point If we are to be fully illuminated by God, we must guard His flame from emotional and physical burnout. What is God’s remedy for burnout? The four "R's." First, we must rest our bodies. Physical exhaustion can lead to emotional exhaustion, and vice versa. We must release our negative emotions, feelings and frustrations to God. He wants to free us from them! Next we need to refocus on God and recommit our lives to His purpose. It is then we will be re-ignited by Him.

"If the axe is dull, And one does not sharpen the edge, Then he must use more strength; But wisdom brings success.”
Ecclesiastes 10:10

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