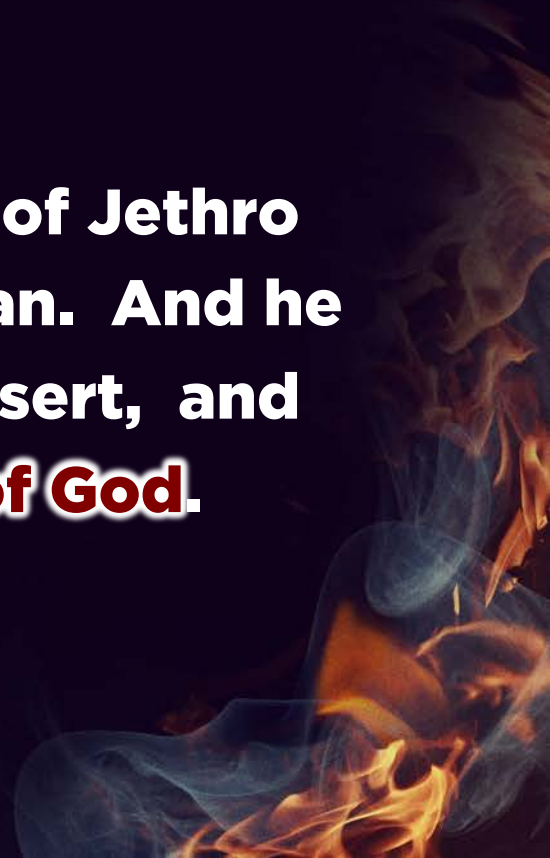
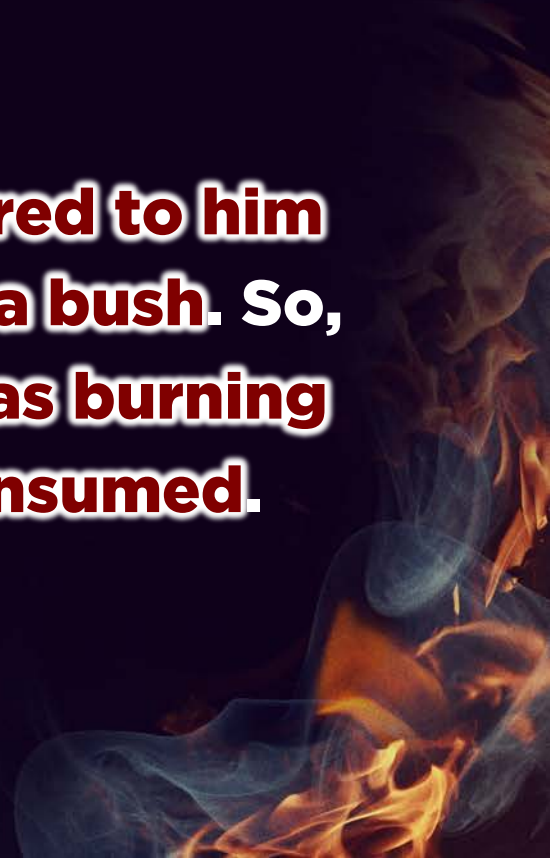

Part 2
SPEAKING FROM
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EXODUS 3:1-10
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Exodus 3:1-10 (NKJV)

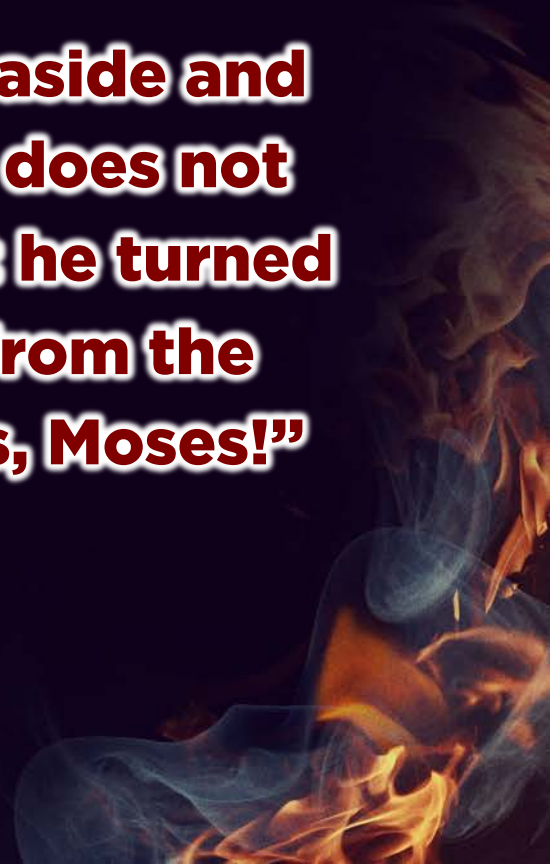
Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to **Horeb, the mountain of God**.



[2] And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So, he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.



3 Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and
see this great sight, why the bush does not
burn.” 4 So when the LORD saw that he turned
aside to look, God called to him from the
midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!”
And he said, “Here I am.”



5 Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. **Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground**.” 6 Moreover He said, “I am the God of your father - the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.



7 And the LORD said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows.

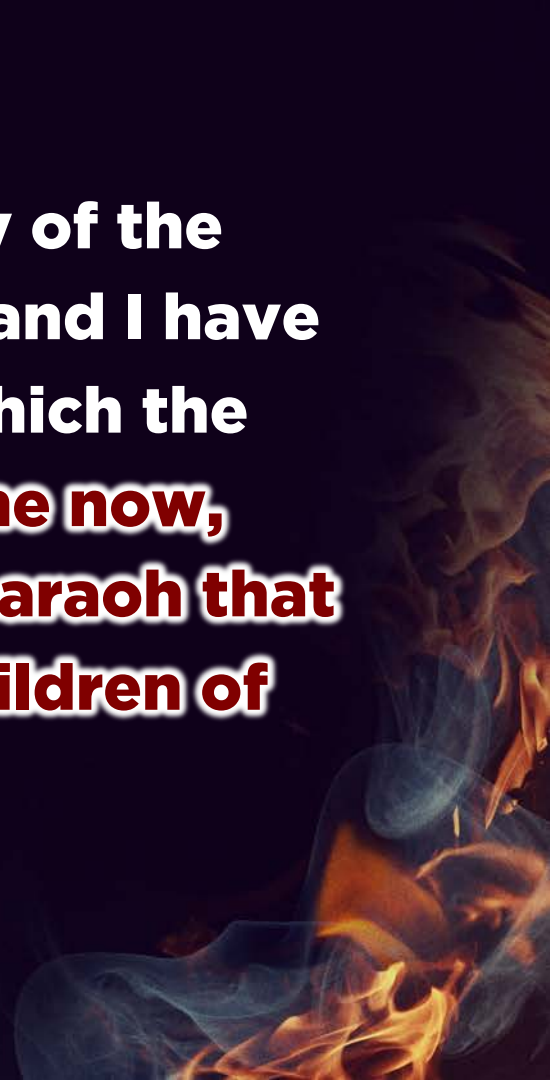


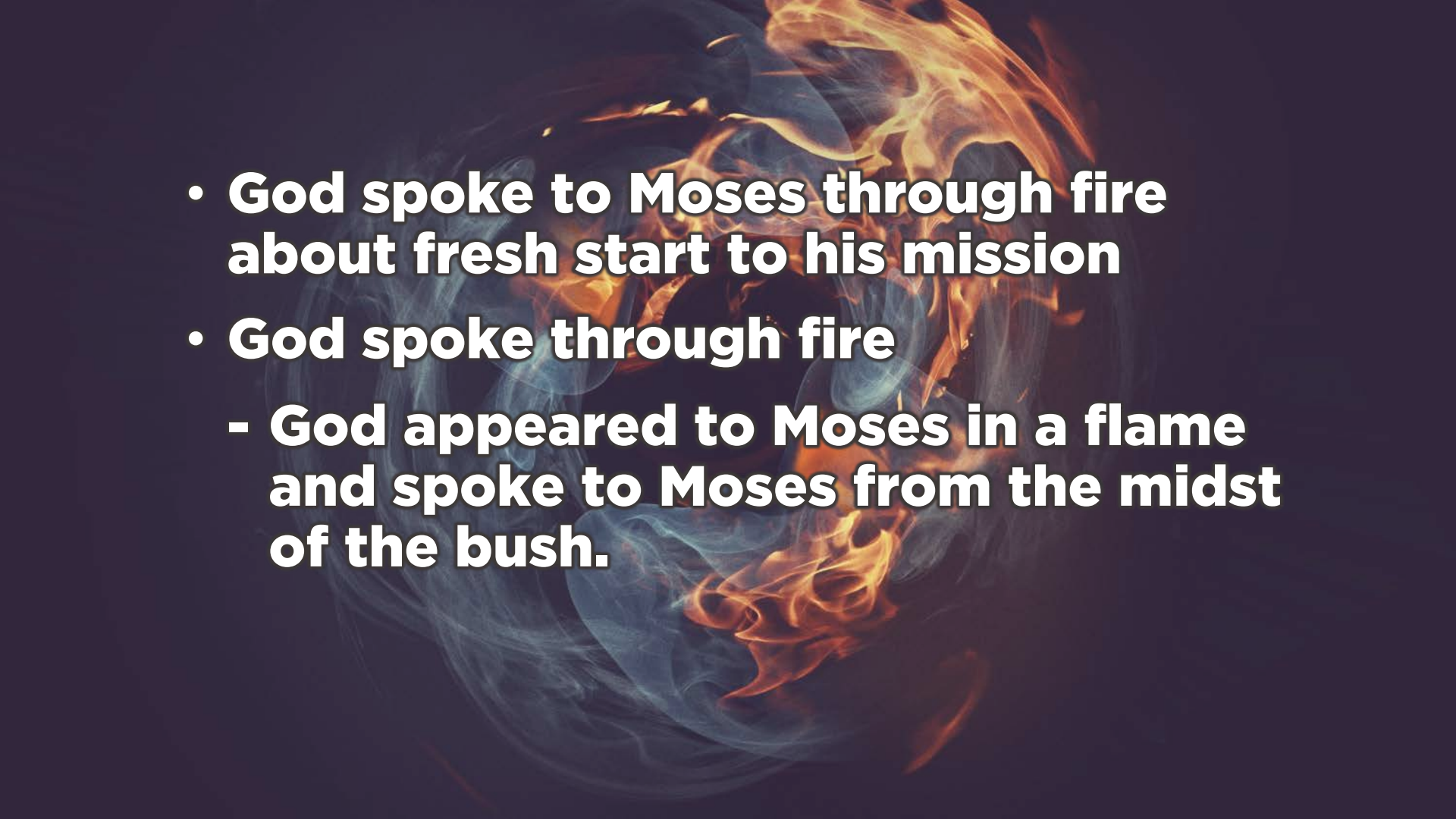
8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites.



9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.”

Exodus 3:1-10 (NKJV)

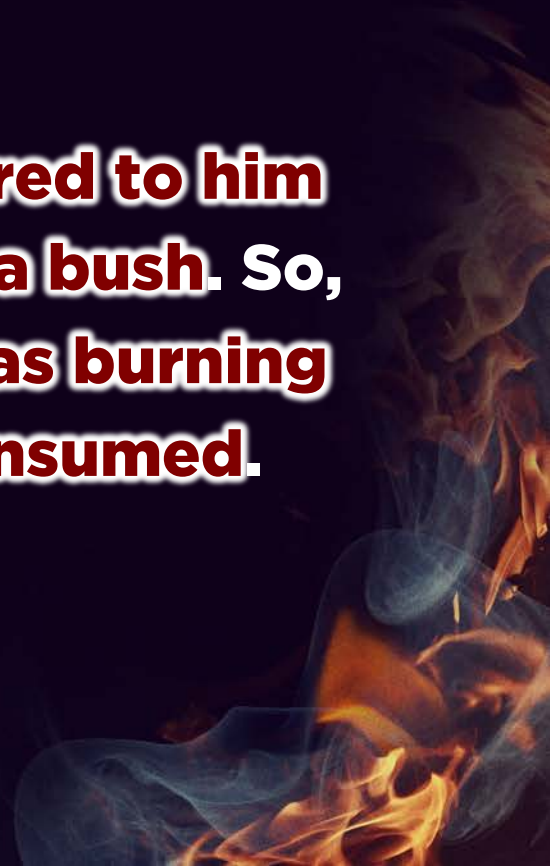




- God spoke to Moses through fire about fresh start to his mission
- God spoke through fire
  - God appeared to Moses in a flame and spoke to Moses from the midst of the bush.

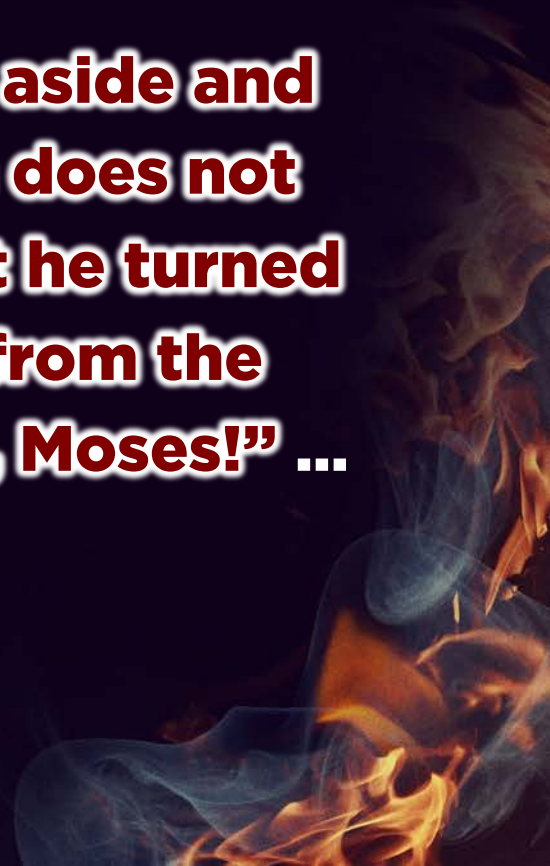
Exodus 3:2-4 (NKJV)

2 And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So, he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed.



[3] Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.” [4] So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” …

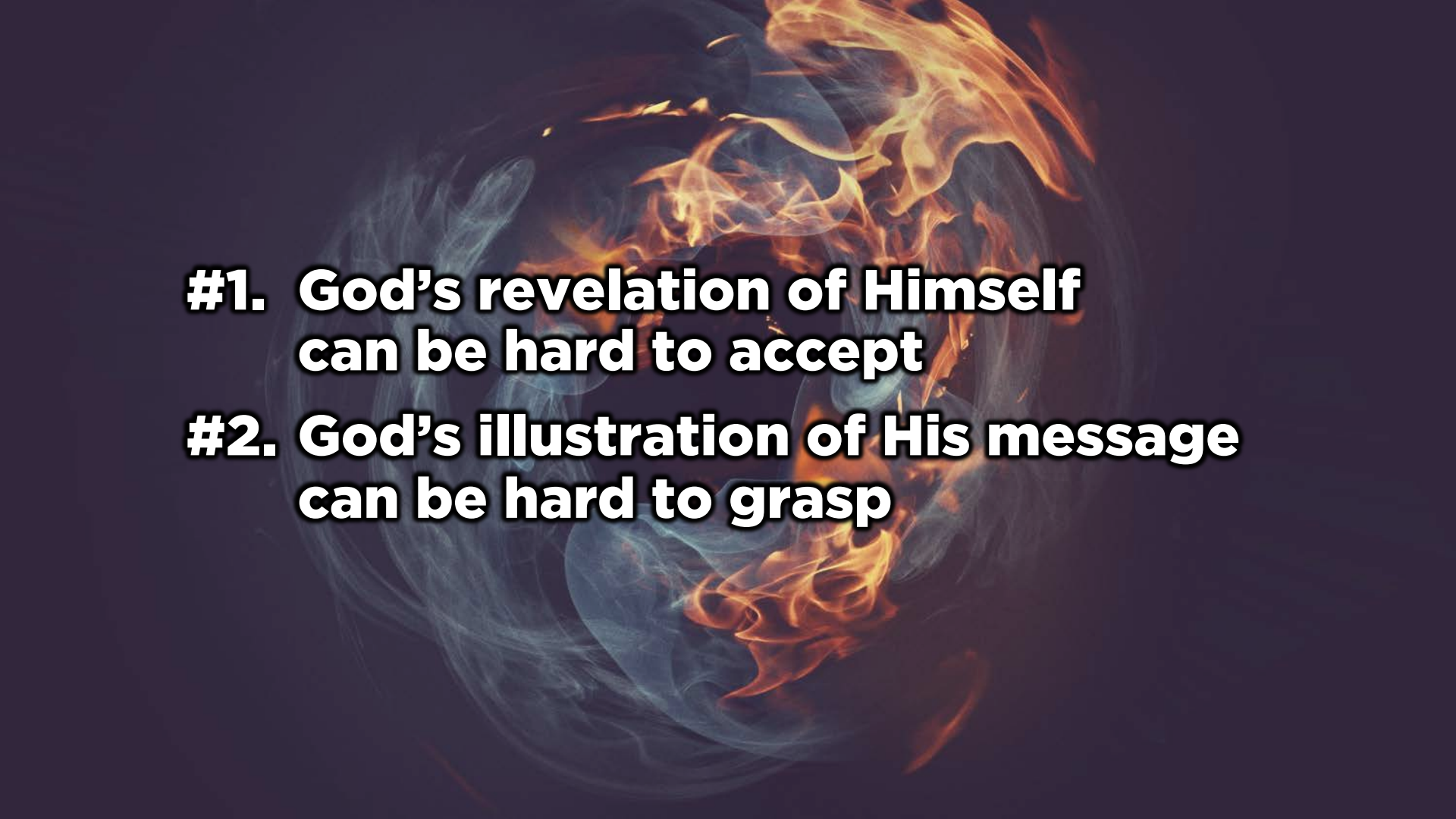
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Two Key Points:

1) **Forms of manifestation of God: ungraspable intellectually**
2) **Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration**


#1. God's revelation of Himself
can be hard to accept
#2. God's illustration of His message
can be hard to grasp

1) **Forms of manifestation of God: ungraspable intellectually**

- **Direction for the church for 2023: Life in the Spirit**



Ephesians 5:15-21 (NKJV)

See then that you walk circumspectly,
not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time,
because the days are evil. 17 Therefore do not
be unwise, but understand what the will of the
Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine,
in which is dissipation; but **be filled**
with the Spirit,



19 speaking to one another in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
making melody in your heart to the
Lord, 20 giving thanks always for all things to
God the Father in the name of our
Lord Jesus Christ, 21 submitting to
one another in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:15-21 (NKJV)

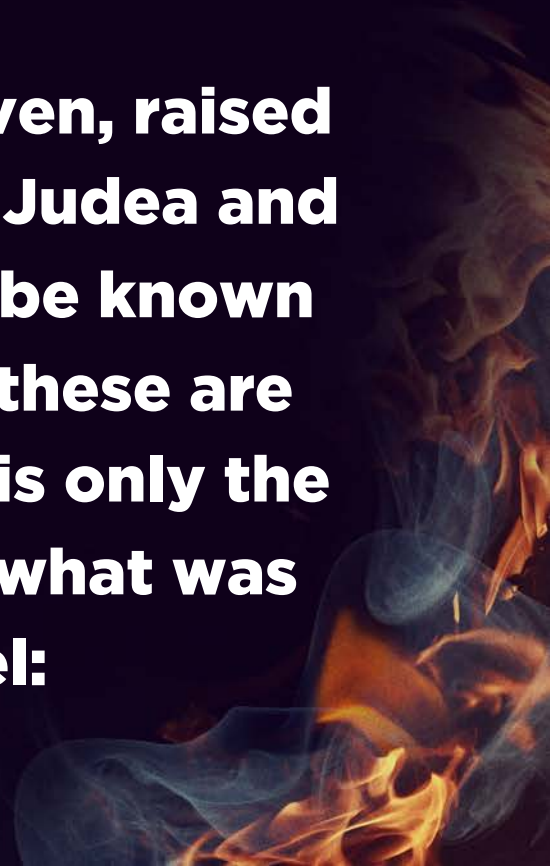


2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- God's illustration of His message can be hard to grasp
- God can communicate to us through prophecy, visions and dreams by the work of the Holy Spirit.

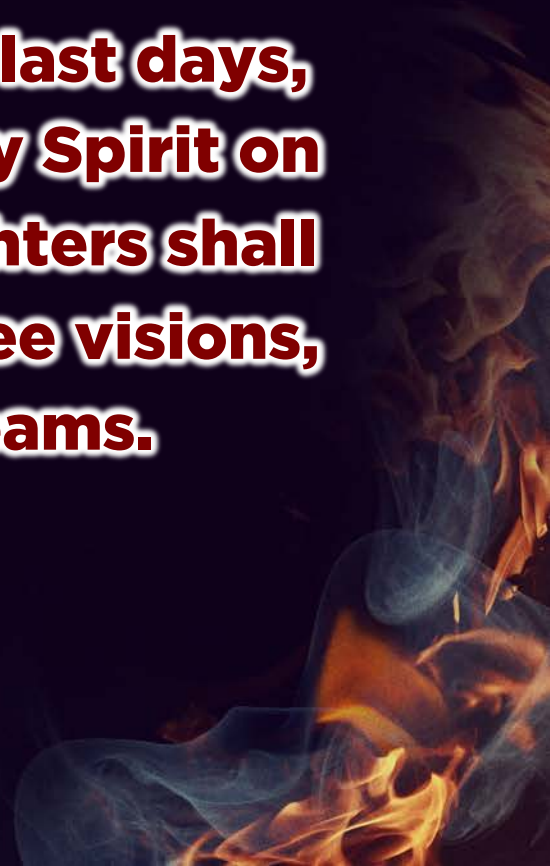
Acts 2:14-17 (NKJV)

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words. 15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:



17 ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days,
says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on
all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall
prophesy, Your young men shall see visions,
Your old men shall dream dreams.

Acts 2:14-17 (NKJV)

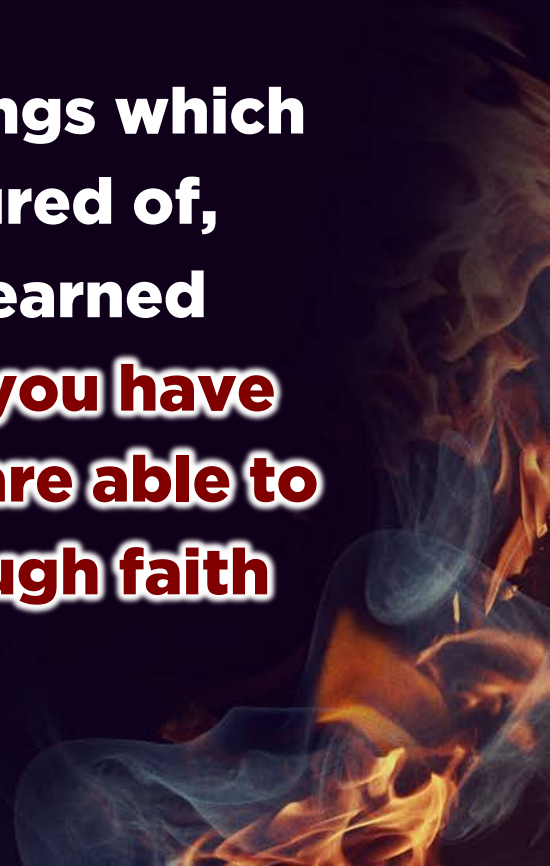


2) **Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration**

- God speaks to us through His word.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NKJV)

14 But you must continue in the things which
you have learned and been assured of,
knowing from whom you have learned
them, 15 and that **from childhood you have
known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to
make you wise for salvation through faith
which is in Christ Jesus**.



16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NKJV)



2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

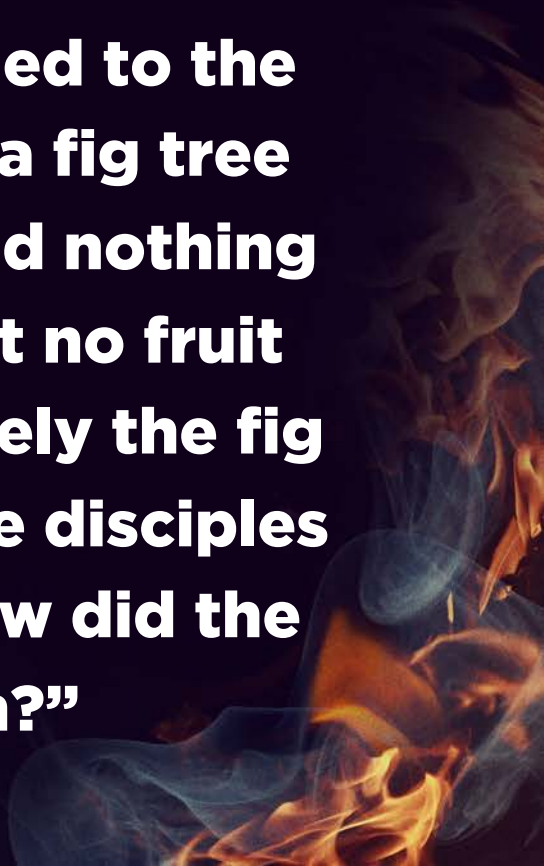
- God uses His word to help us grow to be complete.
- mature, well balanced and all-round development
- interesting illustrations
- parables to communicate His truths

2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- unusual phenomenon to illustrate His message
- fig tree to wither immediately

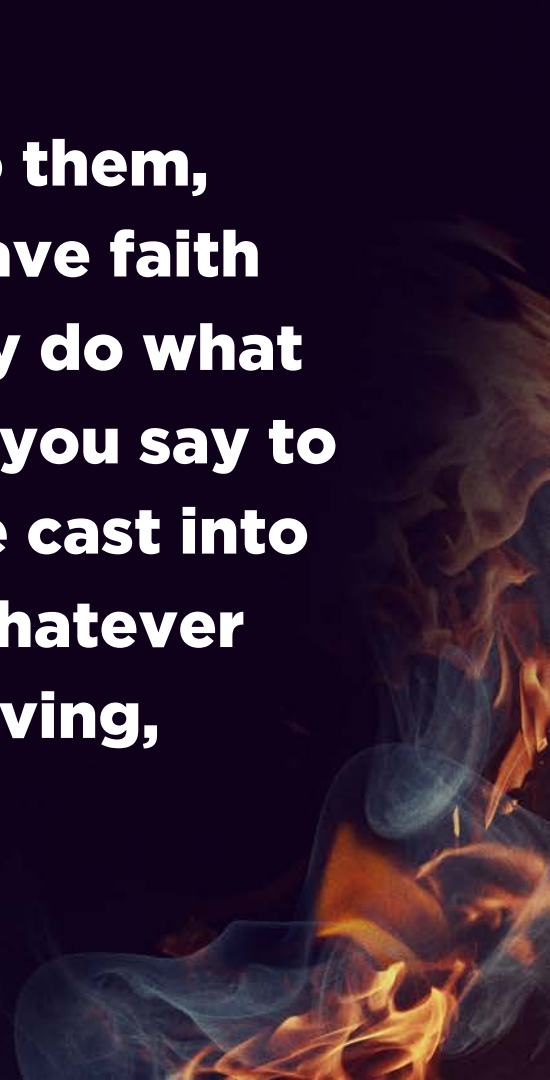
Matthew 21:18-22 (NKJV)

18 Now in the morning, as He returned to the
city, He was hungry. 19 And seeing a fig tree
by the road, He came to it and found nothing
on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit
grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig
tree withered away. 20 And when the disciples
saw it, they marvelled, saying, “How did the
fig tree wither away so soon?”



21 So Jesus answered and said to them,
“Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith
and do not doubt, you will not only do what
was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to
this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into
the sea,’ it will be done. 22 And whatever
things you ask in prayer, believing,
you will receive.”

Matthew 21:18-22 (NKJV)



2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- can use very unusual circumstances in life to illustrate His message

Hosea 1:2-3 (NLT)

2 When the LORD first began speaking to
Israel through Hosea, he said to him, "**Go and
marry a prostitute** so that some of her
children will be conceived in prostitution.
This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a
prostitute by turning against the LORD and
worshiping other gods."



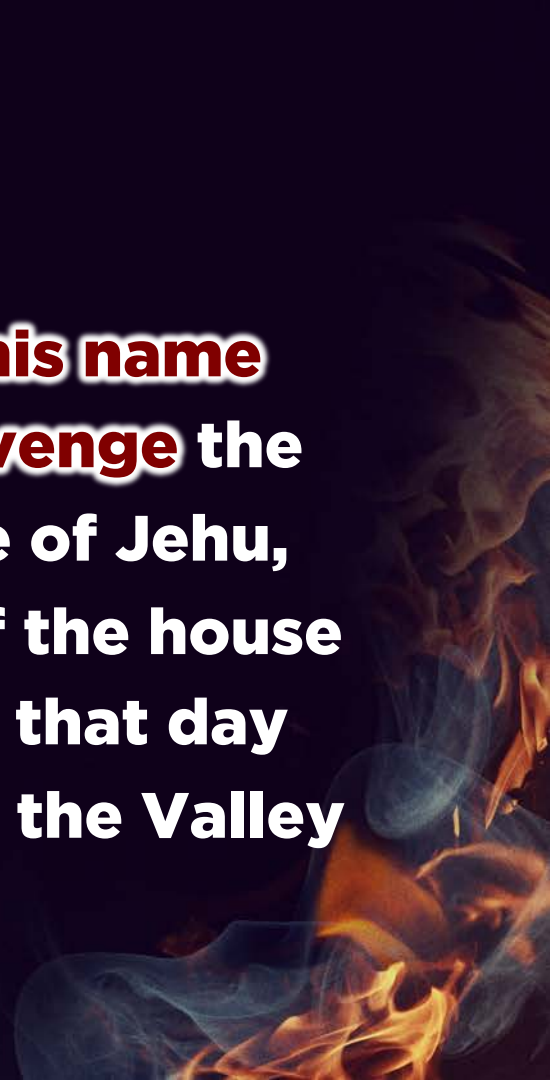
3 So Hosea married Gomer, the daughter of Diblaim, and she became pregnant and gave Hosea a son.

Hosea 1:2-3 (NLT)



Hosea 1:4-9 (NKJV)

Then the LORD said to him: "Call his name Jezreel, For in a little while I will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, And bring an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 It shall come to pass in that day That I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel."

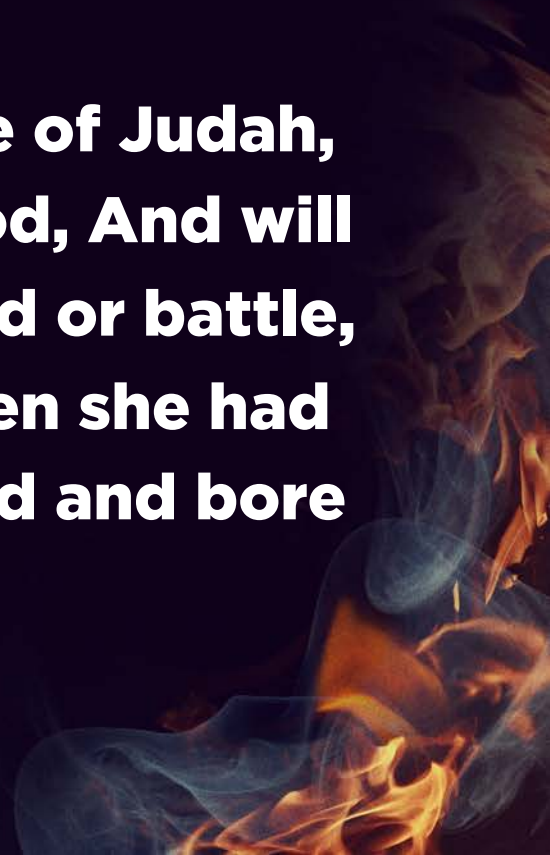


Hosea 1:4-9 (NKJV)

6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then God said to him: “**Call her name Lo-Ruhamah, For I will** no longer have mercy on the house of Israel. But I will utterly take them away.



7 Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah,
Will save them by the LORD their God, And will
not save them by bow, Nor by sword or battle,
By horses or horsemen.” 8 Now when she had
weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived and bore
a son.



9 Then God said: “Call his name Lo-Ammi, For you are not My people, And I will not be your God.

Hosea 1:4-9 (NKJV)

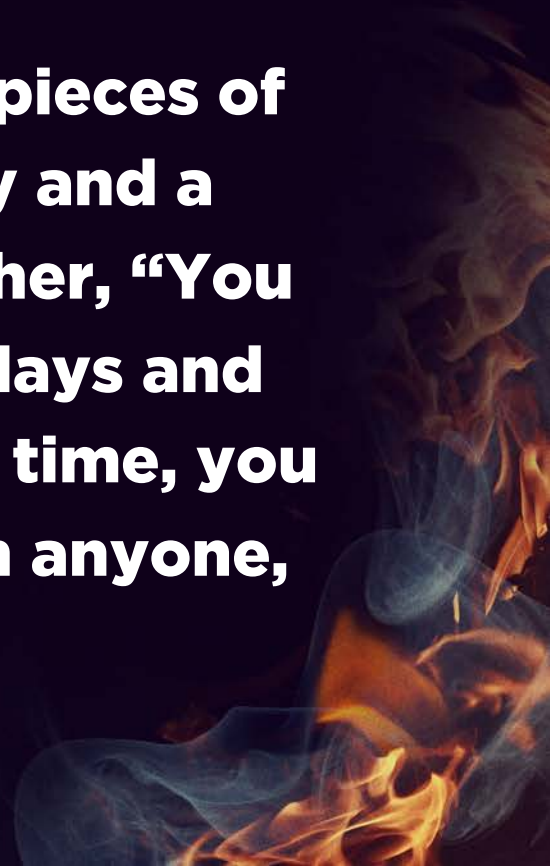


Hosea 3:1-5 (NLT)

Then the LORD said to me, "Go and love your wife again, even though she commits adultery with another lover. This will illustrate that the LORD still loves Israel, even though the people have turned to other gods and love to worship them"

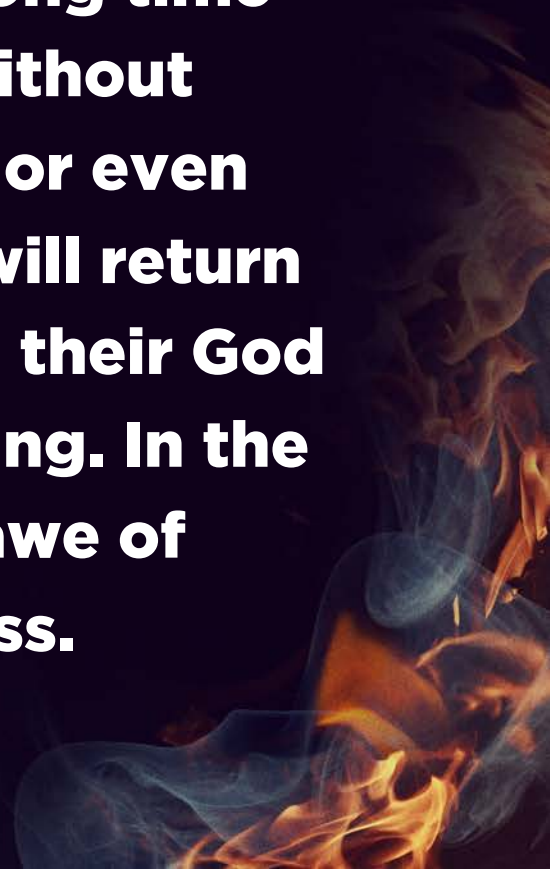


2 So I bought her back for fifteen pieces of
silver and five bushels of barley and a
measure of wine. 3 Then I said to her, “You
must live in my house for many days and
stop your prostitution. During this time, you
will not have sexual relations with anyone,
not even with me”



4 This shows that Israel will go a long time
without a king or prince, and without
sacrifices, sacred pillars, priests, or even
idols! 5 But afterward the people will return
and devote themselves to the LORD their God
and to David's descendant, their king. In the
last days, they will tremble in awe of
the LORD and of his goodness.

Hosea 3:1-5 (NLT)



2) God's illustration of His message can be hard to grasp

- through unusual circumstances in our life

- **Fire at 243 Pasir Panjang Road Singapore**

- incident that was very unusual and unsettling


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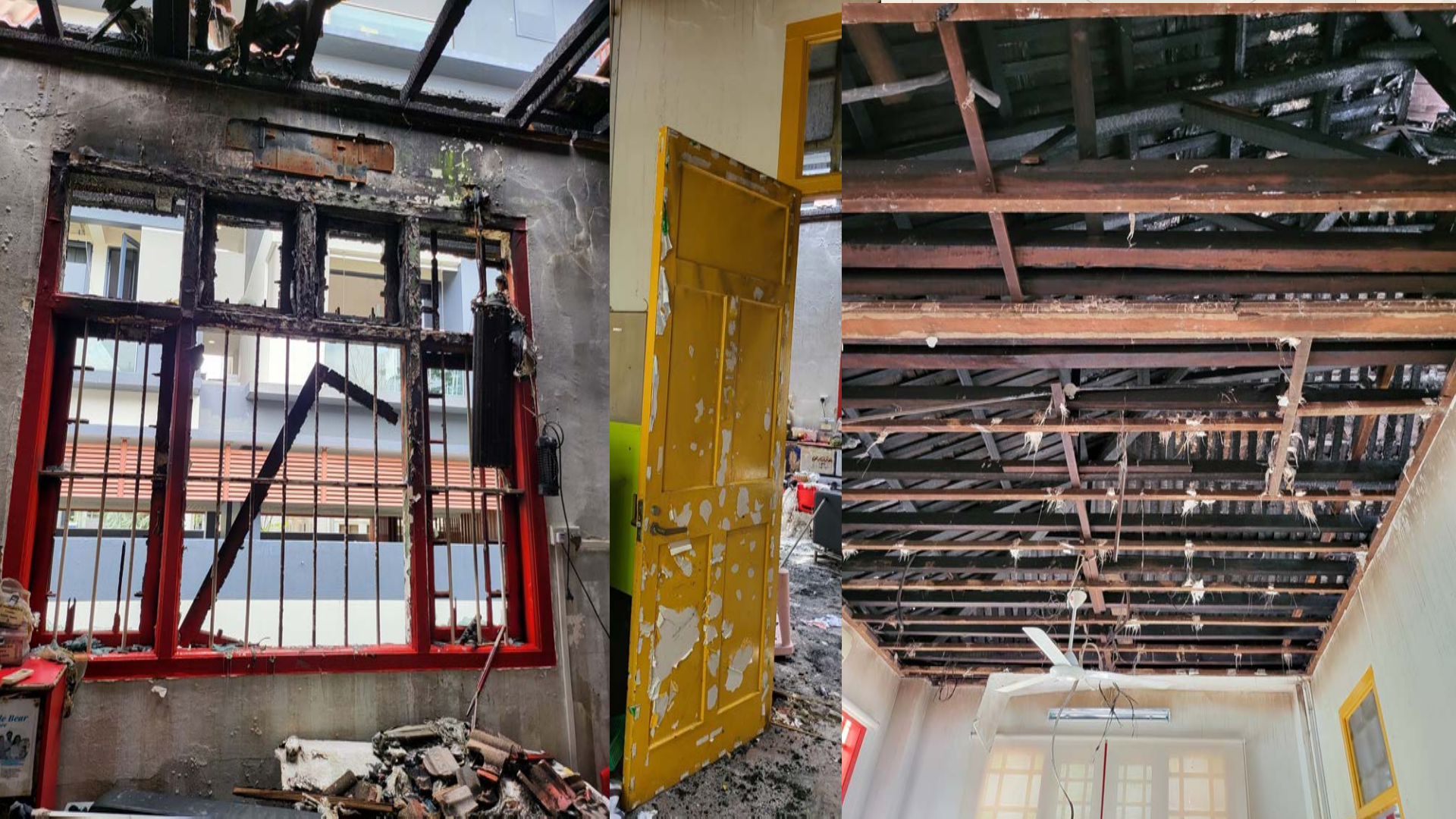









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2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- one of the 1,844 fires that occurred in Singapore in 2021
- fire did not destroy the entire house
- led to the renewal of the entire house

2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- **The house renewed**

- existing external visible structure ended up strengthened by invisible new embedded steel structures

2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- **The house renewed**





- **The outside may be the same but the inside is renewed.**






2 Water
Heater



2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- God's way of speaking to me through an illustration that I did not fathom for many months.

Question:
Then why not fire to Aroozoo House instead of Pasir Panjang House?

2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- **Church on fire in 1993**

- fire of the Holy Spirit that renewed the church in 1993

Video
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2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- ask for another renewal experience through the fire of the Holy Spirit
- We do not remain in history.
- We want history to be repeated.
- illustration of His message can be hard to grasp

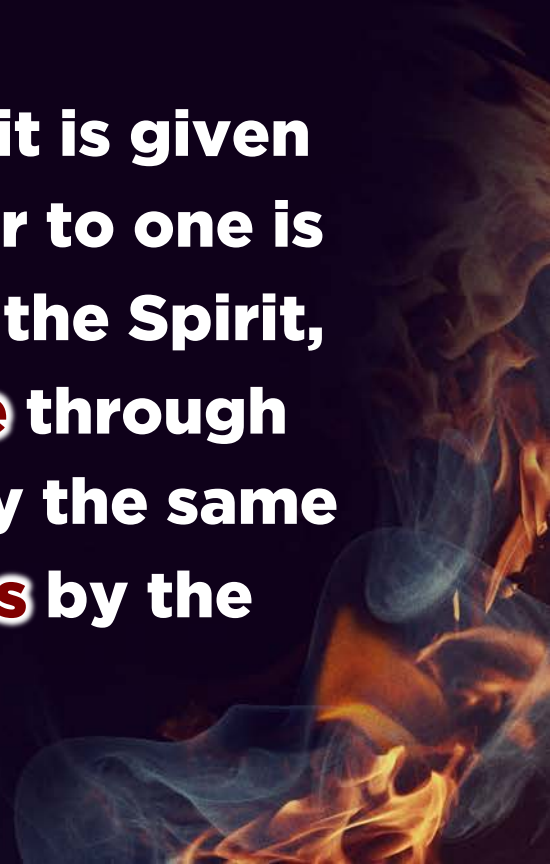
2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- **Renewed by the Holy Spirit**

- first broad manifestation in the early days of revival was the more sensational outward signs
- followed by the church practising, post revival, comfortably the gifts of the Holy Spirit

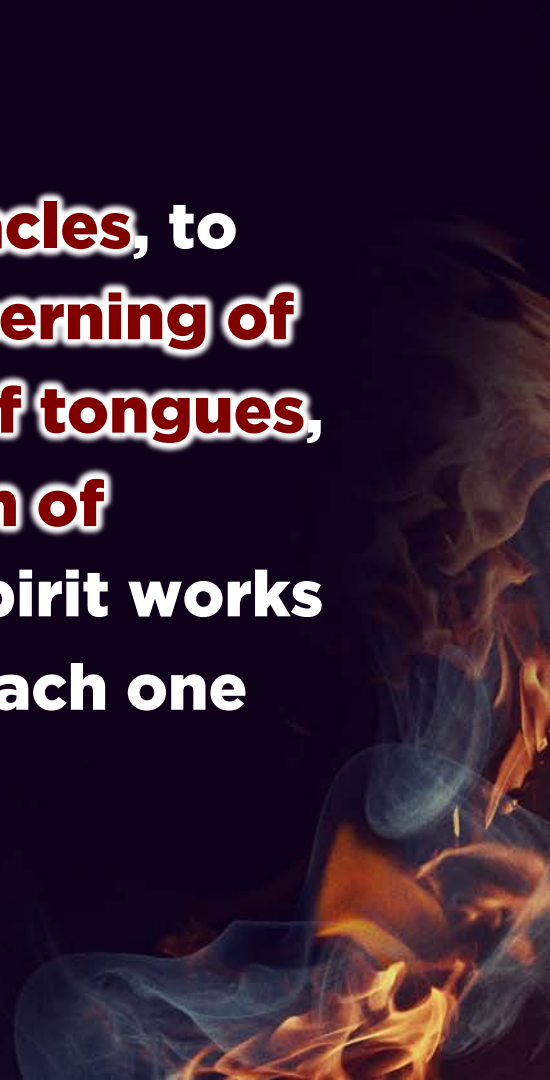
1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (NKJV)

7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given
to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is
given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit,
to another the **word of knowledge** through
the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same
Spirit, to another gifts of **healings** by the
same Spirit,



10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (NKJV)



2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

- second broad expression of the work of the Holy Spirit was the quiet inward transformation
- third distinct expression of the work of the Holy Spirit was the readiness and boldness to witness

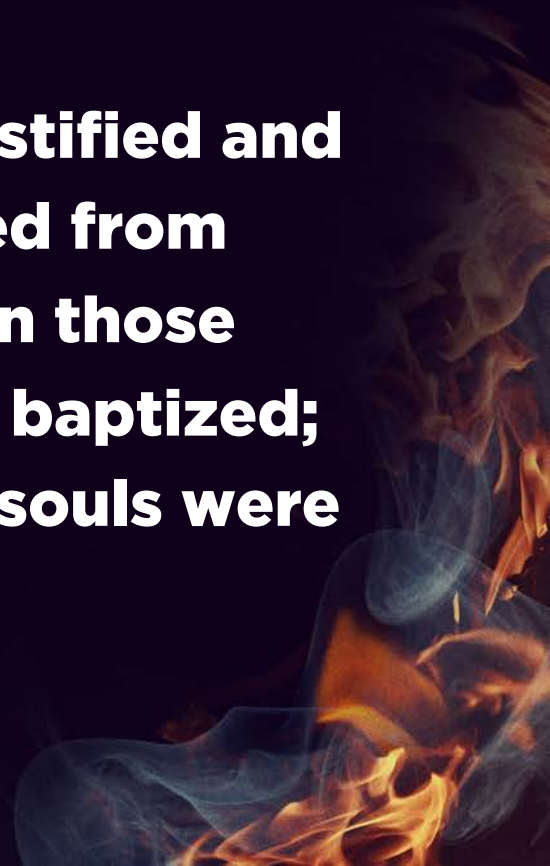
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- **What we can look forward to in a revival**

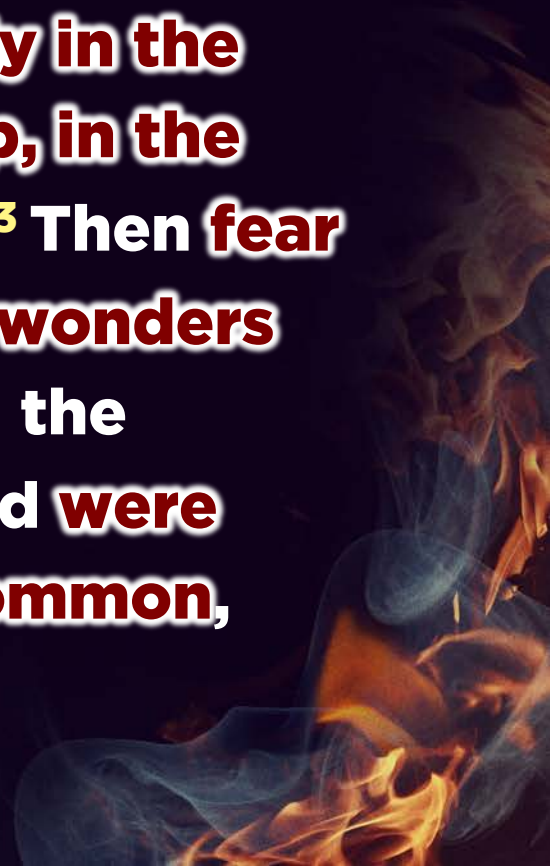
- 7 things that we can see change
- follow the pattern in the revival at Pentecost

Acts 2:40-47 (NKJV)

40 And with many other words he testified and
exhorted them, saying, “Be saved from
this perverse generation.” 41 Then those
who **gladly received his word** were baptized;
and that day about three thousand souls were
added to them.



42 And they continued steadfastly in the
apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear
came upon every soul, and many wonders
and signs were done through the
apostles. 44 Now all who believed were
together, and had all things in common,



45 and sold their possessions and goods,
and divided them among all, as anyone had
need. 46 So continuing daily with one
accord in the temple, and breaking bread
from house to house, they ate their food with
gladness and simplicity of heart,



47 praising God and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:40-47 (NKJV)



2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

1. God is real

- the reality of God
- fear and reverence for God

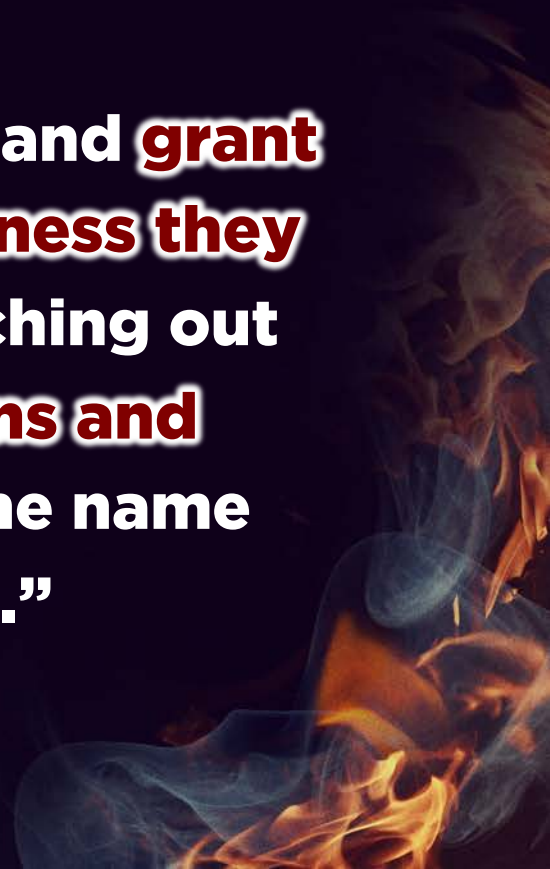
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2. No room for fear of man

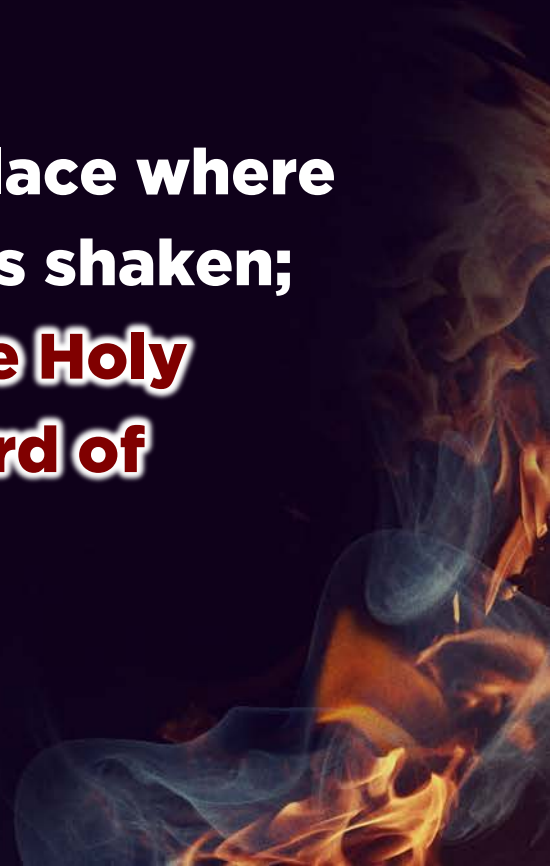
- Boldness to testify for Christ

Acts 4:29-35 (NKJV)

29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.”



31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.



32 Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. 33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.



34 Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, 35 and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need.

Acts 4:29-35 (NKJV)



2) Forms of message from God:
unfathomable illustration

3. The church is family

- People visit one another for fellowship meals.

4. Hearts and hands are open

- People are generous and vulnerable.

2) Forms of message from God: unfathomable illustration

5. Devotion to word and prayer

- hungry for the word and drawn to prayer

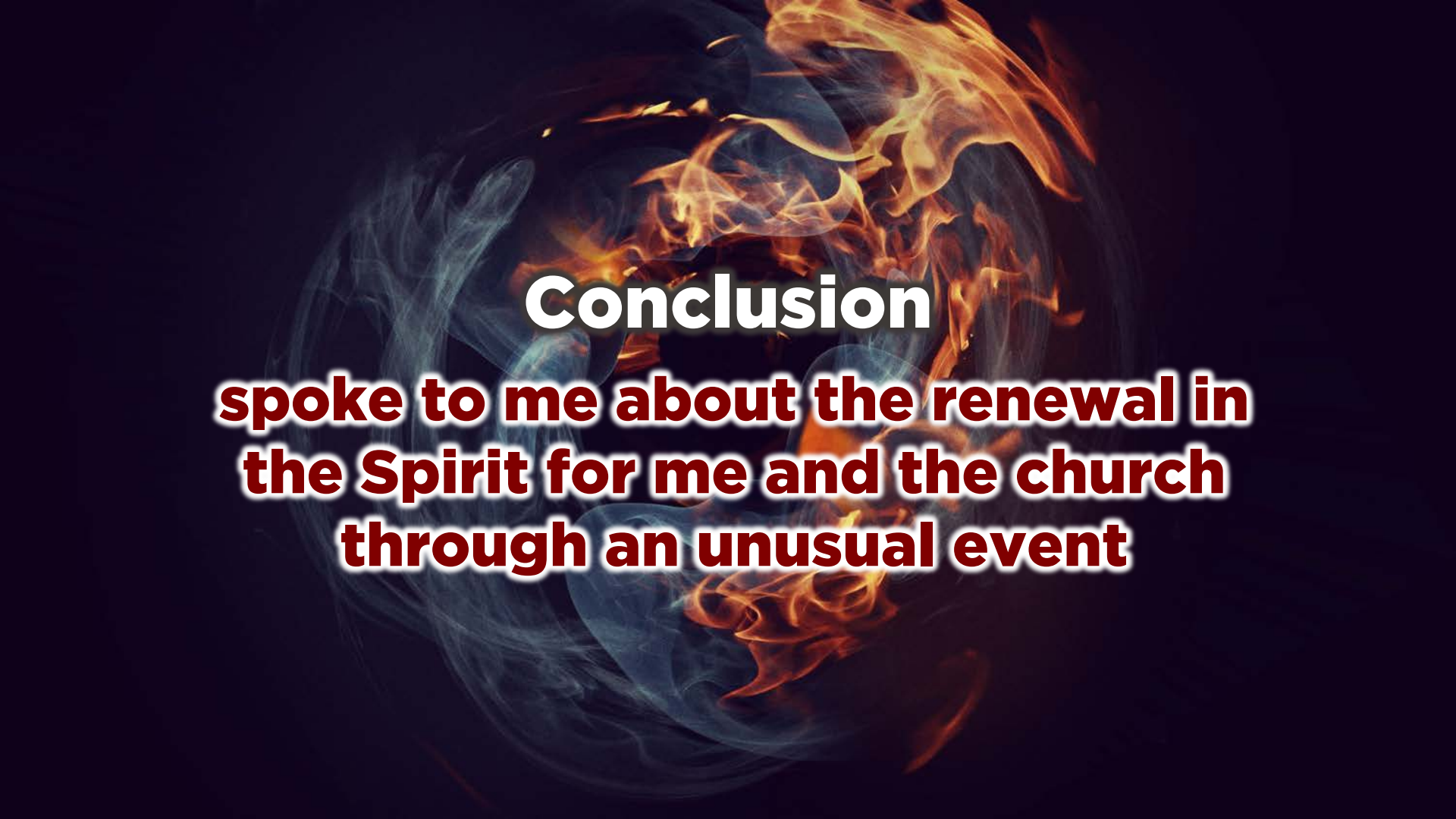
6. Signs and miracles

- Healings took place.

2) Forms of message from God:
unfathomable illustration

7. Faith is increased

- **Post revival:**
character transformation


Conclusion
spoke to me about the renewal in the Spirit for me and the church through an unusual event