



“Then I said, “I will not make mention of Him, nor speak anymore in His name, “but, His Word was in my heart like a burning fire, shut up in my bones, and I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.” Jeremiah 20:9

Jeremiah, you are not alone!

Most believers will tell you, once their religious masks come off, that they too have “been there, done that.” They have acted on the Word of the Lord, either through the Scriptures or the promptings of the Holy Spirit and then they have met with discouragement and even bitter loss and are then faced with this dilemma – has God failed me? (See Jeremiah 15:17 – 18).

Some believers, left spiritually drained and emotionally weary, determine, as Jeremiah did, not to “mention Him or even speak any more in His name!” The prophet Elijah wanted to die. (1 Kings 19:4). Jonah booked a cruise ship in the opposite direction. Peter, denied the Lord three times!

And yet...!

And yet for the Christian the Holy Spirit continues His work and His fire continues to burn within our hearts! Inevitably those embers on the inside break out, once again into a full fledged fire and we once again find ourselves, “speaking in His name.”

“Father, stir the fire in me once again. Heal my hurts and disappointments. Grant me wisdom to see and understand my failings so that I may not make the same mistakes again. Strengthen me once again in the inner man. Help me to be aglow and burning with the Spirit for Your glory! In Jesus’ name!”

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