

## ***Spiritual Authority: Restored In Christ — Each Has a Work and a Fire***

**Based on the message by Chad Everett**

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### **OVERVIEW**

In this message from the *Spiritual Authority: Restored In Christ* sermon series, Chad Everett teaches that every believer has been given both a God-given assignment and the fire of the Holy Spirit to fulfill it. As Jesus taught about His return in Mark 13, He also revealed how believers are meant to live until that day comes: awake, watchful, prayerful, and faithful to the Father's business.

This Pentecost Sunday message explores the connection between spiritual authority, personal assignment, and the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. Chad explains that the "fire" of God is not merely emotion or hype, but the person of the Holy Spirit working within believers to guide, comfort, strengthen, and purify them.

Throughout the sermon, believers are challenged not to become distracted by fear, culture, opinions, politics, or lesser storylines. Instead, the focus must remain on Jesus Christ, the work He has entrusted to each believer, and the fire He has given to help them finish faithfully.

This message also reveals that the fire of God does not merely empower ministry — it purifies the believer. As followers of Jesus obey God and walk in their assignment, the Holy Spirit exposes areas of fear, pride, insecurity, selfishness, and flesh so believers can be conformed into the image of Christ.

"Each has a work and each has a fire."

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### **HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE**

#### **Read → Respond → Reflect**

Open your Bible. Read the Scripture carefully. Let the Word answer the questions.

As you work through this guide, keep your Bible open and allow Scripture to shape your understanding. The goal is not simply to remember sermon points, but to encounter Jesus, hear His voice, and apply His Word personally.

This guide is designed for individual study, family discipleship, and Roads Groups.

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## SECTION 1 — TAKE HEED, WATCH, AND PRAY

### Focus

Jesus calls believers to remain spiritually awake, attentive, and prayerful while waiting for His return.

### Read

Mark 13:32–37, Luke 18:1

### Respond

1. According to Mark 13:33–37, what instructions does Jesus repeatedly give His followers as they wait for His return?
2. In Mark 13:33, what does Jesus connect with spiritual watchfulness and readiness?
3. What warning does Jesus give in Mark 13:36 about being found asleep?
4. According to Luke 18:1, what does Jesus say believers should continually do?
5. What does this verse suggest continual prayer helps protect believers from?

### Reflect

- What am I consistently giving my attention, energy, and emotional focus to that may be slowly dulling my spiritual alertness toward Jesus?
- If someone observed my habits, conversations, media intake, and priorities, would they conclude that I am spiritually watchful or spiritually distracted?
- Have I built a lifestyle of prayer and listening to God, or am I mostly reacting to life without seeking His perspective first?

### Further Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:42–44, 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11, Colossians 4:2

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## SECTION 2 — EVERY BELIEVER HAS A WORK

### Focus

Jesus has given every believer a personal assignment and responsibility in the Kingdom of God.

### Read

Mark 13:34, John 5:36, Luke 2:49

### Respond

1. According to Mark 13:34, what did the master entrust to his servants before leaving?
2. What responsibilities did the master give each servant in this parable?

3. According to John 5:36, how did Jesus describe the works the Father gave Him to accomplish?
4. In Luke 2:49, what does Jesus reveal about His priorities when He says He must be about His Father's business?
5. Based on these passages, what do you learn from Jesus' example about the importance of faithfully completing the work God gives a person to do?

### **Reflect**

- Am I truly living for the Father's business, or have comfort, routine, personal ambition, or fear quietly become the focus of my life?
- If Jesus evaluated how I spend my time, gifts, energy, and influence, what would reveal whether I am investing in eternal work or temporary pursuits?
- What areas of obedience, responsibility, or calling have I delayed because of insecurity, distraction, or fear of sacrifice?

Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 3:23–24, Romans 12:4–8

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## **SECTION 3 — AUTHORITY FOR THE ASSIGNMENT**

### **Focus**

Jesus gives believers authority to accomplish the work He has called them to do.

### **Read**

Mark 13:34, Acts 1:8, Luke 10:19

### **Respond**

1. According to Mark 13:34, what did the master give his servants along with their work?
2. According to Acts 1:8, what did Jesus say believers would receive from the Holy Spirit?
3. What does Luke 10:19 reveal about the authority Jesus gives His followers?
4. In Luke 10:19, what kinds of resistance or opposition does Jesus reference when speaking about authority?
5. Based on these passages, why would believers need both spiritual authority and the power of the Holy Spirit to faithfully accomplish the work God gives them to do?

### **Reflect**

- Where have opposition, discouragement, or spiritual resistance caused me to shrink back from what God has called me to do?
- Am I relying more on my own ability, personality, and strength, or am I learning to depend on the authority and power Jesus provides?
- What would change in my daily life if I genuinely believed Jesus had delegated authority to me to accomplish His work?

### **Further Scripture Reading**

## **SECTION 4 — EACH HAS A FIRE**

### **Focus**

The Holy Spirit is the fire that guides, empowers, comforts, and purifies believers for their assignment.

### **Read**

Acts 2:1–4, 1 Thessalonians 5:19

### **Respond**

1. According to Acts 2:1–4, what happened when the Holy Spirit came upon the believers?
2. What details in Acts 2 show that the Holy Spirit came personally upon each believer?
3. According to Acts 2, what changed in the believers after they were filled with the Holy Spirit?
4. What warning is given in 1 Thessalonians 5:19?
5. Based on these passages, why would believers need the ongoing work and leading of the Holy Spirit to faithfully accomplish what God has called them to do?

### **Reflect**

- Have I reduced the Holy Spirit to an emotional experience instead of cultivating relationship with Him as a person who leads, comforts, and transforms me?
- In what areas of my life do I resist the guidance or conviction of the Holy Spirit because it challenges my comfort, preferences, or control?
- When life becomes difficult, do I move closer to the fire of God for comfort and direction, or do I distance myself from Him?

### **Further Scripture Reading**

John 14:16–18, Romans 8:14, John 16:13, Galatians 5:16–25

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## **SECTION 5 — STAY IN THE FIRE AND FINISH WELL**

### **Focus**

The fire of God not only empowers believers but also purifies them so they can finish faithfully.

### **Read**

1 Corinthians 3:10–15, Philippians 3:12–14

### **Respond**

1. According to 1 Corinthians 3:10–15, what will happen to each person's work?
2. What kinds of materials does Paul describe being tested by fire in this passage?
3. According to these verses, what is the difference between work that endures and work that is burned up?
4. In Philippians 3:12–14, what attitude did Paul have toward finishing his race faithfully?
5. Based on these passages, what do you learn about the kind of life and work that will endure through the testing fire of God?

### **Reflect**

- What areas of pride, fear, selfishness, insecurity, or flesh might God currently be exposing through the refining fire in my life?
- Have I been tempted to run from the very people, situations, or pressures God may be using to purify and mature me?
- If Jesus examined the work I am building with my life today, would it reveal surrender to His purposes or devotion primarily to my own plans and desires?

### **Further Scripture Reading**

Hebrews 12:1–2, James 1:2–4, Malachi 3:2–3, 2 Timothy 4:7–8

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## **FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT**

Jesus is coming again.

Until that day, believers are called to stay awake, remain prayerful, walk in their assignment, and stay filled with the fire of the Holy Spirit.

God has not called His people to live distracted, fearful, or passive. He has given authority, purpose, and the helper — the Holy Spirit — so believers can faithfully accomplish the work He has entrusted to them.

The fire of God is not meant to destroy believers, but to purify them, strengthen them, and conform them into the image of Jesus Christ.

Every believer has a work. Every believer has a fire.

Stay in the fire. Stay faithful to the Father's business. Finish the work God gave you to do.