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About Us

South Pacific Christian Ministries is a Non-Denomination Missions Oriented Ministry that sprang out of a small tourist focused church in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. After 16 years serving as the Senior Pastor the LORD redirected our steps from the little chapel by the sea to the small island communities of the South Pacific.

Our Vision is to bring the living water to the small islands of the South Pacific; a vision summed up in the Hawaiian phrase Ke Ola Wai, which means the living water. Ke Ola Wai encompassing our greatest spiritual and physical need, pure spiritual and physical water.

Our Mission is to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people who live on the small islands of the South Pacific that can only be reached by boat. To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their shores, assisting local Pastors, providing Bible Training for believers and conducting outreaches to draw in non-believers. To provide gravity fed, family sized, reverse osmosis water filters; emergency medical supplies; medical services; and disaster response training.

Summary

What does it mean to be a minister of God? What does it mean to be a flaming fire for God? Who can qualify and what does it take? These are all important questions. Questions answered in this message.

Scripture References

Psalms 104:1 - 4	Mark 16:15-19	Psalms 119:105	Matthew 5:13 - 16
Matthew 3:11-12	1 Corinthians 14:39-40	2 Corinthians 10:3 - 5	Hebrews 11:6
Acts 2:1-4	1 Corinthians 14:2	Luke 11:34 - 36	Mat 25:1-12



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Sermon Notes

Psalms 104:1 - 4

- 1 Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
- 2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
- 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
- 4 Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:

Who are the ministers that God makes a flaming fire? That is an important question. One that we will explore today. Another is, what does it mean to be a flaming fire for God? Along with, who can qualify?

If you are a believer whose LORD and SAVIOR is Jesus Christ, then you are one that God desires to make a flaming fire. Being a minister of God is not something that is reserved just for those of the five-fold ministries; Pastors, Teachers, Evangelist, Prophets and Apostles. Every believer qualifies to be a minister of God. Every believer, not just select believers.

The word ministers in the Hebrew is shaw-rath' which means one who attends as a worshiper, servant, or that waits on someone.

Again, if Jesus Christ is your LORD and Savior and you love the LORD, then you qualify as a minister of the LORD. You qualify to be one that He turns into a flaming fire.

Matthew 3:11-12

- 11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:
- 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

John the Baptist was speaking of Christ, just prior to baptizing Jesus. John the Baptist did not know that Jesus was the son of God until he saw the Spirit of God descending upon Him like a dove, just after He baptized Him. He did notice the righteousness that Jesus walked in and the presence of God upon Him.

There is more than one way to look at John's statement. Through and because of Jesus Christ we are made a habitation for the Holy Ghost. God, the Father; Jesus Christ, the Son; and the Holy Spirit; the Three in One come and dwell in our hearts when we accept Jesus Christ as our LORD and SAVIOR. We become a temple of God. His Spirit fills our hearts. When the blood of Christ cleanses us from sin.

Acts 2:1-4

- 1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.
- 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.
- 3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.
- 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

The Holy Ghost appeared as cloven tongues of fire when the Apostles were filled as Jesus had promised. Through the Holy Spirit they received power and the gift of tongues, speaking in other languages.



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Mark 16:15-19

- 15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
- 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;
- 18 They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
- 19 So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God.

For those who believe that speaking in tongues is not of God, we have Jesus' words declaring their error. He said, He that believeth shall speak with new tongues. Not just a few. Not just the Apostle.

1 Corinthians 14:39-40

- 39 Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues.
- 40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Forbidding believers to speak in tongues goes against God's Word. That said, there is a correct time and place. Everything should edify God and build His people.

1 Corinthians 14:2

- 2 For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

There is two primary reasons why we speak in tongues. One, and the most common reason, is to bypass our flesh and speak directly to God via His Spirit in us. There are times we don't know how to pray. His Spirit, always knows how to pray about a situation. The other purpose or reason is a prophetic word where God will give the interpretation to someone or to the same individual. Understanding the difference is important. Understanding that the right time and place for a prophetic word is equally important.

As a Pastor it is not unusual for me to pray in tongues when I am conducting a service. The majority of time, I am speaking to God, not giving a prophetic word.

Psalms 119:105

- 105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

The word of God illuminates our path. His word shows us the direction to go when we place our trust in Him. His Word fills our hearts as we accept it as absolute truth. For His Word to become a light to us and through us, we must first accept as truth.

2 Corinthians 10:3 - 5

- 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:
- 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- 5 Casting down vain imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;



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A vain imagination is a thought or belief that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, is a lie that we hold to be true; a lie that we lift up above God's Word. We take authority over them and cast them down by replacing those lies that we hold to be true with His Word, the absolute truth.

As we take on the character of God; replacing the lies that we hold to be true, and filling out hearts with His Word, then we become full of light; His Glory, His Truth, His Light.

Luke 11:34 - 36

- 34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.
- 35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness.
- 36 If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

If we give ourselves to the things of the flesh; and that which is evil, holding onto every lie that comes our way, then we become full of darkness. If we reject the lies and accept His Word as truth, then we will become filled with His light and life. That life and light will shine forth as a beacon in the night.

When we accept Christ that darkness is washed away; but we must exchange our lies for His truth to become reflections of His light.

Light is not the opposite of dark. Dark is the absence of light. Even the smallest light in a dark room causes overwhelms the darkness. Regardless of how dark the room was when small light shines for it penetrates every corner of the room.

Darkness can not overcome light. Darkness can not smother the light. Darkness has no substance, no power, no authority. Darkness is just the absence of light.

Jesus spoke of being a bright shining candle when you are full of the light of God. A candle gives off light because it has a flame. A flame consumes and gives off heat and light.

When God ignites us, that which is of the flesh and death is consumed; leaving only His Light and Life in us. The chaff is burnt away; freeing us to become all that He meant for us to be.

Matthew 5:13 - 16

- 13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.
- 14 Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.
- 15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
- 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

When we display the love of God; our trust in God; and proclaim His Word; we are bright lights showing the lost the way to life. Darkness is kept away by His light in us, His love shining forth from us.

A flame is contagious. It will not remain in one place unless it is placed in a box. When a flame comes near something else, it can transfer and multiply.



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When we seek His face, allow His love to fill our hearts, allow a passion for God to fill our souls, then we become a bright flame that ignites all when come near.

Hebrews 11:6

- 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. He will fill your heart with His great love. He will fill your spirit with His fire, His Glory. He will make you a fire starter! A contagious flame of truth, life and love!

Matthew 25:1-12

- 1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
- 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
- 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
- 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."
- 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
- 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

If your passion has gone cold, don't wait until He has come and gone and you are left saying "Lord what about me!"

If your passion has gone cold, darkness will consume you for it is only His light that drives it away!

The oil of the Holy Spirit fuels it. Your passion that burns it. His light that shines forth. His love that draws others to Him through you. His fire that enables you to be contagious, igniting fires for Him where ever you go!