

DEVOTIONAL SERIES

HOLY FIRE, FALL

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As I listened to the song *Holy Fire, Fall*, I imagined a gentle spark just waiting to ignite a powerful flame. “It only takes a spark to get a fire going...” It is true! Sometimes, a simple act like a heartfelt prayer, a kind word, or a moment of letting go can kindle something truly transformative in our hearts.

A story is told about a boy who loved playing and building fires in the fire pit of his backyard. One chilly evening, he and his family decided to have some fun outside, and so he struck a match and lit a small pile of dry leaves. At first, it was a tiny flicker in the pit, but then the wind picked up and helped it along. Before long, that little spark turned into a roaring fire, bringing warmth to everyone nearby. This is how the Holy Spirit works within us. The Spirit begins as a small spark yet has the potential to grow into a blazing fire of revival and love.

This song reminds us to invite the fire of the Holy Spirit into our lives through the lyrics that say, “*Come Holy Spirit and set us ablaze.*” Just like those dry leaves, we can be ready to catch the flame and let it grow. In Acts 2:17, Peter quotes the prophet Joel, saying, “In the last days, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.” When we open our hearts to God’s Spirit, we allow the divine fire to fill us and rekindle our passion for God.

In 2 Timothy 1:6, Paul encourages Timothy to “fan into flame the gift of God.” This reminds me that revival is not simply handed to us; we must actively participate, nurturing that small ember until it erupts into a vibrant flame. Similarly, Jesus warns us about being lukewarm, urging us to ignite our passion for Him and stay on fire (Revelation 3:16).

Are you ready to invite the Holy Spirit to light that fire within you?

Holy Spirit, come and ignite a fire in our hearts.

Set us ablaze with your love, courage, and passion for You.

Help us be sparks that spread Your light and love to those around us.

Amen.

***Just like that small spark, your prayer can be the start
of something amazing — a fire that changes lives.***