

# *Fire Ministries Newsletter*

*February 2014*

*"Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may live a new life."*

*(Romans 6:4)*



Dear Family in Jesus,

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!!! God our Father LOVES US, and has embraced us with complete acceptance In Christ, His Beloved (Eph. 1:6). Oh, Who could measure the depth and height of the Father's love for His Beloved Son, and yet that is the love wherewith He loves us with from our position in Christ. In Christ, we have been raised up into Eternal love, the relationship between the Father and His Son (I Jn. 1:3). All the old is gone, the sorrow over our wretched flesh and failures, the exhaustion over the futility of our own efforts to please God. Now we have been lifted up into God Himself, our lives hid with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). Jesus daily fills us with the living Bread of His Life. We are joined into Christ and continually receive of His fullness, and that grace for grace! (Jn. 1:16). May the deepest blessedness of our true identity in Christ overtake us this year. May the Holy Spirit over-shadow us; lifting our hearts away from our fears, introspections, and burdens into the very face of Jesus. As we gaze upon His loveliness we will find out Who we really are, and Who holds our lives secure and safe in Himself. May the Lord minister His love in Christ to you.

Yours in Him, *Kelly*





# Mission Ireland



We are beginning preparations for our annual Family Reunion Conference in Ireland in May. Fire Ministries hosts this conference each year as an opportunity to share the reality of Christ and Him Crucified with hungry hearts in Europe. The leadership team that helps me put on this conference is made up mostly of dear saints in Ireland. Together we are learning how to “serve Jesus” to hungry hearts. Please pray for our preparations in regards to all that is in God’s heart for this gathering.



How wonderful to bring all our cares and lay them at God’s feet. Our Father has provided His Son for us in ways more wonderful than we may have ever considered! I am part of a prayer team that prays together weekly over the Body of Christ. Please feel free to let me know any way we can be praying for you. My pray request is for clarity to hear from the Lord’s heart that which is His desire and will for this year’s ministry. Thank you for your tender love and support in Christ.

**We have finally finished our bible study on Ezekiel after a year and a half! What a wonderful journey it was! I am now teaching a course from R.T. Nusbaum’s book entitled “Like A Dove”. It is part of the A.C.T.S. bible school curriculum and the classes can be found in mp3 format at [www.christaslife.com](http://www.christaslife.com).**

**The focus of this book / course is to know and love the Person of the Holy Spirit.**



**If you would like to support Kelly in her labors with Fire Ministries, or give towards upcoming mission trips to Ireland, please send your**

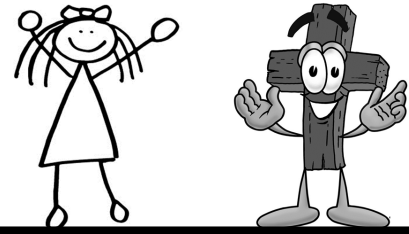
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*Continued from last month...*

**My Personal Experience of The Cross  
Part Two**



*I had to make a decision...*

*How am I going to respond to the preaching of the Cross?*



When the preaching of the Cross began to confront me with my need for Christ to be formed in me, I had to make a decision: Would the preaching of the Cross become a doctrine I believed in or the power of God to transform me through the Life of His indwelling Son?

I felt I was in a deep pit. My life was filled with crisis and I needed Jesus in ways that went far beyond doctrine.



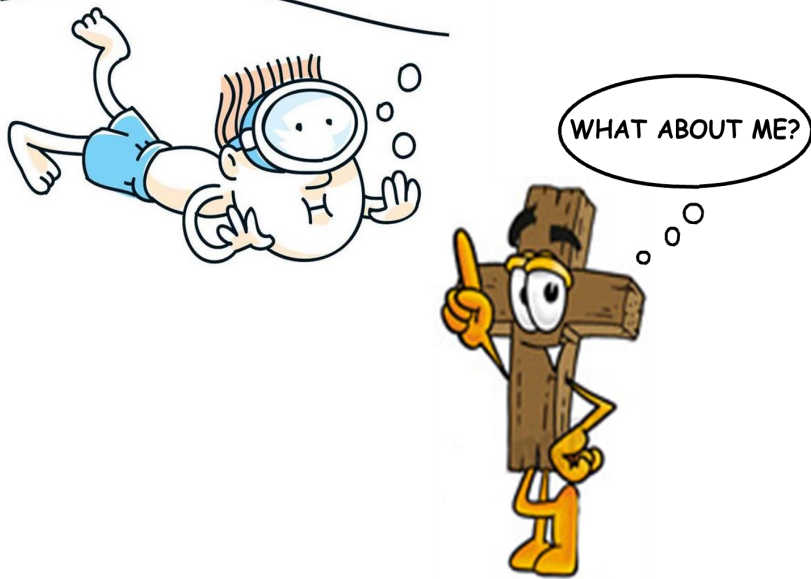
I felt all these things were crowding me to Christ, trying to position my heart for the applied Cross.

*God gave me an option...*

*Would I go into Crisis Mode or Cross Mode?*

Let me take a moment to explain my experience of "crisis mode"...

Let's Make This A Dealing!!



**Cross Baptism = I go down  
Jesus comes up!**

**Crisis Baptism = I go down  
I come up**

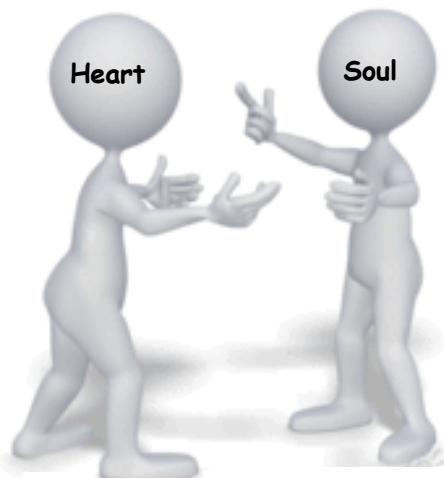
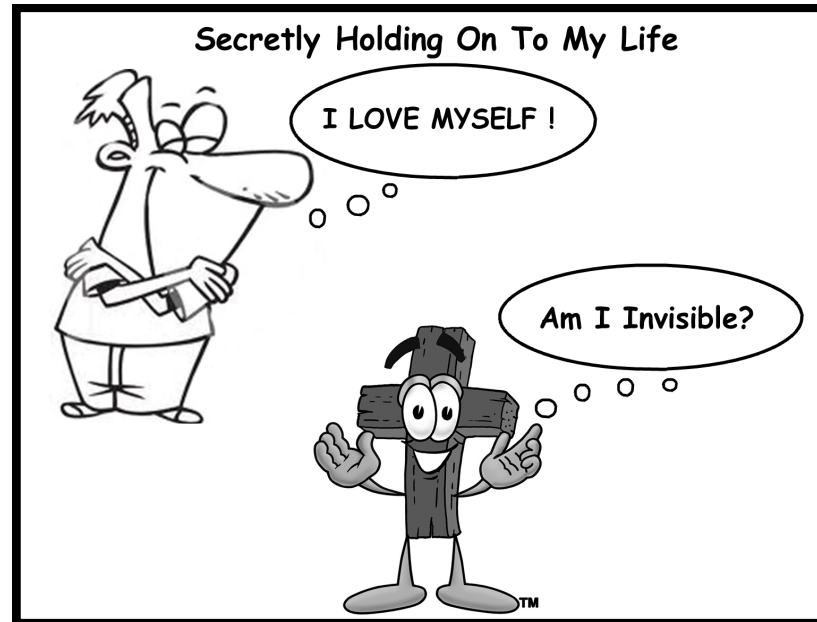
When I was growing up I took swimming lessons. At a certain point I was able to hold my breath for the full length of the pool. Similar to swimming, in my spiritual walk with Jesus I learned to "hold my breath" through the dealing of the Cross in my life. When the Word of the Cross was preached, the conviction of the Spirit was upon me, and I was in the midst of a crisis causing me to choose my life or His; I learned to retain my life while appearing as if I was embracing the Cross of my own death. Although I seemed immersed in the waters of His death, I was really just holding onto my life (holding my breath). When the crisis of the Cross was over, I popped up out of it "still alive" with no true decrease of me and increase of Christ.

Romans 6:3 says "KNOW ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death." Romans 6:6 says "KNOWING this, that our old man is crucified with Him." I look up the word "KNOW" in the Greek, and found out that it means: "to be resolved, to be sure, and to allow". In my heart I knew that God wanted me to **ALLOW** the reality of my death with Christ to move from a doctrine I believed in to a reality of was sure of. Crisis mode kept me from truly **KNOWING** that I was dead with Christ.



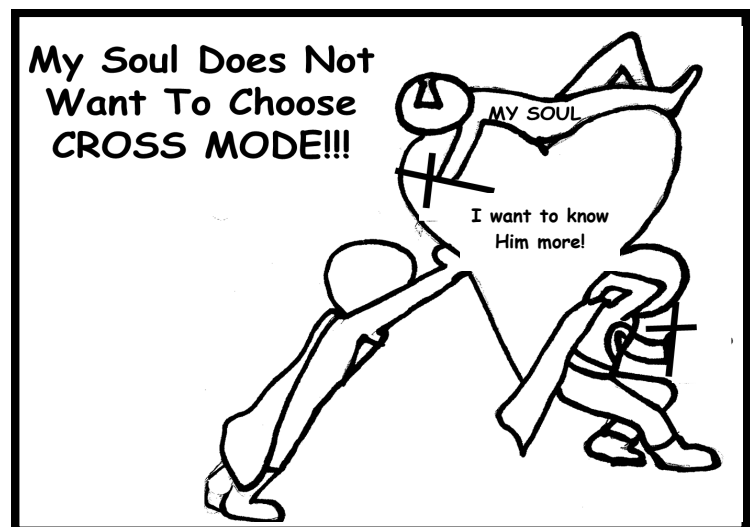
**I wondered why I kept choosing "crisis mode" when I was faced with the Cross.  
The answer turned out to be simple: I loved my own life.**

My soul had learned how to survive the Cross rather than embracing my death with Christ. I had not wanted to let go of my life to gain His. There were times in my walk that I still counted my life as gain, and did not want to lose it for His increase. I loved my righteousness, glory, reputation, etc. I did not want the Cross to take all that away from me. Therefore I regularly chose crisis mode above yielding to the true work of the Cross.



**Despite my selfishness, the Holy Spirit kept drawing my heart to know Jesus in this way. My heart could sense that knowing the Cross was an eternal door into all fullness, but my soul was selfish and threatened.**

My heart wanted to embrace the Cross and yield to the in-working of the Holy Spirit. But my soul felt completely different about it!!! My soul was afraid for its life... and kept trying to find escape routes! My soul kept trying to push my heart away from knowing Jesus in His death.

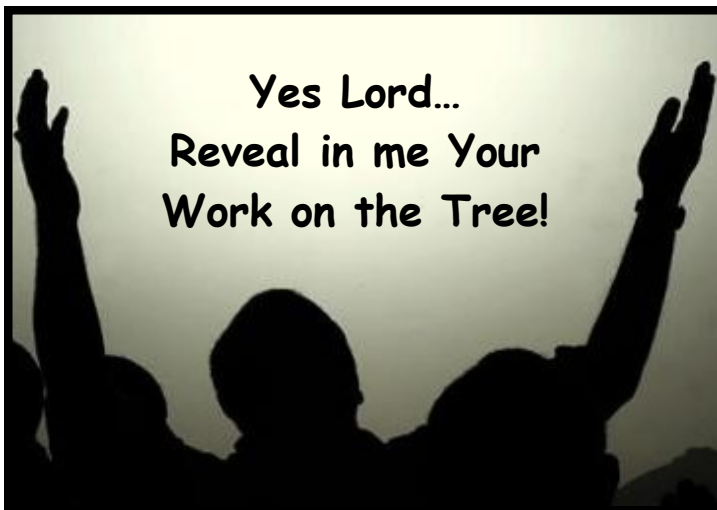


# Cross Mode



But the time came, during a deep crisis, that I knelt before the Cross crying out for the doctrine to become my reality. I let the light from the Cross go in and expose that which was not yet Christ in me. I did not justify myself or hide my flesh, but chose to submit to the Spirit Who was working to apply in me the wonderful reality that I died with Christ.

In Cross mode I knelt down under the conviction of the Spirit, accepting the light of the Cross.



I cried out to God to know Him more... to know that I was crucified with Christ. There was no condemnation involved in this, only the sweet dealing of the Holy Spirit to know Jesus in a real and transforming way.

**TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH!**

Full version can be viewed at:  
<http://youtu.be/rOKGDOAlwDI>

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