## FIRE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

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I pray you had a blessed transition from 2016 into 2017 in the heart of the Lord. He has so much for us this year... and WE HAVE SO MUCH FOR HIM! Another year to love on Jesus! Another year to let Him live through us! May everything we go through this year draw us closer to His Heart. May each trial and challenge become coals on the altar of our hearts causing the fire of our first love to burn brighter.



It continues to be a season for me to know Jesus in the midst of physical trials. I am thankful for these opportunities to learn to press into Him in new ways. My prayer continues to be that my weakness would lead me into His weakness wherein the Lamb could be more real and alive through me. Over Christmas I experienced a flow of physical challenges, starting with an abscessed tooth that was extracted. I know that many of you are going through much more serious physical trials than these and my heart continues to be with you. I just wanted to share with you the season that I am in right now and how the Lord is using these things to help me know Him more. The out-flow of your love and support is just precious to me and I am so grateful. Your prayers and financial care have been carrying me through this season. I will share more updates on my thyroid and adrenal condition after I have a checkup this month. Although I still feel weak, there is definitely some improvement and the Lord continues to fill me with His strength whenever He needs to pour out of me to others.

This semester in Bible School I will be teaching from the book of Daniel. Our time in the book of Daniel is going to be more personal than doctrinal. We are going to journey with Daniel as he allows the Lamb of God to become his inward government. Because we desire this time in the book of Daniel to become a part of our own personal journey to have Christ formed within, I have suggested that the students bring a journal to class to write in. These journals would be for heart notes and heart prayers regarding our determination and desire for Jesus to take His throne in our hearts. Please feel free to join us through the FIRE website where we post the classes regularly. What a wonderful way to start off the new year... seeking together for an increase of Christ in us!

We continue to make preparations for our upcoming Ireland conference this Spring. For the past several years this gathering has been a time of the Lord deeply and intimately sharing His heart with us. I believe He wants to continue to embrace this gathering in that Spirit. Please pray for me, for the leadership, and for those who God wants to join us this year in Ireland. Now is the time to make preparations, raise funds, clear schedules and release our faith in regards to the Lord's heart for us during this time.

I love you all. Jesus is beautiful in each one of you and truly He is alive. Thank you again for being such precious vessels of His love and nature.

## Overcoming by His Heart

Many times the things we deal with daily are too much for us to bear.

We can become overwhelmed under the weight of daily tasks, situations, and even crises.

We can become discouraged and lose faith under the crushing reality of our failures.

But this year let's seek God's Heart like never before.

Let us cultivate new sensitivity to God's Person in His needs, sufferings, and longings for a Bride.

If we but turn our hearts away from ourselves and towards the Heart of God, we will find a new motivation of love that will lift us outside of ourselves and situations into caring for Him like never before. We will allow EVERYTHING to work together to bring forth more of Christ in us. We will make our supreme need that HE RECEIVE a body and bride that is knit together in His nature and love. We will gather up every little trial, overwhelming crisis, small irritation, mundane daily task and enemy attack into the glorious calling of building up the walls of Jerusalem (His Bride). We will stand guard against becoming introspective and turning the focus off of Jesus and back onto us. We will pray diligently for one another that the Holy Spirit might help us lift up our eyes to see JESUS above all earthly things. With each decision to make His Heart and needs preeminent we will find ourselves overcoming every obstacle and gathering it all into relating to Jesus as a bride. We overcome by love... loving God more than ourselves.

May love motivate us as we consider His Heart and needs above all else.



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