

Fire Ministries International

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From Kelly's Heart to Yours



Thank you and again thank you for your love, prayers and support over the work of God in Ireland and specifically for the July gatherings in Ireland. Due to the richness of the Spirit's movement in us and in our midst it will take several months to somewhat share from this past month's time in Ireland. What began as retreats and ministry events turned into a continuation of the Lord's Heart gathering us in as His Bride. The word of the Cross was like a sharp and polished sword with the young adults. The word of His heart for a bride was like ointment poured forth

with the pray and get away retreat group. Both trips became as fodder to ignite all hearts with the living flame of the Lamb within to burn and spread in and through us. Beyond the beauty of Ireland and the many places we visited was the precious communion we experienced as we focused on the burdens of God's Heart as released through the Word and through the Body. We soaked in the Spirit's dealing and drawing as we covenanted together before the Lord to continue to seek Him and press in to walk in His Nature and not just hear about it during a retreat. We determined in our hearts to marry the Lamb in our daily circumstances back home and not just rejoice in an experience alone. We set our hearts to continue seeking Him until we find Him in such a measure that we can truly relate to Him in oneness as those after His kind - Lamb. This time was for Him. It is His time to gain our hearts and dwell in our ways in measures in which we have yet to open ourselves to Him. Will you join us? May we all enter in together as His one body and bride and not simply talk about being His ... but actually BE HIS. Now is the time to make heart determinations to seek the Lord like never before. What God is doing right now in us all is well beyond any ministry, ministry event, sermon or temporal dealing. The Holy Spirit is crying out on the behalf of the heart of Jesus and striving with our hearts to be more open to Jesus and conform to His Lamb nature like never before. Can you hear His cries? For the heart of Jesus' sake, let us not miss this movement out from God Himself. It is Jesus' time... and He wants a bride.

Again, thank you for all your heart-felt care for what Jesus is doing in us and in Ireland. Truly many hearts from within Ireland gathered together with us to seek Jesus' heart. During this trip the Holy Spirit continued to form new bonds with pastors, churches, and individuals in Ireland and beyond that have a deep love for Jesus. My desire is that all of this would redound back to JESUS ONLY. All that the Spirit did was for Jesus' sake, not for some earthly ministry or the purposes of man. Lord forgive me for the times I make Your precious movement in our midst about a ministry event and not the Heart of Jesus. More for Jesus, and less of me.

I love you all in His love, *Kelly*

Audio files, pictures, and videos from the Ireland Retreats can be found on the fire web-site at:
www.fireministriesinternational.com

Pray and Get Away Retreat

Over ten years ago the Lord spoke to the leadership of this ministry that God was going to raise up teams to come and walk the land of Ireland releasing prayers like sweet incense that would prepare the ground of Irish hearts to receive the Gospel of Christ Crucified as their Life. These prayers were to prepare the way for those who would come later preaching the Gospel. When hearts are prepared by the Holy Spirit then the Word of God can find deep entrance into good ground that will bear the fruit of an increase of Christ. During each of our prayer walks on this trip the Holy Spirit filled us with eternal prayers out from the burdens of God's Heart.

One of our prayer walks occurred in a walled garden that was part of the convent property that our retreat center was located on. The Holy Spirit burdened us to pray in a very specific way. In order to further partake of that burden I would suggest viewing a short video of this prayer walk online at: www.fireministriesinternational.com on the "pray and get away retreat" page.

One of the members of this garden prayer walk was Kyle R. Kophamel. Kyle is a precious brother from Australia who loves Jesus and also loves Alana Power (they are engaged!). Kyle gave me permission to share a poem that he wrote out from his prayer time in the walled garden entitled, "The Apple Orchard".

The Apple Orchard

It was in the apple orchard that I sought You.
A picture of Gethsemane.
My soul overwhelmed. A sorrow unto death.

Scattered in the garden's carpet, fruit discarded from the vine.
And the hour draws near.

My heart weeps for Your Bride.
Hemmed in by walls of stone, caging the souls of those who
have yet to abide.
Dead vines. Fruits of sin slave labor.
The apple of Your eye, fallen from the life-giving root.

I see You in the apple orchard.
My feet part dew drop tinged grass.
My empty hands laid on these stone walls.
I cry Your tears in this picture of Gethsemane. Your will be done.
By faith these stone fortresses will tumble.
Set the captives free, no longer bound by the fruit of that tree.

I find You in the apple orchard.
No longer prisoned by walls of stone.
There was rubble for a time,
Now the apple of Your eye sees
the new walls of Jerusalem,
Built by Your hands.
They now see face to face.
And the True Vine watches over
them.

Kyle R. Kophamel



Young Adults' Retreat



From our Young Adults Meeting on Thursday – July 9th

The Lord has been dealing with us in a manner that involves receiving the work of His Cross and our death with Christ in a deeply personal way. The Holy Spirit has begun opening the scriptures in a way that reveals just how powerful the work of the Cross can be in a heart that is serious and open. It is now the second day of our retreat and at our morning meeting questions were presented to the group that challenged us to remain focused and serious about responding to the work of the Cross in our lives in real ways. The following are some of the questions that were presented to the young adults during that morning meeting:

- *What methods have you come up with in the last 24 hours to avoid the Cross?*
- *Are you wrestling with God still or have you already compromised a cease fire?*
- *Have you secretly devised a plan to live through God's dealing and not die to self by embracing the work of His Cross in a real way?*
- *What things have been dealt with in you that did not involve applying your death with Christ?*
- *Have you already released yourself from the pressure of Calvary without receiving its death-blow?*
- *What secret life are you hiding that is not Christ?*
- *Are you a vessel of false compassion to people in whom God is bringing to bear the work of Christ's Cross?*
- *Do you justify those who take people away from the Lamb and side against those who labor on His behalf?*
- *Will you embrace the dealing and never the death?*
- *Are you fighting for your life or are you dying for His?*



Final Journal entry for Kelly at the end of Ireland Retreats

It is as if for weeks now I have been simply “vessel” pouring out the Word of His Heart by the Holy Spirit for those who are being built as bride. I heard His words, saw my need and lack, yet stayed in the “zone” for God and others as much as I could.

But after everyone left, and I was alone packing my bags... then my heart was able to respond to all that the Spirit had been sharing, to cry out from my lack, hardness and blindness.

A flood from within came up as the waters of His Word found some entrance and release all at once.

As I was praying the Lord impressed me with a picture of the Holy Spirit as Eliezer and the Lamb as represented in Isaac. (*Eliezer was the servant of Abraham who was sent by Abraham to find a bride for Isaac and bring her to Isaac as found in Genesis chapter 24*).

In this picture I was walking down this long dusty road with this old, beat-up, road weary traveler who bore scars from years of travel in adverse conditions. I could feel his broken yet determined heart emanating from that shattered shell of a man. I realized this was my Eliezer (*the Holy Spirit*), in brokenness and love for the Lamb trying to get me/us “to Isaac”. And then I looked ahead into Isaac’s tent (still far down the road), and I saw a broken hearted, wounded, “slain-Lamb” of a man, and realized this is the eternal Isaac who awaits us (*Jesus the Lamb*). I lovingly noted that the company of the God-head that I walked with and to was of a kind of heart and nature that was so broken and given and... just Who God really is... Lamb. I was journeying with meek company in sorrow and longing.

My heart began to pray out from Psalm 51 and each line became my own heart cry. Verse 11 holds deep significance to me where David cries out, “Cast me not away from Thy Presence” (like Vashti, *in the book of Esther*, was cast away from the presence of the king no longer having access to His face). “Take not Thy Holy Spirit from me” (I want to cultivate an intimacy with the Holy Spirit (*Eliezer*) Who can “take me to Isaac” revealing Christ to me and in me). I cry out with David from these verses. Then verse 18 and 19 cry out that this repentance would redound in being built into the wall of Jerusalem (His Bride) and to relate to Him there, in oneness with Christ through His sacrificial nature.

Soaking, soaking, soaking in the Words from His heart as shared by His servant Eliezer (*the Holy Spirit*). Purge me Lord of all that is not Your nature, purge me till the bones are dry and the leper is cleansed... till the prayers are priest prayers emanating from the Lamb within, from a clean heart that has Your mind alone. Thank you... thank you... forever Lord, thank you.



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