

# Fire Ministries

ON FIRE WITH GOD'S DESIRE

## Greetings From Kelly

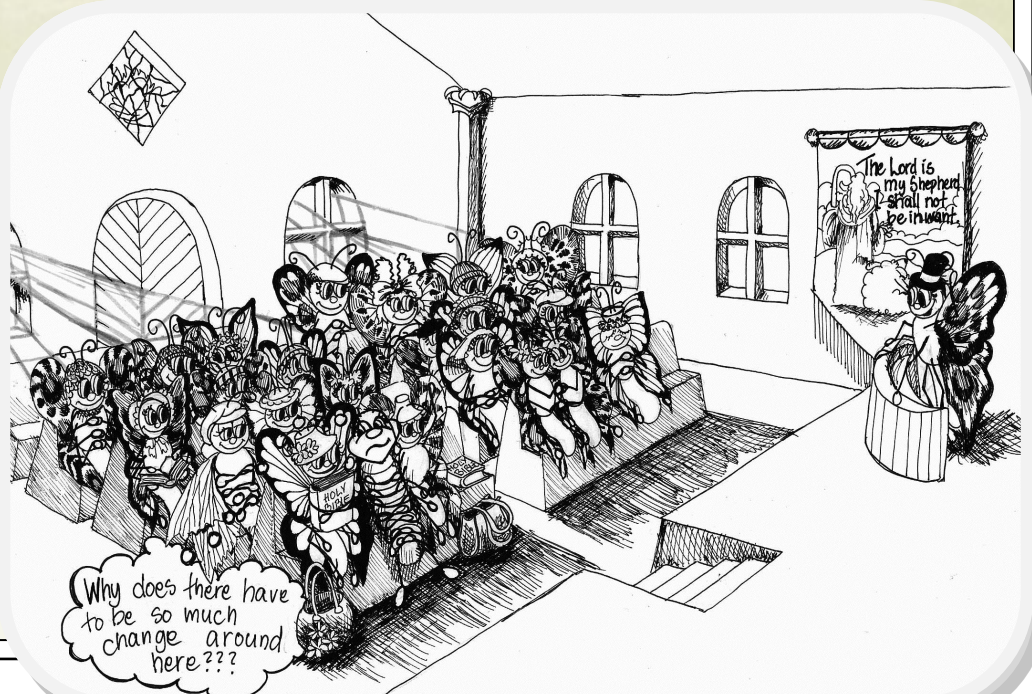


Happy Spring Everyone! Here in Texas new life is breaking out everywhere. We had an enormous amount of rain so far this year, and as a result everything is blossoming. In fact, I have never seen so many butterflies in my life. My yard is filled with butterflies. Some of you may be familiar with the "You Can Be A Butterfly" children's bible club Fire Ministries has done for years. The theme of this sharing is that the Life of Christ in us grows and forms transforming us from selfish crawlers into loving flyers filled with New Life! As I see all the butterflies in my yard I think of so many of you who are filled with the beauty of Christ and overcoming tremendous trials by virtue of His Life in you. I also think of the hope for those of us who are stilling "crawling", that soon Christ is going to grow and

blossom within, and liberate us into glorious oneness as the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus fills us and gives us His wings. I am daily having to embrace "His Wings" that are carrying me through a season of carrying much in regards to His ministry and desires. I am preparing for two upcoming ministry trips to Ireland, as well as seeking God in several others areas in relation to the needs of

"Fire Ministries" on more practical levels. May God fill You with His Spring.. Christ in you!!!! *Kelly*

May we "cover each other with our wings" as we stand as one in Christ, praying, believing and bearing one another's burdens in love.





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# The Cross in Real Time

Since the beginning of 2012, I have noticed a huge change in my desire. I have become discouraged with seeing Christ and His Cross in powerful ways in the Word while not seeing it as clearly in the circumstances of my daily life. My heart has broken one too many times with beholding amazing spiritual truths concerning the Cross in the scriptures, only to walk right into a similar situation in my own life and just see the issues, people and things. Don't get me wrong, I am eternally grateful to the Holy Spirit for His kindness in sharing Christ with me in the Scriptures. I could not survive without His tender grace in the Word. But I know there is more in His heart for me. The Word must be made flesh... in me. The Crucified Christ who died for me now wants to live through me, and I am ready for that to happen in a greater way! And so, I have been crying out for God to make His Cross more practical in my walk. My heart has been humbled and convinced that there is so much more that the Father has for me to walk in as a vessel of His Son and a bearer of His Cross.

In my local fellowship our Pastor has been sharing a series on Jehovah Raffa, based on the scriptures in Exodus 15. It is in these passages and through that sharing that I saw the Lord illustrating the need to have the Cross applied, and not just doctrinally agreed with and believed in. The bitter waters at Mara represent ME when Christ is not filling me with His Life. The only way to change that condition is to “CAST THE TREE INTO THE WATERS”. Peter described the Cross of Christ as “the Tree” (I Pet. 2:24). I need the “tree / Cross” to be applied in me in such a way that my walk is filled with another Life. Only God can reveal to us how to “apply the Tree” in such a way that we are changed and our walk is different. God prevented Israel from becoming a “people of doctrine” by immediately leading them into the wilderness which pressed them into trials that would require inward change. The Cross would have to become REAL IN THEM in order for them to walk out the journey required to enter into the Land. God could have miraculously transported them into Canaan from the start, and skipped the entire wilderness



episode. But it was IMPORTANT to God that what the people had with God was real in them. Therefore the wilderness was God's blessing, for hidden in every bitter crisis was "THE TREE", waiting to be seen, embraced and applied. It is the same for us today. God wants to "solve the mystery" of our trials and tribulations, but the only way God can solve them is by revealing the Tree (*the applied Cross*) in the midst of these things, and how to utilize it. Christ's death on Calvary's tree can be understood in two basic ways. The first is as an event that happened 2000 years ago, purchasing our redemption. The second is a reality that Christ is now in us and He continues to lay down

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His life through us, His Body. The Lamb Who died on Calvary's tree is our Life now. His sacrificial nature in us continues to translate our circumstances into opportunities to lay down our lives for God and others. And even in saying this the doctrine of it may be easy to understand, but seeing the reality of it in our daily walk can be quite another story. It is a glorious thing when God begins to show us personally the intimate fellowship with Christ in His suffering that can be experienced in the daily circumstances' of our lives. All of a sudden our lives are no longer temporal and purposeless, but part of God's eternal plan as we embrace the reality of the Cross that fills the trial with the sweet savor of the Lamb. Oh HOW ETERNAL each of our lives can be if we allow God to "solve this mystery" and "apply the Tree". It is what our hearts are aching for. It is the only remedy to truly bring sweetness and peace to the bitter waters of our old nature and the tribulations in the earth. There is nothing I can share to really explain all this, only God can show us by His Spirit as we walk daily in union with Him. So let us simply pray for one another, that together we can take another step beyond "seeing" into "walking" as vessels of the Lamb.

Thank you for your prayers and love. Even now, I am or soon will be in Ireland on a missionary journey. How deeply I desire the Cross to be not just the center of our sharing times, but the Spirit in which all ministry and gatherings consist. God bless you my family in Jesus. *Kelly*

*If you would like specific prayer concerning embracing the Cross in your daily walk, please feel free to email me your prayer request.*

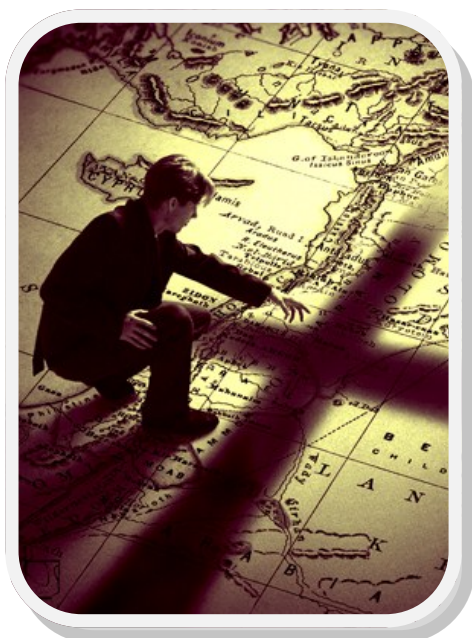




I am constantly blessed with the care and love you all have surrounded me and this ministry with. Many of you have requested to be informed of how things are going in this ministry, and so I will share some now. There is one person who has been a very large supporter and has been such a blessing to this ministry. Though they still love this ministry, they are unable to continue financial support. This leaves a big gap. The Lord is the provider for this ministry, He has been all these years, therefore I don't want anyone to feel pressure. As led of the Lord, if several of you could give a little bit, it might help to make up this gap. Please, BE LED OF THE LORD! I would like to thank all those who pray for

this ministry, as well as support it financially. I just want you to know that every single day I am so thankful for your care and the blessing of being able to serve the Lord's Body in this way.

When most of you receive this newsletter I will already be in Ireland! I am traveling with a team of ministers, and we have a very full schedule of pouring out Jesus! Please remember us in your prayers and I look forward to sharing the praise reports with you when we return!!!



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