

Fanning the Flames: 5 Ways to Keep Your Fire for Jesus Burning

Under the many pressures of life we can easily feel our passion cooling as we continue to serve God. What can we do when we feel that drop in temperature? How can we fan the flames so that our walk with Christ and our ministry can continue to thrive in the midst of all life's complexities. In this workshop Peter Mead will offer five ways to keep your love for Jesus burning!

Peter Mead is the director of Cor Deo, a mentored study and ministry training program in Chippenham, England. Peter is on the leadership team of a church plant and teaches preaching at Union School of Theology. He studied at Multnomah Biblical Seminary before getting his Doctor of Ministry degree under Haddon Robinson at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in the area of expository preaching. Peter is the author of *Pleased to Dwell*, *Foundations*, *Lost in Wonder*, and BiblicalPreaching.net, and contributed in the area of preaching to the Ministry Essentials Study Bible. He is married, with six children.

I. Know the importance of your heart

A. What does our culture / tradition say about the heart?

B. What does the Bible say about the heart?

1. Solomon
2. Samuel
3. Jesus
 - a. Love
 - b. Speech
 - c. Sin
4. Paul
5. James
6. Others?

II. Getting to the heart of every testimony

A. What does sin do to the heart?

B. What does God do for the heart in salvation?

III. Five ways to keep your love for Jesus burning

1. Check your inclination

2. Confess your infidelity

3. Celebrate your salvation

- a. Just as each is prone to specific distraction, so each is stirred in specific ways
 - i. Creation

- ii. Senses (Art / Music / Smells)
- iii. Traditions
- iv. Activity (Beware the Martha-trap)
- v. Caregiving (“ “ “ “)
- vi. Planning/Dreaming
- vii. Celebration
- viii. Contemplation
- ix. Study

- b. Understand that the Bible is not one option, but the vital ingredient in every option
- c. Recognize the Christ-given necessity of remembrance

4. Soak in the Scriptures

- a. They are the Spirit-inspired revelation of God’s heart revealed in Christ
- b. The Spirit is at work in your heart – make the connection

5. Serve with Him, not just for Him

- a. The Great Commission in Matthew
- b. The Great Commission in John

Suggested Readings:

Please forgive me for promoting my own books, but these first two were written to stir our hearts as we see the big picture of how the Bible presents Christ!

Peter Mead, *Lost in Wonder: A Biblical Introduction to God’s Great Marriage* (Christian Focus, 2016)

_____, *Pleased to Dwell: A Biblical Introduction to the Incarnation* (Christian Focus, 2014)

Michael Reeves, *Christ Our Life* (Paternoster, 2014)

Rankin Wilbourne, *Union With Christ* (David C Cook, 2016)

© Peter Mead, 2017. European Leadership Forum Notes by [Peter Mead](#) is licensed under a [Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial 3.0 Unported License](#)

