

Acoustic Sincerity One (1)

8. Fan The Fire

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Liner Notes

Sandwiched between 2 miracles in Matthew chapter 12, we find some encouraging words in verse 20 for the weary and downtrodden.

Story

I was going through a very tough time; an effective ministry had been destroyed by someone else's choices. In tough times, many people turn to the Psalms for comfort. My default comfort book is Revelations. I want to know that in the end, Jesus wins. That didn't seem to fill the hole in my heart, so I hoped that some miracles from the 4 gospels would help. Matthew chapter 12 records two miracles. In the first story, Jesus heals a man with a withered hand on the Sabbath. In the second story, Jesus delivers a young man, who is deaf and dumb, from a demon that causes him to have seizures and roll around a fire. Sandwiched between these two miracles, is a passage (Matthew 12:17-21) that describes Jesus' heart of strength, gentleness and compassion toward the downtrodden. Verse 20 caught my eye, and broke me down: "A bent reed He will not snap off, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out, until He leads justice to victory." In that moment of tears and restoration, this song poured out like a flood. Maybe it will bring a moment of restoration for you.

Lyrics

Lord, I stood upon Your Word and tried to follow you full bore
To fight the fight of faith and walk through every open door
But like You I've been deserted, and I'm tired and so alone
Like that bended reed I might snap off, please Jesus take me home

(Chorus)

Raise the flame, **FAN THE FIRE**

Take the spark of faith within me and make your face my heart's desire.

Raise the flame, **FAN THE FIRE,**

Take the smokin' wick that smolders, and, lord, **FAN THE FIRE**

The apathy of others has drained and sapped my soul
Of revival's full ignition and Your strong creative flow
Lord I feel so weak and weary, and my eyes are set on me
There's no love inside for others, may these tears help me to see

(Bridge)

I could use a fresh infusion of Your Holy Spirit's power

Let the grace, dear Lord, I'm standin' in, be strength for just an hour

(repeat Chorus)

Lord your gentle loving kindness I may never yet have known
Had I not been through the desert in a place of dry white bone
Now I see your loving interest in a servant, weak like me
How You care for us so deeply, and how You build our faith in Thee

(repeat Chorus)

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