

# Faith For the Fire Message Notes

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# Heart Crew Homework

For the week of March 4, 2023

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This is our final week of the Winter Semester. Heart Crews will take a two-week break and resume the week of March 25, 2023.

We hope you have had a great semester!

## MY STORY

1. Looking back at this semester, how has your Heart Crew experience encouraged, challenged, or helped you in your walk with Jesus and in connecting with other people?
2. When was a time you had to take a stand that was counter cultural? This could be with a small or large group of people. How did that turn out?
3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, emotionally moved you, challenged, or confused you?

## DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend Pastor Ryan Windauer shared an incredible message about having faith for the fire. Ryan reminded us that living the life of a Christ follower does not mean we will be

immune to difficult times. Let's look at what Jesus said about this in John 17:1-19.

a. On the night before Jesus was arrested, His heart was burdened. According to this prayer, who was he burdened for in this section of verses? What was He concerned about?

b. What was Jesus asking the Father to do for His followers? How does this relate to the story, from this weekend, of Daniel and his friends?

2. Before His death on the cross, Jesus was praying for the fire that would come for His followers. Just a few short hours later, one of Jesus' disciples would experience that fire.

a. Write down what you know about Peter up to this point. If you need help, look at Luke 5:1-11, Matthew 14:25-32, Matthew 16:13-19, & John 18:1-11.

b. Peter was a solid follower of Jesus. He walked on water, Jesus changed His name from Simon to Peter to indicate plans for Peter, and Peter was even going to fight the soldiers who came to arrest Jesus. Then just a few hours later, Peter finds himself right in the middle of a storm. Let's read John 18:15-18 and write down what happened with Peter.

c. Now read John 18:25-27. Summarize what happened here.

3. Can you imagine the craziness of this night for Peter? First, he is present when his friend and Savior is arrested. He must have been sad and so fearful, not just for Jesus, but also himself. Everything changed, and Peter's first response was to deny being a follower. Ryan shared 3 important points for us as we think about going through a difficult time. He said we need to sit with the right people, stand for something and be ready to walk through anything. We saw these things in Daniel and his friends, but describe which pieces were missing for Peter on this night of Jesus' arrest?
  
4. The days did not get easier. The disciples watched Jesus be crucified and buried, and they continued to hide. Their fire was not quite over. But three days later, Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to them. Peter's story was not over. Read John 21:15-19, Acts 1:1-10 and Acts 2:1-41. How do the 3 points above show up in Peter's life after He receives the Holy Spirit?

### **TAKING IT HOME**

Between the story of Daniel and his friends and Peter's story, we see all that Pastor Ryan was teaching us. As we close out this semester, take some time to evaluate your own life. Are you missing one of those 3 key things? Spend some time with God so you are ready for the next fire and memorize James 1:2-4 this week.