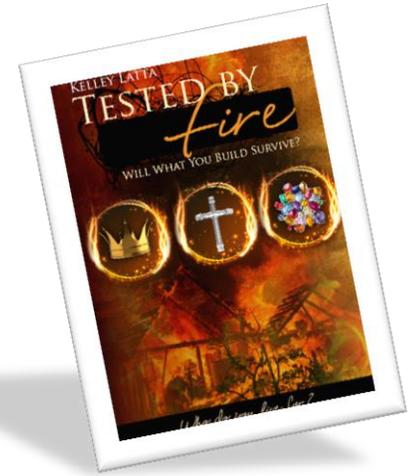


Discussion of Week Three

Open in prayer and encourage group members to share how God spoke to them through the homework.



Day one:

1. **John 11:40** states that those who believe will see God's glory (p.53). How have you seen God's glory revealed in your life?
2. According to **Exodus 33:16**, what distinguishes God's own from the rest of the world (p.53)?
 - Discuss the difference between God's *omnipresence* [ability to be present everywhere at all times] and His *Manifest Presence* (p.54).
 - Considering Moses' experience with God (p.55), do you think people should be able to tell we've been in God's presence?
3. According to **2 Corinthians 3:18**, what should be happening to each of us who belong to Jesus (p.56)?

Day two:

1. In **John 20:22**, Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." What do you think happened in that moment?
2. What does it mean to you that you have been "sealed" [secured, owned] by the Holy Spirit?
3. How do you think being "sealed" by the Spirit differs from being "filled" by Him?
 - Discuss: You will only be filled to the extent that you are yielded.

Day three:

1. According to **Ephesians 3:19**, God desires to fill us with the full measure of Himself (p.61)! What does that mean to you?
2. What does the disciples' experience in **Acts 4:29-31** teach about what is available to us as believers (p.62)?
3. Share your thoughts on Stephen's story from pages 63-64.
 - What enabled Stephen to stand firm in the face of hatred?
 - What do you need to do to become extraordinary like Stephen?

Day four:

1. Do you believe God's promise in **2 Peter 1:3-4** that you have been given all that you need to successfully live a godly life (p.65)?
2. Based on **Psalm 19:13**, what do you understand blameless to mean (p.67)?
 - What distinguishes willful sin from other transgressions? Can you sin "unintentionally"?
3. Has it ever occurred to you that God doesn't hear all your prayers (**Isaiah 59:2**)? (p.68)
 - What can you do to ensure your prayers are heard (**2 Chronicles 7:14**)?

Day five:

1. Discuss the 3 stages of sanctification from page 70.
2. Based on **Matthew 5:17-20**, how does grace call us to a higher standard of righteousness than the law did (p.72)?
 - Does this differ from your understanding of grace? How?
3. According to **John 8:32**, we must *know* the truth before it can set us free from sin's chains (p.73).
 - Discuss these three truths we must know before we can be released from any bondage:
 - Know the One who is Truth – (**John 17:3, John 14:6**)
 - Know the Truth of God's Word – (**John 17:17**)
 - Know the truth about yourself – (**Psalm 139:23-24**)

Close your time together by asking God to help you live blamelessly. Commit to surrender wholeheartedly to the leadership of His Spirit and allow His grace to release you from sin's chains. Invite Him to fill you with His presence so that you may live through His power!



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