

## 2015 Lighting the Way! Part 6: "Keepers of the Flame!"

**"I have set you to be a great light to the unsaved, that you should be for salvation unto the ends of the earth!"  
Acts 13.47**

(video) And then seven of our leaders stood, to... bear the light in a relevant way!

**We are... Fully convinced that we, INDIVIDUALLY, are called to bear the light to a darkening world... That TOGETHER we are designed to be a lighthouse beaming a light into a dark, stormy, world!**

"The Church is a life saving organization and without light bearers there is no church and no lives saved... and when you add a tower and magnify the light you have even greater reach and life saving potential!"

We beam out hope... mark the entrance into safe harbor... and magnify *The Light* of the world!

**We are Christ's candles, burning brightly in a spiritually dark and sensually stormy world! And in the brooding, growing darkness that is coming, we are called to be... Keepers of the Flame!**

**Keepers of the Flame! Are ordinary, everyday people, who have come thru the storms of life...** "Wind, rain and rising water" lessons learned... Storms are going to rage, nothing we can do about that... **John 16.33** But lives lived *with* the Rock will not be snuffed... Lives lived *for* the Rock will not be quenched... Lives built *on* the Rock will not be moved...

**No Snuffing! The devil has no power to extinguish our flame! Is 54.14-17** "the devil will try to do bad things..." Not afraid of what the devil can do, he is our defeated foe! **Lk 10.17-20 Col 2.15** Only afraid of people who don't know that he exists/ignorant of his works! **2Cor2.11** Fearful for people who don't realize how he gains entrance in people to stir them up... (lust, jealousy, pride, selfishness) And that we should resist him when he tries to use us! **Jam 4.7 1Pet5.8,9**

**People, including us, have no power to extinguish the flame!** Flame is the Holy Spirit! **Acts 2** Can only be hidden/covered! **Mt 5.15** And Jesus never will... not because of bad performance or past experience! "A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench, till He sends forth judgment unto victory. And in His name shall the Gentiles (unsaved) trust." **Matt 12.20,21**

**No Quenching! We don't quench the spirit of God...** He is the flame that lights us! **Mt 3.11** "But the flesh lusts against the Spirit and the Spirit against the flesh..." **Gal 5.17** "If we say we have fellowship with God, who is light, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not the truth!" He that lives in sin, walks in darkness!" **1J1.5-7** He is the Giver of Gifts and we hold back nothing from ministry! **1Thess 5.19** No neglect, denial, apathy... **FLAME!**

**Immovable, Unshakable!** "Whoever hears My words and does them I will liken to a wise man who built his house on a rock. The rain descended and the floods came and the winds blew and beat upon that house but it didn't fall because it was founded on rock!" **Mt 7.24,25** We are not moved from the hope of the gospel of Jesus! **Col 1.23** Not moved by afflictions, for this we have been appointed strength! **1Thess3.3** We are people of a kingdom that cannot be moved! **Heb 12.28**

**People in the Storm... Will need a tower of light, unmovable, unshakable to guide them thru...** The fear that Isis, who sets people on fire, and Al Qaeda who executes Shariah justice on the streets... The confusion of Bruce Jenner's transformation to "Belinda" (be-linda)... the press referring to him as, "She!" And "spectrum thematic community," on campuses est gender blind housing... The vote stricken down by Alabama's Supreme Court on the same sex marriage ban/anticipating SCOTUS/June... The misrepresentations; World Photo Winner, two men, romantic setting, one satisfying the other... The drifting of the church... as one

of the largest evangelical churches in the Midwest, “takes off the Bible Belt” in same-sex culture war... as “drinking” churches become exclusive of the very people they are supposed to save...

**People should be able to find courage and clarity, consistency and characterization in the church of Jesus!**

**We must be, Keepers of the Flame... *Ordinary, everyday people, who have come thru the storms, and still bear the light!*** “First responders” to cultural darkness! Responding responsibly to @ situation... Observing, listening, *interpreting... Interrupting* the darkness... *Inspiring* the rescued... *Intervening* and *interceding*... *And what to do when a victim of darkness doesn't want your light!* **Ordinary, everyday people, who combine their lights to magnify God! Ordinary, everyday people who build and keep a lighthouse!** While we wait to build a new lighthouse to triple our reach... Start adding new structure to what we have... Prayer and Healing School...

**Prayer and Healing School...** Beginning Sunday afternoon's in March, we will meet in the Annex @ 1:30... People who are convinced that God wants people healed will be coming to learn how to minister/pray for healing... Preparing a skilled and relentless army for the days ahead! Taught by ordinary people/who know the stories/how to search for faith/have their own stories to share!

**And many will come to be prayed for...** Faith built, faith joined, light of healing shining in a dark and sick world!

**We are Keepers of the Flame...**