

Training For The Battle Pt8

Burn The Ships

I KINGS 18:21

21. *And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.*

LUKE 9:62

62. *And Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.*

"The phrase 'point of no return' originated as a technical term in air navigation to refer to the time and/or location during a flight at which the aircraft no longer has enough fuel to return to its originating airfield. Important decisions may need to be made prior to the point of no return..." ~ Wikipedia

"('Burn your bridges'): This expression is derived from the idea of burning down a bridge after crossing it during a military campaign, leaving no choice but to continue the march. Figuratively, it means to commit oneself to a particular course of action by making an alternative course impossible." ~ Wikipedia

"('Burn the ships') alludes to certain famous incidents where a commander, having landed in a hostile country, ordered his men to destroy their ships, so that they would have to conquer the country or be killed." ~ Wikipedia

"...in 1519 AD, during the Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire. Hernán Cortés, the Spanish conquistador, scuttled his ships, so that his men would have to conquer or die." ~ Wikipedia

HEARING RECEIVING AND ACTING [60-0607]

We need men and women who's willing to sell out to everything in this world, to burn every bridge behind them. We need to take the world today, we ministers, like the old Norwegians used to take a country. When they went in by ship, they hit the shore and set the ship afire and burned it behind them. They had no way of escape. That's the way we ought to do: Burn every bridge and every escape. Sell out everything for the Kingdom of God and **keep moving on. There's no place of stopping. There's no place of compromising.**

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The believer has something to live for. We ought to live like it, reaching every day for everything that we can get a hold of from God. Leaving the world behind, **burning your ships every day**, burning the track behind you; keep on moving, reaching, pulling, seeking, hungering, thirsting for God.

II KINGS 3:16-25

16. *And he said, Thus saith the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches.*

17. *For thus saith the LORD, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, that ye may drink, both ye, and your cattle, and your beasts.*

18. *And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD: he will deliver the Moabites also into your hand.*

19. *And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones.*

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS [59-0628E]

It ain't what it looks to you; it's what God's Word says about it. Look on the day of Pentecost, what'd that look like? Look at other times when they received the Holy Ghost; what'd it look like? Women and men, the virgin Mary, and all of them, staggering like drunk men, just reeling, screaming, stammering lips, and other tongues, carrying on like a bunch of idiots. But they were dying to themselves, and the Holy Ghost was coming into them. And they set the known world afire. What we need today is men who will die out to themselves, and rot out to themselves, and burn every bridge behind, and surrender everything to Christ.

DOCTOR MOSES [55-0114]

You might just run through this prayer line, run through another prayer line, touch this one, touch that one, saying this is... Until you get down and prove to God you're sincere, burn the bridges behind you, and say, "Here I am, Lord." Something's going to take place then.

Same thing about the Holy Spirit. You say, "I've been seeking for the Holy Ghost for years." I'm not scolding you. **You're either mistaught, or something's wrong, or you don't understand.**

God is under obligation to His Word. Peter said on the Day of Pentecost, "*Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.*" That's the Scripture, just as clear as I know how to read it.

If you repented and are baptized, then God's under obligation, if your faith is right towards God to give you the Holy Ghost the minute that you obey His Word. Believe that. God will vindicate it to you.

PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14

13. *Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind**, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,*

14. *I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.*