

## Watch Your Step Walk in Wisdom

**Fuel the fire of your faith (Ephesians 5:15-16).** With so many things and people vying for our time and attention, it is incredibly easy to become distracted and unfocused. If we are not careful in how we live – being sober-minded and wise in our choices – we give opportunity to the enemy to keep us from God's best. Our Heavenly Father longs for us to have the best He designed for us, but we must choose to embrace Him and His ways. One of the wisest choices we can make to step into God's best for us is to fan into flame a *passion* for Him and His presence. God is passionate, and He calls us to never be lacking in our own zeal (Isaiah 9:6-7; Romans 12:11). Passion is not optional for the Christian journey but instead *empowers* us to choose God's best for our lives.

### GET THINGS STARTED

What distracts you, and when during a day are you most distracted? What role does social media (or media in general) play in your distraction? How would you rate your ability to stay focused and on task, and how might others rate your attentiveness in conversation?

### GO DEEPER

1. Paul, in Ephesians 5:15-16, encourages us to make the best use of our time. What is the best use of our time? What and who should be a priority in our time, and what should be considered less important?
2. What does it mean to be sober-minded and watchful in 1 Peter 5:8?
3. Romans 12:11 challenges us to never be lacking in zeal but to keep our spiritual fervor. How do we accomplish this as Jesus followers, and what are the biggest roadblocks to having a passion for God? Why is passion often associated with new believers in Jesus, in contrast to mature believers? How is passion or zeal for God different from emotionalism, and what role does emotion play in having passion?

### MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How is your fire or passion for God and His kingdom right now? On a scale from 0-10 (from being no fire because you have no relationship with Jesus to being the most on fire you have ever been), where are you? What is keeping you from fanning into flame that fire or passion?
2. Who is exhibiting a sincere passion for God in this season in your sphere of influence? Do you tend to find it attractive or repulsive, and why?
3. What is one step you can take this week to fuel the fire of your faith?

### PRACTICE IT NOW

**Take time as a group, in an attitude of prayer, to ask God for greater passion and fire for Him and His presence.** Ask Him for an increased ability to fan into flame that fire, to never be lacking in zeal and spiritual fervor. Ask Him for the courage to eliminate or minimize distractions. If you are in a season of being emotionally numb, ask God to awaken something in you, to stir passion in you and to allow you to feel again in healthy and focused ways.