**Focus Scripture: Jude 20-21 (CEB)**

**20But you, dear friends: build each other up on the foundation of your most holy faith, pray in the Holy Spirit, 21keep each other in the love of God, wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will give you eternal life.**

**Reflective Message**

**“Fire” is used to refine metal ore to an object we can use in everyday life. The “Fire” of the Holy Spirit can refine us; making us into a shining light, for which, our Christian Spirit can be a beacon, to show God’s love. ---Brian Wallace**

**All of us are at different stages in our relationship with God. No matter what stage we are in, the relationship we have with God is personal to Him and you.**

**He may be using different spiritual disciplines like prayer, worship, service, meditation, fasting, journaling, and devotions to “refine” our relationship with Him. But no matter what teaching we are receiving, He is always looking to have a relationship with us.**

**These teachings could be from blessings He is sending each of us, people that he has put into our lives, and/or from trials and tribulations we have incurred. These teaching may not be always what we think we need or want, but they are a blessing none the same.**

**By experiencing some of these blessing, the Holy Spirit begins to work within us. Don’t you feel sometimes that feeling of determination or that you completely understand what you need to do?**

**To me, when I get these feelings, it is like a “Burning Desire”. For Christians, that “Burning Desire” is to be close to our Lord and carry out his plan He has for each of us.**

**So then the question comes to be: “How to fuel that “Burning Desire”? We have been taught to pray, learn from His word (the Bible), and live our lives from the teachings of Jesus. When we understand what is fueling or can fuel us, we can then relate it to God’s plan for our lives.**

**So just remember, when you feel that “Burning Desire”, that is the “Fire” from the Holy Spirit being sent to you from God. That “Fire” is what is refining your relationship with our Lord. The “Fire” is molding you like metal ore; into a “Beacon of Light”, which God’s Kingdom can shine through.**

**Remember, “We are the Light for our Lord, as he is our “Everlasting Light”.**

**Let us now go to prayer: Great Creator, your children now go forth into this world burning brightly, showing the Light of Hope, Love, Comfort, Joy, and Peace. Allow the “Fire” of the Holy Spirit to refine us. May our relationship with You grow stronger; so as we set out into this world, the “Beacon of Light” given to us; shines Your love through all our works. Let’s us be mindful, we are filled with the “Fire” of the Holy Spirit that has been given to us by You, our Great Creator. The “Fire” is eternal and will always be there for us. … Amen**