

FRESH OIL - THE CALL TO BE RENEWED

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WE NEED FRESH OIL CONTINUALLY

CONTINUAL SPIRITUAL RENEWAL IS NOT A LUXURY - IT'S A NECESSITY

Exodus 16:11–21 (NLT)

Then the LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the Israelites’ complaints. Now tell them, ‘In the evening you will have meat to eat, and in the morning you will have all the bread you want. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’ ” ¹³ That evening vast numbers of quail flew in and covered the camp. And the next morning the area around the camp was wet with dew. ¹⁴ When the dew evaporated, a flaky substance as fine as frost blanketed the ground. ¹⁵ The Israelites were puzzled when they saw it. “What is it?” they asked each other. They had no idea what it was. And Moses told them, “It is the food the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶ These are the LORD’s instructions: Each household should gather as much as it needs. Pick up two quarts for each person in your tent.” ¹⁷ So the people of Israel did as they were told. Some gathered a lot, some only a little. ¹⁸ But when they measured it out, everyone had just enough. Those who gathered a lot had nothing left over, and those who gathered only a little had enough. Each family had just what it needed. ¹⁹ Then Moses told them, “Do not keep any of it until morning.” ²⁰ But some of them didn’t listen and kept some of it until morning. But by then it was full of maggots and had a terrible smell. Moses was very angry with them. ²¹ After this the people gathered the food morning by morning, each family according to its need. And as the sun became hot, the flakes they had not picked up melted and disappeared.

GOD WAS TEACHING THEM TO LOOK TO HIM EACH DAY!

Deuteronomy 8:3 (NLT)

Yes, he humbled you by letting you go hungry and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

John 6:32–35 (NLT)

Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, Moses didn’t give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. ³³ The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” ³⁴ “Sir,” they said, “give us that bread every day.” ³⁵ Jesus replied, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

WE NEED DAILY MANNA - JESUS IS OUR MANNA!

WE HAVE AN INVITATION TO COME - CONNECT TO JESUS AND BE RENEWED!
HE GIVES US full access to the bread of life!

John 15:5 (NLT)

“Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

ARE YOU CHOOSING CONTINUAL NOURISHMENT FROM THE VINE?

DO YOU SEE THE FRUIT OF RENEWAL IN YOUR LIFE?

FRUIT OF RENEWAL:

- **STRENGTH & MOTIVATION**

Without renewal we are weak and unmotivated

Isaiah 40:31 (ESV)

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

- **NEW THOUGHTS & ATTITUDES**

Without renewal we will quickly live in the flesh (turn to our sinful ways)

Ephesians 4:21–24 (NLT)

Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, ²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Lamentations 3:22–23 (NLT)

The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. ²³ Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.

- **JOY**

Without renewal we are bitter negative people

Isaiah 61:3 (NIV)

... the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

- **ENDURANCE FOR PAINFUL SEASONS**

Without renewal we give up easily

2 Corinthians 4:16 (NLT)

That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day.

- **PEACE & RESTORATION**

Without renewal we are full of anxiety

Psalms 23:1-3 (NLT)

The LORD is my shepherd; I have all that I need. ² He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. ³ He renews my strength...

“Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day. You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life.” - John Ortberg

WHAT ARE THE THINGS IN YOUR LIFE THAT COMPETE WITH CONSISTENT RENEWAL?

HOW TO WALK IN RENEWAL:

1. Be Renewed Through God's Word

Psalms 19:7 (NLT)

The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

2. Be Renewed Through Prayer

Philippians 4:6 (NLT)

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

3. Confess Sin and Receive Forgiveness

1 John 1:9 (NLT)

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

4. Worship

Psalms 103:2 (NLT)

Let all that I am praise the LORD; may I never forget the good things he does for me.

5. Rest in His Presence & Love

Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

6. Stay connected in community

Ephesians 4:16 (NIV)

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.