

THE JESUS WHO WANTS YOU FULLY ALIVE

“I have come that they may have life.” John 10:10

*“‘You shall love the LORD your God with **all** your heart, with **all** your soul, with **all** your mind, and with **all** your strength.’ This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”* Mark 12:30–31

This is the greatest spiritual problem in the Bible.

Question: What is the greatest sin in the Bible?

The greatest sin is listed in the third chapter of Revelation, when Jesus said He’d rather have you be cold or hot than lukewarm:

“So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of My mouth.” Revelation 3:16

Paul warned us about losing passion with this plea:

“Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor.”
Romans 12:11

SIX WAYS JESUS TAUGHT US TO KEEP THE FIRE ALIVE

1. JESUS KNOWS YOU’RE BETTER OFF YOUNG.

“Unless you become like little children . . .” Matthew 18:3

“For unto us a child is born” Isaiah 9:6

2. JESUS KNOWS YOU’RE BETTER OFF DEAD.

“For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me will find it.” Matthew 16:25

“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?” Mark 8:36

“Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me.” Luke 9:23

Paul wrote, *“In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.”* Romans 6:11

3. JESUS KNOWS YOU’RE BETTER OFF DEPENDENT.

“Apart from Me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

4. JESUS KNOWS YOU’RE BETTER OFF CONNECTED.

Let me ask you a passion-defining question. Has there ever been a time in your life when you were closer to God than you are right now? If the answer is yes, what happened?

5. JESUS KNOWS YOU’RE BETTER OFF FOCUSED.

Why? Future focus creates passion.

That leads to a very critical question: Do I have any future dreams?

6. JESUS KNOWS YOU’RE BETTER OFF MISSIONAL.

The real question is this: Am I living for a compelling purpose?

The problem is that many people are giving first-class allegiance to second-class causes.