

Connecting through Discipleship III

“Anointed for the journey”

The Anointing comes to refine, reframe, and reform you.

KJV Matthew 3:11-12 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:** ¹² Whose fan is in his hand, and **he will thoroughly purge his floor**, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.

The baptism with Fire is for sanctification and setting aside for Service.

The baptism with Fire prepares us for use by our Lord.

Baptism with the Holy Ghost and with Fire is part of the discipleship process.

To refine means to free (something, such as metal, sugar, or oil) from impurities or unwanted material.

To refine means to be free from moral imperfection.

To refine means to improve or perfect by pruning or polishing.

To refine means to reduce in vigor or intensity.

To refine means to free from what is coarse, vulgar, or uncouth.

□Refiners and the refining process is how we improve our serve.

□Refiners and the refining process is how we position ourselves for greater success.

□Refiners and the Refining process will help us progress towards our purpose and our ultimate goal.

□The *refiner is the person and refining is the process!*

I

The olive process to olive oil is a great example of refining.

People say, “I want to be anointed.”

Most people don’t want to go through the process for the anointing.

□God’s anointing is based on His grace, His knowledge, and His timing.

^{KJV} **Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, ¹⁹ To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.**

Gethsemane means “an Olive press.”

Gethsemane g1068. Γεθσημανη Gethsēmanē; of Aramaic origin (compare h1660 and h8081); oil-press; Gethsemane, a garden near Jerusalem: — Gethsemane.

AV (2) - Gethsemane 2; Gethsemane = "an oil press"

the name of a place at the foot of the Mount of Olives, beyond the torrent Kidron

Gethsemane means the garden outside Jerusalem mentioned in *Mark 14* as the scene of the agony and arrest of Jesus.

Gethsemane means a place or occasion of great mental or spiritual suffering.

KJV Matthew 5:10-12 Blessed are they which are **persecuted for righteousness' sake**: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall **revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake**. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: **for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you**.

□ There is no glory without Gethsemane!

II

The Holy Ghost is the refiner.

The Holy Ghost comes to reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment.

KJV John 16:8-11 And when he is come, he will **reprove** the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: ⁹ Of sin, because they believe not on me; ¹⁰ Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; ¹¹ Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

To reprove means g1651. ἐλέγχω elegchō; of uncertain affinity; to confute, admonish: — convict, convince, tell a fault, rebuke, reprove. AV (17) - reprove 6, rebuke 5, convince 4, tell (one's) fault 1, convict 1; to convict, refute, generally confuse with a suggestion of shame of the person convicted, by conviction to bring to the light, to expose to find fault with, correct-by-word-to reprehend severely, chide, admonish, reprove to call to account, show one his fault, demand an explanation by deed to chasten, to punish.

☐Refiners remind us that the Holy Ghost is perfecting things concerning us.

MSG 2 Corinthians 1:22 **By his Spirit he has stamped us** with his eternal pledge—a sure beginning of what he is destined to complete.

To be stamped is to be branded.

The branding says who you belong to.

Branding says who to return you to if you get lost.

Branding says who to return you to if you run away.

☐You have been stamped, sealed, and branded.

☐The brand is on you for life, and it cannot be erased.

☐The brand is permanent; it cannot be undone.

The completion of God's word over your life will not be without refining, repositioning, and the reproofing.

KJV Psalm 105:17-19 He sent a man before them, even Joseph, who was sold for a servant: ¹⁸ Whose feet they hurt with fetters: he was laid in iron: ¹⁹ Until the time that his word came: the word of the LORD tried him.

☐Warning: to those that are constantly seeking a word from the Lord, from a Prophet, prophecy, and prophetic, gatherings there is a testing that comes with every word of prophecy, dream, and vision from God. Beware!

☐To be forewarned is to be forearmed!

III

Refreshing and refining sometimes walk together.

KJV Psalm 92:10 But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of a unicorn:
I shall be anointed with fresh oil.

NRSV Psalm 92:10 But you have exalted my horn like that of the wild ox;
you have poured over me fresh oil.

Amp Psalm 92:10 horn [my emblem of strength and power] You have
exalted like that of a wild ox; I am anointed with fresh oil [for Your
service].

There is a minimum of three presses the Olive goes through to extract
olive oil.

☐The first press is called extra-virgin olive oil. This first press is for the
priest.

☐The second press is called virgin olive oil. It is for cooking.

☐The third press is called olive oil or industrial olive oil. This is for oil,
lamps and burning.

David had three anointings in his life: he was anointed before his father
and his brothers, he was anointed before Judah his tribe and, finally, he
was anointed before all of Israel.

It was a long time between Jesse's house, his father, and his ultimate
destiny king of all of Israel.

☐Refining takes time!

□Refiners know the timing of God and the timing of the release of God's anointed.

We need refining because of rust, erosion, and corrosion of life.

□Refiners come to reform our thoughts and our focus.

□Refiners come to expand our thinking.

□Refiners come to rework you and change your actions.

□Refiners come to reinforce you for future storms, tests, conditions, and events.

“Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me, Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me. Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.” Daniel Iverson

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