



Kiss The Fire - Week 4 | Shawn Johnson | 10.26.2025

Weekly Study

SHARE

As group members settle in, take a few minutes to check in with everyone and see how their lives are going. Share an exciting story from this week, your highs and lows, an answered prayer, or something you're struggling with. If someone is really struggling, rally the group around them and take a few moments to pray over them.

- **Share a high, a low, and something interesting from this week.**

GROW

This week's message brings us face-to-face with a truth we all need to hear: when life throws us into the fire, we don't have to run. Drawing from Galatians 6:9, we're reminded that "at the proper time, we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

Kissing the fire is about changing how we respond when the heat turns up — when loss, fear, anxiety, or disappointment come knocking. Instead of retreating, we choose resilience. Instead of letting the flames consume us, we allow God to refine us.

The fire isn't our enemy; it's the place where faith becomes real. And we're not meant to walk through it alone. God designed us for community — the kind that carries burdens, prays honestly, and refuses to let one another quit. As Galatians 6:2 reminds us, we're called to "carry each other's burdens," because isolation magnifies pain, but authentic community transforms it.

When we link arms with others in the middle of the fire, something holy happens. We discover courage we didn't know we had, endurance we couldn't muster on our own, and a deeper trust in the God who never wastes our pain.

This week, as we close the Kiss the Fire series, lean in. Reflect. Be honest about the flames you've faced — and let God show you how the fights you face can become the foundation for something beautiful, powerful, and eternal.

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 NIV, Exodus 17:12 NIV

- **What stuck out to you from this week's message? Explain**
- **How can we distinguish between healthy self-care during trials and unhealthy isolation that prevents us from receiving the support God wants to provide through community?**
- **How has God used something painful in your life to equip you to walk with someone else through theirs?**
- **Reflect on Exodus 17:12. Who holds up your arms when your faith wavers? And whose arms might God be calling you to hold up right now?**

MOVE

Shawn reminded us that surviving the fire isn't a solo mission — it's a fight, and fights are meant to be fought together. **You need a fight club** — people who refuse to let you quit when the heat turns up, who pray with you, speak truth to you, and hold your arms up when you can't anymore. Faith isn't forged in isolation; it's strengthened in community.

He also challenged us to **crack back**. In life and in faith, that means when the enemy lands a hit — through discouragement, fear, loss, or temptation — you don't freeze or retreat. You respond. You pray harder. You worship louder. You reach out instead of shutting down.

Cracking back says, “You don’t get to build momentum here.” It’s not about aggression — it’s about reclaiming your rhythm, your peace, and your faith when life tries to steal it.

And finally, remember: **you’re not just fighting for you**. Your perseverance has ripple effects — for your family, your friends, your team, and even people you don’t know are watching. When you stand in the fire and stay faithful, you remind others that God is still good, still present, and still worth trusting. The fight isn’t just about survival — it’s about legacy.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:8-9, Ephesians 6:10-11, 1 Timothy 6:12

- **How does the concept of 'kissing the fire' challenge our natural instinct to run from difficulties, and what does it reveal about the nature of faith during trials?**
- **What does it mean to 'crack back' spiritually when the enemy attacks, and how can our past pain become a weapon for building God's kingdom rather than a source of shame?**
- **In what ways might God be using our current struggles not just for our own growth but as a testimony that will impact people we haven't even met yet?**
- **Where do you feel most vulnerable right now — and which piece of God’s armor might you need to intentionally “put on”?**
- **What’s one practical way you can “take hold” of your calling this week, even if the fight feels exhausting?**

P R A Y

As you reflect on this week’s message and Scriptures, take time each day to pray intentionally. Let these prompts guide your heart:

1. **Strength for the Fight** – Ask God to renew your strength where you feel weary, and to remind you that His power is made perfect in your weakness.

2. Resilience in the Fire – Pray for courage to stand firm when life hits hard — that instead of retreating, you would respond with faith, trust, and perseverance.
3. Your “Fight Club” – Lift up the people who walk with you. Pray that your community would be marked by honesty, encouragement, and steadfast love — carrying one another’s burdens with grace.
4. A Heart That Encourages – Ask God to make you aware of someone else’s battle this week and to give you words or actions that speak hope into their situation.