

# The Stories That Remain

## *Lamplight*

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**Thread:** To follow Jesus is to live aflame.

*“As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.”*

**Luke 8:15 ESV**

*“No one lights a lamp and then covers it with a bowl or hides it under a bed. A lamp is placed on a stand, where its light can be seen by all who enter the house.”* **Luke 8:16 NLT**

**The potential of a lamplight covered = 0**

**What Jesus wants you to see**

**What Jesus believes**

- You can live in such a way that others see the flame of God in you.
- Surrounded by reasons to panic, trying to SNUFF you out! YOU can live into the CALM, and the EVIDENCE of the Spirit of God will BURN through you. *“...love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...”*  
**Galatians 5:22 – 23 NLT**

**What Jesus wants you to feel**

**What Jesus wants you to do**

*“For all that is secret will eventually be brought into the open, and everything that is concealed will be brought to light and made known to all. So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them.”* **Luke 8:17 – 18 NLT**

**Challenge:**

- Will you make a choice to allow God to set aflame your heart, mind, and strength?
- Who will you choose to exercise your FAITH for?
- Invite someone to come with you in September.

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