

Set our hearts ablaze – song sharing

Whether it is John's metaphor of the vine and the branches (Joh 15:5), or Paul's metaphor of Christ as the Head of the body, the Church (Col1:18), as Christians our relationship with Christ is inseparable. His whole life and his utter devotion to God is an inspiration to me.

There is one incident that was recorded in all the 4 Gospels and it strikes me as the secret of Jesus' unwavering devotion to God. That is about the cleansing of the Temple. His action angered the religious establishment. The religious leaders perceived that as a direct challenge to their authority. Finally, they sought to destroy him (Mar 11:18). Jesus knew that his action would very likely cost his life. What motivates him to risk his life in the cleansing of the Temple?

Joh 2:16 And he said to those who sold doves, "Take these things away! Do not make my Father's house a house of merchandise!" (17) Then his disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for Your house consumes me." (Taken from OT Psa 69:9)

All through Jesus' life, his zeal for God and his ministry remains unabated. If I were to imitate Jesus, it is his zeal in serving God even against all adversities. We are living in evil times. Just as Satan deceived Eve, he has been corrupting the church by disguising himself as angel of light. Many believers were led astray and lost their first love. It is a fulfillment of what Jesus warned about the last days: love of many will grow cold. I plead to God to set my heart ablaze for the salvation of the lost. The song 'Set our hearts ablaze' is to encourage brothers and sisters to imitate our Lord Jesus' fire and devotion to God and never let our love grow cold.