

Oh for a Heart to Burn Again

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***"They said to one another, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was explaining the Scriptures to us?'"
(Luke 24:32)***

Many would agree that one of the greatest English hymn writers was Charles Wesley. Writing in the 18th century, Wesley penned thousands of hymns for the church, many of which we still sing today. One of his less popularly known hymns is "Oh for a Heart to Praise My God." Many have used variations on that title, and I decided to do so as well.

Using the two on the Emmaus Road on the afternoon of Christ's resurrection, I crafted my hymn around hearts burning with the knowledge that the Scripture is all about Christ. Initially, writing six different stanzas on the heart, tongue, ear, eye, faith, and joy, Greg and I decided to combine them into three stanzas.

My song laments and yearns for a return to a heart on fire for the Lord because He has risen from the dead. I sought to connect each part of the hymn with the resurrection. When our hearts are burning with passion for Christ, our tongues cannot be silent with the good news, our ears will hear the gospel with new understanding, our eyes will see deeper biblical truths, our faith will grow stronger, and our joy will thrive even in difficult days.