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ESSENTIAL STORIES

Fuel for the Night

Matthew 25:1-13

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(Sermon fill-in notes and Scripture references)

Fuel for the Night / Combustible para la Noche
(From Sunday, July 26 on-campus bilingual service notes)
Matthew 25:1-13 / Mateo 25:1-13

5 Warnings for Christians / 5 Advertencias para los Cristianos:

“Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test?” (2 Corinthians 13:5)

Jesus’ first warning for believers is ...

1. There will be a time when it is just **too late to change**.

Habra un tiempo en el que sera muy tarde para cambiar.

2. Faith is one of the things you just **can’t borrow**.

Una de las cosas que no se puede pedir prestada es la fe.

Faith is intrinsically individual. Faith must be your faith.

3. Your **faith** can **fail** if it isn’t properly **fueled**.

Tu fe puede fallar si no tiene el combustible adecuado.

Jesus “... but I have prayed for you (Peter) that your faith may not fail ...” (Luke 22:32)

“Peter said to him, ‘Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death.’” (Luke 22:33)

4. Only **Spirit-fueled faith** will last.

Solo la fe avivada por el Espiritu es duradera.

His faith stopped being fueled by what he could do and it began to be fueled by what Jesus had done for him. And because he put his trust in Jesus, the Spirit of God fueled his faith to be more than ever before.

How do I know if my faith is fueled by my own strength instead of by God’s strength?

5. A properly fueled faith has a **purpose** and a **function** that is greater than **staying out of hell**.

El propósito y la función de una fe avivada es mucho más grande que evitar el infierno.

Three truths about the torches used in the parable:

- (1) The torches had a purpose and a function to play ...
Your faith has a purpose and a function to play in the Kingdom of God.
- (2) They would not be useful if they were not lit ...
Your faith is not useful unless it has the Spirit's fuel to make you shine brightly.
- (3) These torches played some role in illuminating and highlighting the groom.
Finally, your faith plays a role in illuminating and highlighting Jesus!

The purpose of Spirit-fueled faith is to shine a light on Jesus.

El propósito de una fe avivada es reflejar la luz de Jesús.