

Hearts on fire

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?there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart.

ttttJeremiah 20:9



I wanted it.

Desired it greatly.

Yearned for its coming.

But when it did come

I fought, resisted,

ran, hid away.

I said, ?Go home!?

I didn?t know

the fire of God

could be more

than a gentle glow

or a cozy consolation.

I didn?t know

it could come

as a blaze,

a wildfire
uncontrolled,
searing my soul,
chasing my old ways,
smoking them out.

only when I stopped running,
gave up the chase,
surrendered,
did I know the fire's flaming
as consolation and joy.

only then
could I welcome
the One whose fire
I had long sought.

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