

Transformed
From Apathy to Zeal

Reflect

- 1) In your own words define apathy?
- 2) Why do you think apathy (also called sloth or indifference), is one of the seven deadly sins?
- 3) In your view, how does apathy affect our walk with God?

Read Your Bible

- Joshua 24:1-28
- Ephesians 6:10-12
- Mark 14:32-42
- Romans 12:11

Apply God's Word to Your Life

- 1) Notice how Joshua recounts God's story and how it is the people of Israel's story. How does hearing God's story for us move us from apathy towards zeal?
- 2) Do you think it is important to reaffirm or declare your faith regularly? Why or why not?
- 3) The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. In your own words, what is the difference between our spirits, (souls), and our flesh? See Mark 14.
- 4) What does it mean to you to be fervent in spirit? See Romans 12.
- 5) Put on the whole armor of God. What does this mean to you? See Ephesians 6.
- 6) Based on the scripture readings, how do you move from indifference towards a zeal for the Lord?

This broken world and your broken life can wear you out so that, like the disciples in the garden of Gethsemane, you fall asleep on the Lord and His work in your life. We can get distracted to the point of indifference. God feels distant and irrelevant. And we lose sight of God's promises and plans for us. The door is then open for temptations and the work of the evil one to drive us away from God. Faith requires nourishment from the Spirit of God connecting to our spirits to revive, refresh and renew. The Word of God commands and encourages us to put on the whole armor of God. Renew your faith! Be conscientious to regularly put yourself in a place where God's Spirit can revive your spirit so that you can move from apathy to zeal, serving the Lord with courage and confidence.

Pray

Lord God, I want my heart to burn with passion for You! Erase the indifference that affects my life. Let me see this world through the eyes of Your Son. Break my heart for what breaks Yours. Make my heart beat for the mission of Your Son. Renew and refresh my spirit that I may indeed serve You with an enduring zeal. In in name of Jesus whose passion burns for me I pray. Amen.