



# The Flame

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## The Key

“Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.”

The pain was almost more than she could bear. She sat in the courtroom as her son entered from the door to the left. At first she didn't see him. All of the prisoners were dressed alike.

On his hands and feet were chains, shackles, shortening his stride and linking him to men whose demeanors were hardened and rough. Even worse, she could see that what shackled him the most was his fear and shame. Her heart felt as if the chains were squeezing the life out of her. She could hardly breathe.

The judge ruled, and for a second she thought her heart would stop. Five years, and then came the word “probation.”

Within a few minutes, near the holding area in the jail, she watched as a guard stepped up and with a single key and set him loose.

But the anguish of a mother for a wayward son pales in comparison to the grief in the heart of a compassionate God. His child, who through the tears of repentance has found the wonder of grace, may still struggle with personal and inward shackles. The effects of sin have provided the enemy with areas in which God's child can remain vulnerable.

When we come to Christ and experience forgiveness and a new life, the work of the Holy Spirit has only begun. Habits, both of body and mind, may bind us. Wounds that can only be healed by our willingness to forgive may hold us prisoner to pain. As the Holy Spirit draws us more and more to the likeness of Christ, He will faithfully reveal those inner conflicts that hinder us from the maturity grace offers us.

And the key that can set us free is simply truth, the Truth that came and lived among us and in whom we have life itself.

## Take Your Next Step

Seek daily for God to remove the scales from your eyes so you can see Him clearly. Only through finding and embracing Truth can we deal honestly with areas of personal strongholds through which the enemy of our souls may be trying to derail and defeat us. The Spirit will often zero in on residual effects of your old life of sin, emotional and behavior baggage that is at conflict with God's purpose.

Invite God to reveal any areas that are hindering you from becoming like Him. Let Truth reign in your life. The bondages and strongholds of the enemy are forged from our tendencies to believe his lies.

The Truth that set you free can keep you free.