## "Rising Out of the Ashes"

Rising out of the ashes is a mindset for survival that creates a tenacity to live and not die. This mindset at its core is one rooted in faith. When everything around you is burning down in your life and you are questioning God, a small simmer of hope and faith can ignite a desire to live. The Phoenix bird of Ancient Egypt and Greek Mythology rose into his greatest glory through the passage of death through fire into rebirth. It was in his death that he rose out of the ashes into his greatest power and in the strength of the Sun. Though this is a myth, Jesus did rise out of death and in His resurrection, he offers the world newness of life-eternal life. This mythology of the Phoenix and the truth of Jesus triumph over death communicates the possibility of resurrection after tragedy. Yes, out of a seemingly end there can be hope, victory, and a powerful and conquering newness that positions one in their best self.



Choosing to let go of the pain of the fires of life and to see through the flames and ashes is necessary to take on the courage to rise out of the circumstances into opportunity. The ability to see through the flames demands faith. Biblical kind of faith that calls things that are not into being <u>Romans 4:17</u>. This faith is empowering to the mind, soul and spirit and positions the flame fighters into the supernatural space of faith that won't be denied. It is not a faith that is fully received at spiritual conversion but is forged in the fires of life. It is a bold, tenacious, and God-dependent type of confidence in the God of the Bible. I had to muster up this type of faith when my husband was dying in my presence, and I had a phone in my hand with 911 and the other ministering an aspirin under his tongue and trying to keep him alive until help arrived. I had to believe God and not faint in the moment to emotional weakness. There are moments in life that demand our best, our courageous self and our God-dependent heart for strength to get through it. God being faithful, He will succor us and guide us into purpose and peace. It is human to seek comfort over forcing spiritual growthm, but spiritual growth is essential to living beyond the ashes.

The seasons of fire may cause one to experience despair and pain and to say such things as this is unfair of God and is more than reasonable for me to have to experience as a Christian, but God knows what we are able to bare and promises not to allow anything to press us beyond our strength boundaries <u>I Cor. 10:13</u>. Believe God for the Kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force. <u>Matt 11:13</u>. We must fight the good fight of faith to lay hold on eternal life <u>1.Tim 6:12</u>. It is intentional, it is spiritual warfare, and it is the work of the Holy Spirit that sequester to spiritual maturity in our emotions, thinking, and spirit. We are to be students of each place of burning and potential death and to by faith dominate and force them into things that birth newness. This is growth points that us from purpose to destiny.

Rising out of situations that seem hopeless and the end of all that was familiar or normal challenges us to become. It is a mastering of the self and birthing of newness with a deepened faith that overcomes the fears and doubts that limit the evolution of the whole being for living completely spiritual, aligned mentally and for a supernaturally empowered emotional intelligence. Deciding to live beyond the ashes of what has burned down in life, is to decide to faith fight and to fine tune your spiritual perspective from seeing what is to knowing what could be and is to be. When we partner with God for maturing salvation faith into supernatural faith, we experience triumphant living through spiritual faith that won't be denied.