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For those with internet access:

Day One

In his book Holy Discontent, Bill Hybels asks "What is the one aspect of this broken world that, when you see it, touch it, or get near it, you just can't stand? What reality is so troubling that it thrusts you off the couch and into action?" Perhaps this is the "holy discontent" - a personal firestorm of frustration. Go to: www.myholydiscontent.org Click on the picture of Bill Hybels to direct you to watch the videos. Watch the first TWO videos. As followers of Christ, we have the opportunity and responsibility to not only re-discover our destiny but to lead out in restoring that vision in our world.

Read Micah 6:8 and Zechariah 7:9-10. Pray that God will open your heart to the passion for justice, mercy, and grace this week.

Day Two

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Go back to www.myholydiscontent.org. Click on **The Book** tab and read the three short paragraphs. Now click to view the videos entitled: A Modern-Day Example, Hitting Closer to Home, and Things That You Can't Stand. What can't you stand? Spend some time talking to God about it. Chances are it breaks His heart, too.

Day Three & Four

Return to the website and watch the sixth video entitled Your "One Thing." Go to the home page and click on the bottom right-hand box with the words "find your firestorm" and read through that page. Click on the link **Questions for Honest Reflection**. Go through the questions and write your answers in a notebook or journal - along with any thoughts, emotions, or ideas that come to mind. If you have trouble answering a question, skip it and come back to it tomorrow. Give God permission to "wreck" your heart for that "one thing." Listen for His truth and how He wants to use that frustration and discontent to drive you to take hold of His heart and begin to bring about change. "When we accept the world as it is (by living in the normal state) or try to simply maintain status quo,) we deny our ability to see something better, and hence our ability to be something better. We become what we behold."

Robert Quinn

Day Five

Read Ephesians 2:10 and 1 Timothy 6:18-19.

Go to the website and watch the final video Popeye's Holy Discontent. Download the assessment document Discerning the Path to Take located at the bottom of the **Finding your Firestorm (Holy Discontent)** page and go through it. Commit to take some time once a week over the next several weeks/months to pray about and discover what your holy discontent is. if you already know what it is, spend time researching, learning, praying and seeking discernment about how, when, where and what God would have you do. By getting to the point of not being able to stand it any more and allowing God to harness that frustration to right some wrong, we'll taste what living life that is truly life (and being human) can be like.

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I've heard them crying out and it wrecks my heart, too. This time, let's do something about it that'll actually make a difference!" As followers of Christ, we have the opportunity and responsibility to not only re-discover our destiny but to lead out in restoring that vision in our world.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. couldn't stand racism. Mother Teresa couldn't stand extreme poverty. What is it that you just can't stand? Broken marriages, AIDS, children suffering from abuse or neglect, immoral business conduct, corruption? Allow God to take the frustration to converge it with His power and direction to right some wrongs. Spend some time talking to God about it. Chances are it breaks His heart, too.

Day Three & Four - see other side for instructions

Take a notebook or journal and answer the following:

1. When I consider the world around me, I can't stand to see _____
2. I don't want to live in a world where _____
3. People have said (and I see it in myself) that I seem to be passionate about _____
4. In my heart of hearts, I think it's unacceptable when _____
5. The most heart-wrenching experiences I've endured include _____
6. The reason they wrecked me is _____
7. Name one passionate pursuit which makes your heart beat faster - _____
8. I think part of the reason God put me on the earth is to _____
9. If I could make a difference in one small way and knew I wouldn't fail, I'd _____
10. In the course of everyday life I tend to gravitate people who _____
11. It might seem insignificant, but one world-changing dream I've always had is _____

Day Five

The cartoon character Popeye was a fairly easy-going guy, but whenever he saw his sweetheart Olive Oyl in danger he'd declare, "That's all I can stand. I can't stand no more!" He'd pop open a can of spinach, gain super-human biceps and right the wrong to save the day.

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