

# DAY 06

TUESDAY,  
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*"Now when all the people saw the thunder and the flashes of lightning and the sound of the trumpet and the mountain smoking, the people were afraid and trembled, and they stood far off. Moses said to the people, 'Do not fear, for God has come to test you, that the fear of him may be before you, that you may not sin.' The people stood far off, while Moses drew near to the thick darkness where God was."*  
Exodus 20: 18, 20-21, ESV

## OUR CITY

PRAY FOR A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN HOUSTON  
THAT OUR WHOLE CITY FEELS AND WE WILL TALK  
ABOUT IN ETERNITY.

### TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

In Joy Davidman's work on the Ten Commandments ("Smoke on the Mountain"), she begins by telling a story about a frustrated missionary. He explained to the native chief that being a Christian meant you would not murder, commit adultery, or any other activity that breaks the Big 10. In response, the chief claims that he is too old to do those things anyway, so that to be a Christian must be the same as being old!

*"To be Christian is to  
be reborn, and free,  
and unafraid, and  
immortally young."*  
—Joy Davidman

This story serves as a reminder for anyone who seeks to lead a city into renewal: if it were enough to follow rules, God would not have put smoke and fire as a crown on Mt. Sinai at the giving of the Law. A religion of Do's and Don'ts cannot and will not save anyone. It's just old, stale, and sad.

Jesus disrupts this system by telling us to be reborn. Enter the arena of the Kingdom with passion for Houston, and people will want the same for themselves: to be young. Effective leaders have a passion for their work. Let us give them a passion for God.

God is young.

### TODAY'S PRAYER:

Oh Lord, give us courage! May we not let fear rule our hearts, nor worry or anxiety to be masked as wisdom. You have commanded that we approach you with the certainty that we will find grace. Speak to us today, and help us to enter the mystery of the Gospel revealed to Houston.



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