

## **“Finding Love (By Fueling Your Heart with Thanks)”**

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**What** How do you keep a fire burning? You feed it with fuel so it can burn. Zane gets lit up with thankfulness as he reflects on the goodness of God in the midst of his circumstances when he prepares to light the Advent candle.

Themes: Christmas, Advent, Love, Thanks, Thankfulness, Thanksgiving, Monologue, Reader’s Theatre, Declaration, Prayer

**Who** Actor- male or female, mid-20’s or 30’s

**When** Present

**Wear  
(Props)** Candle  
Candle lighter

**Why** Psalm 107:1

**How** **If you are acting the monologue on stage**, be imaginative and use the space to re-enact the actor’s emotions, using the space and your body’s movements.

**If you are reading for Zoom**, read it with passion and emotion, and don’t be afraid to take your time. Look in at the audience or into the computer camera. Ensure all your notifications are turned off and emails are closed and have the PDF on screen near the camera.

**If you read the script from the pulpit**, be familiar enough with your lines so that your head isn’t down in the script the entire time. Look audience members in the eye. Take time to pause and breathe. Embrace the awe and mystery of the scripture.

**Time** Approximately 3-4 minutes

*Actor enters and addresses the audience.*

**Actor:** How do you keep a fire burning?  
You feed it with fuel to burn.

During Advent we light candles to symbolize that Jesus is the light of the world. Today as we prepare our hearts for Christmas, let our hearts be aflame with love for Christ and let that flame burn brightly through giving thanks.

Many of us face challenges in different areas of our lives: our families, our health, our relationships at work and at home. No matter what we face, we thank you God for healing us, for strengthening us and for encouraging us.

Thank you that you are always with us and that you always lead and guide us. By your spirit and through your Word.

Thank you for your Word, God.

Thank you that you, Jesus, have made a living way to be right with the Father through your advent and birth. Through your life and your death. Through your resurrection.

Thank you that we have access to your word, written down through the centuries, which is always available to us to guide and instruct us in the way that we should go.

Today we rest in you, God, and we activate our faith. We believe in you. We trust you. We long for your presence and to walk in your ways.

Thank you that you go before us. That you lead and you guide us.

Thank you for your comfort.

Thank you for your empowering grace and for your constant provision.

Thank you that you make all things new, God! That your word never returns to you void. And that it does a new thing. In us. Around us. In our hearts. In our lives.

Thank you that we are taking the shape you want us to take because you are the Potter and we are the clay.

We thank you that you can do anything and that nothing is impossible for you.

Thank you for your patience with us.

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Thank you for your commitment to us. For your undeniable, immeasurable and indescribable track record of faithfulness and generosity toward us, of breakthrough and grace.

We're so blessed to belong to you.

Thank you for loving us first!

Thank you for not giving up on us, for calling us into your kingdom of light, truth, and hope. Thank you for changing us and renewing us, day by day.

Thank you for every answered prayer in our lives—too many to count. Thank you that we live in the realm of answered prayer. Our homes, our church, our families, and success are built upon answered prayers.

Thank you for protecting us and for directing us.

Thank you for nurturing us and that your deep calls to our deep.

Thank you for searching our hearts and convicting us of sin. Thank you for cleansing us and correcting us. For counselling us and consoling us.

Thank you that you are who you say that you are and that you do what you say you will do.

Thank you for letting us approach you and for receiving us.

We love you God—we truly love you!

Everything that we have is because of you.

All our hope is in you.

Jesus, we stop in the busyness and complexity of our lives, no matter what situation we are in. No matter what we face or fear. We stop and, in this moment, we acknowledge that because of your life we live.

Because you came to earth, we can be accepted and made whole by the Father.

*The Actor/Reader picks up a candle and lights it with a candle lighter.*

Today our hearts burn with love for you and so we light a candle of Advent as a symbol of this love that you have given to us, that burns in us.

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PURCHASE

We are fueled by your love and we fuel our hearts with thanks for all that you've done.

Today we find our passion and love for you all over again, God, as we thank you and fix our attention on who you are.

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