

**fire**

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**not for warmth as much as to intentionally step off for a few to  
pray ... get my balance**

**Wood for the fire**

**i gathered on a slow stroll and a long walk in woods to  
re-acquaint myself with the necessary thing...**

**Arranging the wood**

**i became aware of that was not on my mind and how simple and  
uncomplicated i felt in the process of one ordinary thing...**

**Striking a match**

**to me is a delicate sound intensely felt and as it grew i  
thanked God for the crackling of twigs even more than the  
heat...**

**Boiled water**

**in a pop can, added some instant coffee, and sat back and  
slowed down and listened**

**Came clean in the smoke**

**as God reminded me of stories from His sacred words. more than once  
He had my attention and even called me out...**

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**it wasn't my invention**

**was just following His lead -**

**"...as often as possible Jesus withdrew to out-of-the-way places  
for prayer." -g.**

