

**Interview Questions for Bianca Juarez Olthoff, author of  
*Play with Fire:*  
*Discovering Fierce Faith, Unquenchable Passion, and a Life-Giving God***

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*From the deepest fiber of my being, I believe when we go through life's fires, we will rise transformed.  
No, our transformations won't happen through mythical fire from a silent sun like the Phoenix,  
but we will go through the fire like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.  
We will experience the presence of the one true God who created fire.*  
—Bianca Juarez Olthoff

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- Bianca, you speak around the world as you work for the A21 Campaign and Propel Women. Tell us how you see God transforming lives through these organizations.
- Your first book is arriving this fall, entitled *Play with Fire*. How is fire both a destructive force as well as a tool of transformation?
- How did your family and childhood prepare you to follow a God who transforms lives, even in the hardest situations?
- You write about a personal struggle with binge-eating as a child. What encouragement do you have for listeners who are struggling with food issues right now?
- When you began college, you hoped perfectionism and performance could deliver the perfect “American Dream” life. How did this work out? Did it prepare you for the next phase of your life?
- What finally destroyed your illusion of control and perfectionism? And how did God meet you in that place?
- You describe the years after college graduation as a flash point – when everything that could burn, did burn. How did the story of Elijah help you recognize idols in your life?
- Like Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, you had friends who walked through the fire with you. Tell us about one of those friends. Did you also see God in the fire with you?
- You write that God uses fire as both the impetus for change and the method of change. How has this been true in your life?
- After a very long season in the fire, in the desert, do you feel like you've arrived in the Promised Land? What treasures from the fire have you brought into this new season?

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