

LIFE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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The Holy Spirit has many roles in our lives:

- Teacher – the ways of the Lord, the Father’s voice, understanding Scripture
- Partner – ministering with Him, taking new adventures with Him
- Coach – mentoring us, breaking patterns, living free, our calling
- Pioneer – leading us into new phenomenon, new encounters with the Father

Many do not receive the Holy Spirit because they are afraid of something/Someone they do not understand.

When we are saved, we receive the Holy Spirit—He comes into us.

- We receive the Person of the Holy Spirit.
- Yet our experience is incomplete—we were made for more.
- Jesus breathed on disciples to receive the Holy Spirit (John 20)—God “breathed” into Adam to impart life...Jesus “breathed” to impart new creation life.
- They had not received the baptism (filling) of the Spirit and He told them to wait in Jerusalem for the baptism before going out to minister—He knew this would make them effective in their ministry.
- Jesus received the Holy Spirit after His water baptism, THEN He called disciples and ministered.
- Jesus came as a man—called Himself “Son of Man”—He needed the Holy Spirit.

When we are baptized (filled) in the Spirit, He comes onto us.

- We receive the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Holy Spirit came on Jesus—He came *in contact* with Jesus.
- Larry Kreider – Christian man who lived in poor village. Visited a big city and was amazed by light bulbs. He asked if he could take one home. He hung it from a string in his hut back in his village and it didn’t work. He was frustrated until a missionary explained that it must be plugged into a power source.

My journey in the Spirit

- I received Jesus at an early age.
- We attended Alliance church and then a Spirit-filled church: The Gospel Ranch
- Filled with the Spirit and received prayer language immediately. It was simple and later the Lord expanded it and my spirit felt more fire/power in it.
- I grew up seeing people fall under the power of the Spirit.
- I grew up watching people healed on the spot, prophecy, etc.
- Embrace the Lord in unfamiliar territory or surrender to fear of the unknown?
- Fear can cripple you and keep you from encountering the Lord in all of His ways.

- Meg Cabot – *“Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear. The brave may not live forever, but the cautious do not live at all.”*

How to Live Life with the Holy Spirit

TRUST

When you received Jesus, you most likely felt something in your heart that drew you or had a need you believed He could meet—either way you had to step out in faith.

- Receiving the ministry of the Holy Spirit is a step of faith for many.
- When God does something new, it requires faith for us to step into it and receive the inheritance that comes with it.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (MSG) – *“Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don’t try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God’s voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he’s the one who will keep you on track.”*

- *Trust* – be bold, confident, secure

Noah

The earth was corrupt so God chose to put an end to all people through a flood.

- Noah was a righteous man.
- God chose Noah to build an ark for his family and a male/female of each animal so creation could be renewed.
- Noah never saw rain and yet he believed in his heart and trusted the Lord.
- It never rained and yet he wasn’t stuck on the unknown.

Hebrews 11:7 (TPT) – *“Faith opened Noah’s heart to receive revelation from God about what was coming, even things that had never been seen. But he stepped out in reverent obedience to God and built an ark that would save him and his family. By his faith the world was condemned, but Noah received God’s gift of righteousness that comes by believing.”*

- Faith is a gift from God—it is putting ourselves on the line.
- Noah believed Him who told him what was going to happen.
- He trusted the Person who spoke the word; therefore He could trust the word.
- Fear keeps us from receiving who the Holy Spirit is and what He’s doing.
- Jesus speaks “Peace” in new ways.
- When Peter looked at the storm (something that scared him), he sank, but when he put his eyes on Jesus, he rose up.
- Noah’s faith grasped the unknown because he ultimately grasped the Lord.

Abraham

Abraham was called to be the father of descendants too numerous to count.

- God called Abraham away from home and made him head of another people.

Hebrews 11:8 (TPT) – *“Faith motivated Abraham to obey God’s call and leave the familiar to discover the territory he was destined to inherit from God. So he left with only a promise and without even knowing ahead of time where he was going, Abraham stepped out in faith.”*

- Abraham left comforts not knowing what lied ahead.
- He left his own country to go to a land full of strangers.

Sarah

Abraham knew if he was going to be a father of numerous descendants, he would have to have a child—Sarah was barren.

- Sarah was promised that she would have a child—even in her old age.

Hebrews 11:11 (TPT) – *“Sarah’s faith embraced the miracle power to conceive even though she was barren and was past the age of childbearing, for the authority of her faith rested in the One who made the promise, and she tapped into his faithfulness.”*

- Notice it doesn’t say she tapped into the promise or into what she wanted, but into the One and His faithfulness.
- She initially laughed at the impossible—the unforeseen, but her unbelief was overcome by faith in the One.
- Sarah judged the Lord as faithful and therefore trusted Him and became expectant—in her heart and in her womb.

DISCERN

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NLT) – *“He gives...the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit...”*

- Ability to discern what is of the Holy Spirit and what is not.
- When you are filled with the Spirit, He teaches us to discern the ways of Jesus.

John 10:27 (AMP) – *“The sheep that are My own hear and are listening to My voice; and I know them, and they follow Me.”*

- When a shepherd enters a sheepfold, only his sheep follow him.
- Ask yourself: “Does this work of God manifest the fruit of the Spirit?”

Peter was able to stand in the Upper Room and explain a new phenomenon that you can’t find in the Bible.

- He did this because he studied the scriptures and had the ability to discern in that moment what the Holy Spirit was doing.
- Acts 2:14 (NIV) – *“Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ‘Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you...’”* and then he quoted the prophet Joel.

- Don't dismiss the Holy Spirit or something you don't understand—be discerning, ask the Father to show you what He's doing.

SEEK

We must be more than just open; we must seek Him and what He's doing.

- Jeremiah 29:13 (NLT) – *“If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.”*
- The principle of the Kingdom is that you must seek in order to find.
- Proverbs 25:2 (NLT) – *“It is God's privilege to conceal things and the king's privilege to discover them.”*
- It takes searching out—discovering the mystery of His ways.
- “It's not in the Bible...”

Pray

- Faith to believe and trust You.