

THE  
**HOLY SPIRIT**

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AN INTRODUCTION

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## GET TO KNOW THE SPIRIT

*I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever—The Spirit of Truth....*

—John 14:16-17 AMP

The Holy Spirit is truly amazing! Next to our salvation through Christ, He is the best gift we will ever receive. Who is the Holy Spirit? Seasoned author and lifelong pastor A.W. Tozer shares...

“The Holy Spirit is not enthusiasm...He is a Person. Put that down in capital letters—that the Holy Spirit is not only a Being having another mode of existence, but He is Himself a Person, with all the qualities and powers of personality. He is not matter, but He is substance....The Holy Spirit has will and intelligence and feeling and knowledge and sympathy and ability to love and see and think and hear and speak and desire the same as any person has.”<sup>1</sup>

Before you began this study, who did you understand the Holy Spirit to be? How has this chapter expanded your understanding of who He is to you personally?

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Carefully meditate on the list of names used for the Holy Spirit in Scripture (see page 17). What do these names show you about who He is?

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Knowing that the Holy Spirit is a Person equal to the Father and the Son is vital to developing a healthy relationship with God. Tozer continues...

“...All that the Son is the Holy Ghost is, and all that the Father is the Holy Ghost is, and the Holy Ghost is in His Church. What will we find Him to be like? He will be exactly like Jesus. You have read your New Testament, and you know what Jesus is like, and the Holy Spirit is exactly like Jesus, for Jesus was God and the Spirit is God, and the Father is exactly like the Son; and you can know what Jesus is like by knowing what the Father is like, and you can know what the Spirit is like by knowing what Jesus is like.”<sup>2</sup>

Are you seeing the Holy Spirit in a new way? How do these different facets of His character encourage you and motivate you to involve Him more in your life?

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For Further Study...

John 12:44-45; 14:8-11; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Colossians 1:15-19;  
Hebrews 1:3.

## HE IS DEITY, NOT AN ENTITY

*The Lord and the Spirit are **one and the same**...*

—2 Corinthians 3:17 CEV

As God's child, you have been given His precious, promised gift: the gift of His Holy Spirit (see Galatians 4:6). His Spirit is not just a mystical power or force that moves throughout the galaxy. His Holy Spirit is Him—the fullness of who He is, nothing held back.

**Andrew Murray**, nineteenth century minister and author of over 200 books, said that the Holy Spirit is “one with the Father and the Son” and that He brings “the full and perfect revelation” of God's glory. He continues:

“All that in the Old Covenant had been promised by God, all that had been manifested and brought nigh to us of Divine grace in Jesus, **the Holy Spirit** is now to make our very own. Through Him all the promises of God are fulfilled, all grace and salvation in Christ become a personal possession and experience.”<sup>3</sup>

Did you catch that? Through the Holy Spirit, all God's promises are fulfilled and become a personal possession and experience. This is not just one man's opinion; it's the truth of Scripture. Carefully read and meditate on these passages.

May blessing (praise, laudation, and eulogy) be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) Who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual (given by the Holy Spirit) blessing in the heavenly realm!

—Ephesians 1:3 AMP

Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us by getting to know, personally and intimately, the One who invited us to God [the Holy Spirit]. The best invitation we ever received!

—2 Peter 1:3 The Message  
{Words in brackets added for clarity.}

But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love him”. But God has, through the Spirit, let us share his secret. For nothing is hidden from the Spirit, not even the deep wisdom of God.

—1 Corinthians 2:9-10 J.B. Phillips

What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you through these verses?

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Are you limiting the Holy Spirit’s presence and power in your life by your perception of who He is? Pause and pray. Ask Him to show you where you may need Him to change your perspective. Write what He reveals.

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For Further Study...

Do an online search of the phrases “by the Spirit,” “through the Spirit,” and “from the Spirit” ([www.biblia.com](http://www.biblia.com)). Also consider 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; Galatians 5:5; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

## HE IS THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.*

—Romans 8:2 NASB

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of life! Wow, what a name! Think about it. Life is everything. It encompasses all aspects of health, growth, freshness, energy, vim, and vigor. There is no shadow of death operating in the Spirit of life—no sickness or disease, no weariness or fatigue, no staleness or decay—no form of death whatsoever.

The Spirit of life was present at the time of creation, breathing life into every area of the earth. International missionary and evangelist **Lester Sumrall** confirms this, stating,

“The first place in recorded Scripture where we see activity of the Holy Spirit is in Genesis 1:2. It is remarkable that the first page and second verse of the Bible shows the activity of the Holy Spirit. ...It was the act of bringing cosmos, beauty, and loveliness out of chaos. The earth was without form and void. God was involved in His creative masterpiece, and the Holy Spirit moved to help Him. The Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters, and cosmos came out of the chaos.”<sup>4</sup>

Where in your life do you sense a void or see chaos? Where do you need the Holy Spirit of life to bring beauty, order, and freedom? Pray and ask Him to show you. Surrender these areas to Him in prayer, asking Him to move over them and bring order, just as He did at creation.

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**Check out** Philippians 4:6-8; 1 Peter 5:7; Psalm 37:4-6.

Are you worn out from the busyness of routine? The Spirit of life wants to strengthen you with His might. As you spend time with Him and get to know Him, He will renew your strength. Take a moment and meditate on these powerful promises from God:

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint or grow weary; there is no searching of His understanding. He gives power to the faint and weary, and to him who has no might He increases strength [causing it to multiply and making it to abound].

—Isaiah 40:28-29 AMP

It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

—Romans 8:11 The Message

I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who infuses inner strength into me...].

—Philippians 4:13 AMP

What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you through these verses? **Write a prayer** asking the Spirit of life to infuse you with inner strength and make you as alive as Jesus when He walked the earth.

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For Further Study...

Genesis 1:2; Nehemiah 9:6; Isaiah 40:12-15; Psalm 8:3-9; 104:24-30; Job 33:4

## WE MUST TOTALLY DEPEND ON HIM

*...You won't succeed by might or by power, but by my Spirit,  
says the LORD of Armies.*

—Zechariah 4:6 GW

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, was totally dependent on the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of the Father. Everything about Him, from His conception to His resurrection, was a result of the Spirit's work. Scripture says...

He was conceived by the Spirit – **Matthew 1:20; Luke 1:31-35.**

He was led by the Spirit – **Matthew 4:1; Luke 4:1.**

He was empowered by the Spirit – **Luke 4:14, 18-19; John 3:34.**

He was taught by the Spirit and obeyed Him – **John 5:19-20, 30; 14:10.**

*Jesus said to the Jews, "I can guarantee this truth: The Son cannot do anything on his own. He can do only what he sees the Father doing. Indeed, the Son does exactly what the Father does. The Father loves the Son and shows him everything he is doing.... I can't do anything on my own. As I listen to the Father, I make my judgments. My judgments are right because I don't try to do what I want but what the one who sent me wants."*

—John 5:19-20, 30 GW

Carefully meditate on Jesus' declaration of dependence in John 5 (above). What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you about Jesus' relationship with Him? How does this challenge and motivate you?

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Read Acts 5:32; Romans 8:16; Galatians 4:6; 1 John 3:24 and 4:13. What two recurring truths about the Holy Spirit and our relationship with Him can you identify?

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Like the early believers at the church of Galatia, we sometimes forget just how much we need the Holy Spirit. Carefully read Galatians 3:2-9, along with Luke 11:13. What lessons about receiving the ongoing help of the Holy Spirit can you learn and apply in your own life?

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## HE'S YOUR FOREVER FRIEND!

*I will talk to the Father, and he'll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth.*

—John 14:16-17 The Message

The Holy Spirit wants to be your best friend! He wants to be your side-by-side, forever Helper twenty-four/seven. Scripture declares, “The Spirit Whom He has caused to dwell in us yearns over us and He yearns for the Spirit [to be welcome] with a jealous love” (James 4:5 AMP).

True friendship with the Holy Spirit is priceless. His presence and power provide everlasting satisfaction that is unsurpassed. Speaking of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said, “but those who drink the water that I will give them will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give them will become in them a spring which will provide them with life-giving water and give them eternal life” (John 4:14 GNT). Expounding on this verse, evangelist and educator **R.A. Torrey** stated,

“Water here means the Holy Spirit. The world can never satisfy. Of every worldly joy it must be said: ‘Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again.’ But the Holy Spirit has power to satisfy every longing of the soul. The Holy Spirit and He alone can satisfy the human heart.

If you give yourself up to the Holy Spirit’s inflowing or upspringing in your heart, you will never thirst. Oh, with what joy unutterable and satisfaction indescribable the Holy Spirit has poured forth His living water in many souls. Have you this living fountain within? Is the spring unchoked? Is it springing up into everlasting life?”<sup>5</sup>

Ponder the question presented by Torrey: “Have I this living fountain within? Am I experiencing the indescribable satisfaction of the Spirit? If not, why?” Then ask the Holy Spirit to show you what you can do to daily and more freely abandon yourself to His friendship. Write what He reveals.

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Get quiet before the Lord (who is the Holy Spirit). Ask Him to make Himself real to you—more real than ever before. Ask Him to shower you with His love, acceptance, and peace. Don't rush. Be still and know by experience that He is God. Write anything He speaks to you.

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You're free to be yourself with the Holy Spirit. He knows you inside and out. When you can't seem to "find yourself," He can tell you exactly where you are. He permanently abides in you to strengthen, encourage, and guide. Go to Him anytime, anywhere. You cannot weary Him or wear out your welcome. He is your best friend!

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**Prayer**

*Holy Spirit, radically expand my understanding of who You are. Help me see Your personality and role as my Helper like never before. Help me to never again limit Your presence, power, or voice in my life. I pray this for myself, my family, and Your entire Church. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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*If you are using this book as part of the Messenger Series on the Holy Spirit, please refer to video session 1.*

- 1 | Our Christian life without the Holy Spirit becomes dry, monotonous, and powerless. So what should our lives be like with the Holy Spirit? Name as many positive manifestations and aspects as you can think of.

*For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

—2 Corinthians 3:17 NLT

- 2 | The Holy Spirit is not an “it” or a divine, mystical power. He is the Person of the Godhead who carries the fullness of God the Father and the Son. What are some of the consequences of seeing the Holy Spirit as just an “it” or mystical power? What are the positive results of seeing Him as He really is: fully God?
- 3 | The involvement of the Holy Spirit was common among early believers, but it is rarer among believers today. What do you think are some reasons we have drawn back from enjoying, seeking out, and depending on the leadership and powerful influence of the Spirit of God?
- 4 | Where is the Person of Jesus right now? As a believer, is He living in your heart? What is a better, more accurate way of describing our salvation experience and the mystery of how God makes your heart His home?

**Leaders:** Have your class check out Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11; 7:55-56; Romans 8:34; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 10:12-13 for the first part of question and Romans 8:9-10; 1 Corinthians 3:16; 6:19; 1 John 3:24 for the remainder.

*Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."*

—John 14:23

- 5 | The Lord our God is One, and yet He has three distinct expressions—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Describe the major functions of each member of the Godhead and how they work together to accomplish God's will.

**Leaders:** Have your class check out 1 Corinthians 12:5-7 plus the account of creation in Genesis 1 and Jesus' words in John 5:17, 19-20.

### **The Spirit of God the Father = the Spirit of Christ = the Holy Spirit**

- 6 | Jesus said the Holy Spirit is our Helper—our parakletos. This means He is "permanently called alongside us to coach and counsel us in our daily walk with God." In what ways does this knowledge motivate and encourage you in your daily relationship with Him?
- 7 | What new characteristics of the Person of the Holy Spirit do you now see that you didn't see before? How has this opened your eyes and enriched your understanding of who He is in your life?



## CHAPTER SUMMARY:

- The **Holy Spirit** is a member of the Godhead who carries the fullness of God the Father and the Son.
- He is not an “it” or a mystical power; He is God.
- He is not limited by time or space; He can communicate with and assist an unlimited number of people all at the same time.
- He was intimately involved in the lives of early believers, and He yearns to be involved in every area of our lives today.
- There is virtually no Christian life without Him, but there is an abundant life of adventure to those who embrace His awesome fellowship.
- Get to know Him personally!

## YOU CAN HEAR GOD'S VOICE!

*Whoever belongs to God hears what God says....*

—John 8:47 NIV

Yes, you can hear God's voice! He is still speaking to His people today, and He is speaking to us through His precious Holy Spirit. In an effort to connect Christians in a deeper, more personal relationship with God, authors **Henry Blackaby** and **Claude King** share:

"God clearly spoke to His people in Acts. He clearly speaks to us today. From Acts to the present, God has been speaking to His people *by the Holy Spirit*. ...Because He is always present in a believer, He can speak to you clearly at any time and in any way He chooses."<sup>1</sup>

Jesus declared that He is the Good Shepherd and we are His sheep who can hear and know His voice. Meditate on His words in John 10:3-5, 11, 14, 27. What is the Holy Spirit revealing to you?

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One name given for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. Why is this? Blackaby continues:

"...You and I cannot understand the truth of God unless the Holy Spirit of God reveals it. He is our Teacher. When He teaches you the Word of God, sit before Him and respond to Him. As you pray, watch to see how He uses the Word of God to confirm in your heart a word from God. Watch what He is doing around you in circumstances. The God who is speaking to you as you pray and

the God who is speaking to you in the Scriptures is the God who is working around you. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.”<sup>2</sup>

So, what are some of the main things you can expect the Holy Spirit to reveal to you? Carefully read Jesus’ words in John 14:26; 15:26 and 16:12-15 and identify five things the Spirit teaches.

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What is the key to knowing God’s voice? Blackaby and King continue:

“...The key to knowing God’s voice is not a formula. It is not a method you can follow. Knowing God’s voice comes from an intimate love relationship with God. ...As God speaks and you respond, you will come to the point that you recognize His voice more and more clearly.”<sup>3</sup>

Relationship is the key to knowing and hearing God’s voice. Enoch, Noah, Abraham, and many others experienced this firsthand, and so can you. What principle in Amos 3:7; Daniel 2:22 and Psalm 25:14 is reflected in John 15:15; 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 and Ephesians 1:9? How does this encourage you as a “last-days” believer?

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For examples, **check out** the lives of Enoch (Genesis 5:21-24), Noah (Genesis 6:9-18), Abraham (Genesis 18:16-22), and Peter (Acts 10:9-23).

## HIS PRESENCE IS YOUR VITAL NEED

*You have said, Seek My face [inquire for and require My presence as your vital need]. My heart says to You, Your face (Your presence), Lord, will I seek....*

—Psalm 27:8 AMP

David was not your average man. He had *one thing* that burned within his heart—one craving that consumed his consciousness. He had a passion for God’s presence. “The *one thing* I ask of the Lord,” he said, “the thing I seek most—is to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, delighting in the Lord’s perfections and meditating in his Temple” (Psalm 27:4 NLT).

Nothing—absolutely nothing—is more valuable than the abiding presence of God and having Him as our Partner. Since the Father and the Son are in heaven, the Holy Spirit has been positioned on earth to manifest God’s presence in and through every believer. Nicholas Herman, better known as **Brother Lawrence**, learned to “practice the presence of God” and made it his mission to help others do the same. According to this seventeenth century monastic servant,

“The most holy and necessary practice in our spiritual life is the presence of God. That means finding constant pleasure in His divine company, speaking humbly and lovingly with Him in all seasons, at every moment, without limiting the conversation in any way.”<sup>4</sup>

Stop and think: How vital is God’s presence in my life? What would life be like without Him? Imagine getting up tomorrow without the presence of the Holy Spirit. Review the list of His names and roles (see page 17). With renewed perspective, write how vital His presence is to you.

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**When and where are we to experience the Holy Spirit's presence?** Lawrence continues:

"It isn't necessary that we stay in church in order to remain in God's presence. We can make our hearts personal chapels where we can enter anytime to talk to God privately. These conversations can be so loving and gentle, and anyone can have them. Is there any reason not to begin?"<sup>5</sup>

Without question, you need quality time in the Holy Spirit's presence—a time to totally focus your attention on Him. This includes things like time in His Word, talking and listening to Him, thanking Him and singing His praise, and just sitting silently. Stop and pray: "Holy Spirit, what should my devotional time with You look like at this season of my life?" Write what He reveals.

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**How can you practice God's presence?** Brother Lawrence said, "Simply present yourself to God...and fix your attention on His presence. If your mind wanders at times, don't be upset, because being upset will only distract you more. Allow your will to recall your attention gently to God...cultivate the holy habit of thinking of Him often."<sup>6</sup> Pause and pray: "Holy Spirit, what can I do to focus my attention more on You?" Listen for His answer and incorporate it in your life.

**For Further Study...**

Check out 1 Chronicles 16:9-11; Psalm 22:26; 105:3-4; Proverbs 8:17-18; Isaiah 55:1-3, 6; Jeremiah 29:11-13; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 12:1-2.

## HE WANTS TO BE CLOSE TO YOU

*“Look! I have been standing at the door and I am constantly knocking.  
If anyone hears me calling him and opens the door,  
I will come in and fellowship with him and he with me.”*

—Revelation 3:20 TLB

God, through the Person of the Holy Spirit, wants to be closer to you than any other person on earth. He desires *intimacy*—the deepest level of relationship you can experience.

It’s been said that having intimacy with God is like saying God can “in-to-me-see,” and it’s true. The Holy Spirit can go where no man can go—inside our souls and spirits. He’s not limited by time or space. Not only does the Spirit search and know our hearts, but He also searches and knows God’s heart, revealing His deep thoughts, secrets, and desires—so that we can “in-to-Him-see.”

*The secret [of the sweet, satisfying companionship] of the Lord have they  
who fear (revere and worship) Him, and He will show them  
His covenant and reveal to them its [deep, inner] meaning.*

—Psalm 25:14 AMP

Again, the Holy Spirit is “the Spirit of truth” who guides us into all truth. Is there an aspect about God or Jesus or a passage of Scripture you want to understand? Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you its true, deep meaning and how it applies to you. Write what He reveals.

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*And Jesus explained to them what was said about himself in all the Scriptures, beginning with the books of Moses and the writings of all the prophets.*

—Luke 24:27 GNT

The Spirit not only reveals truth about Scripture, but also truth about us and the things in our lives.

Is there an area in your life you just don't understand? Do you explode in anger or become extremely fearful in certain situations for no apparent reason? The Holy Spirit knows why. Pause and pray: "Holy Spirit, what is the true, root reason I am acting this way? Give me Your eyes to see. What do I need You to change in me to overcome this in my life?" Write what He reveals.

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Is there a circumstance, past or present, you don't understand? The Spirit understands. Pause and pray: "Holy Spirit, what's the truth about this situation? How do You see it? What are You trying to change in me, and how can I cooperate with You to see it happen?" Write what He reveals.

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### **For Further Study...**

*Jesus had intimacy with the Father:* Matthew 14:22-23; 17:1-5;  
Mark 1:35; 6:31, 46-47; Luke 5:16; 6:12

*God's Spirit is near to us as we draw near:* Psalm 16:8; 34:18;  
73:28; 145:18; Hebrews 10:22; James 4:8

## BE CAREFUL NOT TO GRIEVE HIM

*And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live.  
Remember, he has identified you as his own...*

—Ephesians 4:30 NLT

Fellowship with the Holy Spirit is priceless! His manifest presence is life-giving in every area of living. For **Kathryn Kuhlman**, this was a way of life. Millions heard her speak about God's love and the power of His Spirit, many experiencing His miraculous healing. In her book, *The Greatest Power in the World*, Kuhlman explains how the Spirit can be grieved:

"...Even though the Holy Spirit is the mighty power of the Trinity, He is *sensitive* and easily grieved. There is no doubt that this wonderful person may be grieved by bitterness, by wrath, anger, evil speaking. In other words, He can be grieved by anything in the life of an individual that is contrary to meekness, longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, and endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."<sup>7</sup>

It is vital to understand what grieves (saddens) the Spirit and causes Him to draw back from manifesting His presence in our lives. Carefully read Ephesians 4, which provides the context of what it means to grieve the Holy Spirit. (Pay close attention to verses 1-6 and 17-32).

What attitudes, mindsets, and behavior mentioned in verses 17-24 grieve the Holy Spirit?

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Ephesians 4:17-24 exposes *lifestyle choices* and *thinking* that sadden the Spirit and separate us from His manifest presence.

Sum up the overall activity in verses 25-31 that saddens the Spirit. Take time to also write the specific actions revealed in the passage.

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Ephesians 4:25-31 reveals the specific ways we treat others that bring sorrow to the Spirit and separate us from Him.

Yes, we can sadden the Spirit, but the good news is we can also gladden Him! Carefully read verses 1-7, 14-15, 25, 29, and 32 and name the kinds of conduct that make the Spirit happy.

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Consider the antonyms (opposites) of what grieves Him when developing your answer.

The key to not grieve the Holy Spirit is to pursue and preserve a spirit of purity and oneness. While pride and impurity paralyze the work of the Spirit, humility unleashes it. Get quiet before God. Ask Him, "Am I doing anything to grieve You?" Repent of anything He reveals, and ask for His grace to walk in humble, pure ways that gladden Him and invite His activity in your life.

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## YOU ARE THE HOLY SPIRIT'S HOME

*Surely you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you!*

—1 Corinthians 3:16 GNT

God Almighty—the all-knowing, all-powerful Creator of everything from microscopic molecules to gargantuan galaxies—has chosen to make His home in **your** heart! Yes, as a believer, the very same Spirit that raised Jesus Christ from the dead lives in you!

Pastor, author, and Greek scholar **Rick Renner** shares what it means to be home to God's Spirit:

“When the Holy Spirit came into your heart, He made a home that was so comfortable, He was actually happy to come live inside you! He moved in, settled down, and permanently took up residency in your heart—*His new home!*”

You see, when you got saved, the ultimate miracle was performed inside your heart. The Holy Spirit took your spirit, which had been dead in trespasses and sin, and raised it to new life. His work inside you was so glorious that when it was all finished, He declared you to be His own workmanship (Ephesians 2:10). At that moment, your spirit became *a marvelous temple of God!*<sup>8</sup>

Every place you go, every conversation you have, and every activity you participate in, you take God's Spirit with you. Stop and think about that.

How does this truth encourage, excite, and strengthen you? How does it shape your prayers?

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Consider God's promises in Ephesians 3:14-20; Luke 12:11-12; John 14:12-17; Colossians 1:27; 2 Timothy 1:13-14 and Romans 8:1-17.

How does this truth challenge and convict you? How do your answers move you to pray?

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Consider your choices in the entertainment you watch and listen to, the people you hang out with, and the activities you participate in.

So how would you describe your current level of communion with the Holy Spirit? Are you enjoying fellowship, partnership, and intimacy? Are you hearing His voice and experiencing His real, manifest presence in your life? Is it time for a good “spring cleaning” so He can feel more comfortable and at home in you? Pray and ask Him to reveal the condition of your heart. What is He saying? What steps is He asking you to take?

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*And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.*

*Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think....*

—Romans 12:1-2 NLT

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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*If you are using this book as part of the Messenger Series on the Holy Spirit, please refer to video session 2.*

We have **communion** with the Holy Spirit.

*Communion* is the Greek word *koinonia*, which means “fellowship, companionship, communication, intimacy, sharing together, social intercourse, partnership, joint participation, close mutual association.” These types of communion can be broken down into three basic categories: fellowship, partnership, and intimacy.

- 1 | The Holy Spirit wants to have unbroken communion (*koinonia*) with us as sons and daughters of God. This communion includes *fellowship*, a friendly relationship of sharing life together. Why is it important to welcome and be keenly aware of the Holy Spirit’s companionship? What might happen if we don’t?
- 2 | In addition to fellowship, the Holy Spirit wants to be in partnership with us. What are some practical things partners do to help one another achieve success? What is unique about our partnership with God’s Spirit today in comparison to that experienced by Old Testament followers of God, like Abraham or Moses? How does this encourage you?
- 3 | Communion with the Holy Spirit goes even deeper than just fellowship and partnership. It also includes intimacy—close, mutual association. How can we as believers develop this level of communion with the Holy Spirit?

## HONOR

Any expression of respect or of high estimation by words or actions.

In essence, to honor is to value, esteem, respect,  
treat favorably, and have high regard for.

—adapted from *American Dictionary of the English Language*, Noah Webster 1828

- 4 | The Holy Spirit's primary function is to reveal who Jesus is and to bring Him honor and glory. He will reveal Christ and manifest Himself where He is genuinely honored. Carefully read the definition of honor. What are some specific ways we can honor the Holy Spirit individually and corporately as His Church?
  
- 5 | Although the Holy Spirit (Spirit of God) is never described as a female in Scripture, His behavioral patterns are at times feminine by function. Carefully read Genesis 1:27 and explain what this says about God's character, which includes the character of the Holy Spirit. How does knowing this truth affect your relationship with Him?
  
- 6 | The Holy Spirit is very gentle, tender, and comforting in nature. If we are not careful, we can grieve or quench the Spirit—we can sadden Him greatly and cause Him to draw back His activity in our lives. Carefully meditate on Ephesians 4:29-32 and identify some of the actions that grieve the Spirit. How is this grieving different from quenching the Spirit, as talked about in 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22? How can we guard against these actions?
  
- 7 | Every sin known to man is forgivable by God except one: blaspheming the Holy Spirit. Read Jesus' warning in Matthew 12:22-32 (also in Mark 3:22-30 and Luke 12:10). In light of these verses, describe what it means to blaspheme the Holy Spirit. Why do you think Jesus spoke so strongly against this?



**CHAPTER SUMMARY:**

- The Holy Spirit desires ongoing *communion* with us.
- Communion includes fellowship, partnership, and intimacy.
- *Fellowship* is staying connected through communication and sharing life together.
- *Partnership* is about working together; it adds action to our communication.
- *Intimacy* is the deepest level of friendship in which we share our most personal thoughts, desires, and secrets with the Holy Spirit and He shares His with us.
- The Holy Spirit, who is fully God, has chosen to make His home in our hearts (spirits) permanently.
- We must be careful not to grieve Him, for He is tender and gentle and can be greatly saddened by our actions.

## WELCOME HIM AS YOUR TEACHER

*You have received the Holy Spirit, and he lives within you, so you don't need anyone to teach you what is true. For the Spirit teaches you everything you need to know, and what he teaches is true—it is not a lie. So just as he has taught you, remain in fellowship with Christ.*

—1 John 2:27 NLT

The Holy Spirit plays many roles in our lives, but probably His greatest role is that of Teacher. He is always teaching us something. He is the perfect parent who permanently lives within, bringing direction and correction in His tender, loving way.

Scripture is the timeless textbook of the Spirit. God's Word is the record of God's thoughts. To think like Him, talk like Him, and act like Him, we need His Word—and we need to understand it. That's the job of our Teacher: to lead us and guide us into all truth, unfolding the meaning of the scriptures we need, right when we need them. Author and pastor **Francis Frangipane** eloquently states:

“The Word of the Lord, united with the Holy Spirit, is the vehicle of our transformation into the image of Christ. ...The Word is God. The Scriptures are not God but the Spirit that breathes through the words is God. And this Holy Spirit should be honored as God. Therefore, as you seek the Lord...pray that you will not merely read intellectually. Rather, ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart through the Word. ...As you kneel in humility before the Lord, the Word will be grafted into your soul, actually becoming a part of your nature (James 1:21).”

Stop and ask yourself, *How do I approach God's Word? Do I invite my Teacher to teach me? Do I read into it or receive from it?* Now, ask the Spirit, “What can I do differently to see the Word come alive and become a part of my nature?” Write what He reveals and put it into practice.

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Is devotional time the only time the Spirit teaches? No. He is teaching *all the time*, and if you're in tune with Him, there is a lesson to learn at every turn. Frangipane suggests:

“...Carry a pad and pen with you at all times. ...We are called to *abide* in Him, not just visit with Him. ...You must develop such a listening ear that the Spirit could speak to you anywhere about anything. Honor Him and He will honor you.”<sup>2</sup>

This could look differently for every person. Use whatever medium or technology works best for you. The important point is that you listen and remember what He speaks.

Carefully meditate on these verses. What is the Spirit revealing about the Word in your life?

**2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:12-21**

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**Deuteronomy 6:6; 11:18; Psalm 119:9-11; Colossians 3:16**

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**Psalm 19:8; 119:105, 130; Proverbs 4:20-23; 6:20-23**

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**Hebrews 4:12; James 1:21; Jeremiah 23:28-29**

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*“Call to me and I will answer you. I’ll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own.”*

—Jeremiah 33:3 The Message

## PLEDGE YOUR ALLEGIANCE TO HIM AS LORD

*Jesus replied, “The most important commandment is this: ...The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.”*

—Mark 12:29-30 NLT

The Lord, who is the Spirit, loves us passionately and wants our love exclusively. He does not want our affection and attention attached to the world or anything in it. He says:

Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father. Practically everything that goes on in the world—wanting your own way, wanting everything for yourself, wanting to appear important—has nothing to do with the Father. It just isolates you from him. The world and all its wanting, wanting, wanting is on the way out—but whoever does what God wants is set for eternity.

—1 John 2:15-17 The Message

**Check out** these related scriptures: Matthew 16:24-26; Titus 2:12-14; James 4:4-6; John 15:18-21; Romans 12:2.

**WHERE DOES YOUR ALLEGIANCE LIE?** Take an honest inventory. Ask yourself:

*Who or what gets the majority of my time and attention? What do I spend my free time doing?*

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*Who or what excites me? Are technology and fashion trends in their proper places in my life?*

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*What kinds of things do I spend my money on?*

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*What's on my mind most? What do I frequently talk about? What subjects permeate my prayers?*

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Our words reveal our allegiances. Jesus said that what our hearts are full of is what spills out of our mouths (see Luke 6:45).

Review your answers. Ask the Holy Spirit, "Do I need You to adjust my priorities? Has something become an idol in my life? Is there anything that I'm chasing more than You?" What is He saying? What steps is He prompting you to take to redirect your allegiance to Him?

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Meditate on God's words in Matthew 6:19-21 and Colossians 3:1-17. Use them to *write a prayer of dedication* asking the Holy Spirit to keep you loyal to the Lord your God.

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## GROW GRADUALLY BY HIS GRACE

*We are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.*

—2 Corinthians 3:18 The Message

Just before He went to the cross, Jesus made a key statement about the Holy Spirit: “I still have many things to tell you, **but you can’t handle them now**. But when the Friend comes, the Spirit of the Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth...” (John 16:12-13 The Message).

As the All-knowing One, Jesus could have shared many truths with His disciples, but He knew they couldn’t understand them yet. They needed time to grow. Once He died, rose again, and ascended into heaven, the Father sent His Spirit to help us grow gradually by His grace.

Would a good parent expect their newborn to understand multiplication? Or their toddler to know how to prepare taxes? No. Similarly, the Holy Spirit waits until we are mature enough to handle the truth He needs to tell us. He not only leads us into all truth about Scripture, He also leads us into truth about ourselves, our children, our health, our circumstances, and more.

According to God’s Word, we grow (become like Jesus) from one level of faith and glory to another.<sup>3</sup> We have a part in this process, and so does the Holy Spirit. Carefully meditate on Philippians 1:6; 2:12-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 and Hebrews 13:20-21. What is the Spirit revealing to you in these verses about growing in Christ? Do you see a repeated theme?

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England's best-known preacher during the latter nineteenth century, **Charles H. Spurgeon**, wrote prolifically on many topics, including the Holy Spirit and growing up spiritually. He said:

“We trust in Jesus for what we cannot do ourselves. If it were in our own power, why would we need to look to Him? It is ours to *believe*; it is the Lord's [the Holy Spirit] to create us anew. He will not believe for us; neither are we to do regenerating work for Him. It is enough for us to *obey* the gracious command. It is for the Lord to work the new birth in us.”<sup>4</sup>

Don't give into thinking, *I should be more spiritually mature*. It's not true. It only makes you feel condemned and drains you of spiritual strength. Pause and pray, “Holy Spirit, how do You see where I am right now (my level of spiritual maturity)?” What is He saying to you?

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*The way the Spirit sees you is the way you should see yourself. Ask Him to give you grace to embrace the place you are so you can keep growing.*

Have you been frantically trying to change yourself? If so, how? What do you see differently now?

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## VALUE THE DIVINE CONNECTIONS HE CREATES

*Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. ... Be good friends  
who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.*

—Romans 12:9-10 The Message

We were made for relationship—relationship with the Father and with others. Think about it. What would your life be like without relationships? If you took away all of the life-giving connections, what would you have? A lonely, empty life.

*Thank God for relationships!* The value of a godly friend is priceless. A good friend sharpens us mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, like iron sharpens iron. A good friend lovingly exposes error and brings correction when needed. A good friend celebrates your successes and encourages you to press on through life's difficulties.

*You are better off to have a friend than to be all alone, because then you will get more enjoyment out of what you earn. If you fall, your friend can help you up.  
But if you fall without having a friend nearby, you are really in trouble.*

—Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 CEV

We have learned that there are three levels of relationships—physical, soul, and spiritual. How does seeing this help you understand your current relationships? With whom does it help most? Why?

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The deepest, most meaningful connections we can have are on the spiritual level. Describe what this kind of relationship looks like. What are some benefits of fellowshiping on the spiritual level instead of just the physical or soul levels?

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Are there people with whom you would like to develop deeper relationships? Stop and pray, "Holy Spirit, what can I do to help cultivate deeper, spiritual relationships with the people you've put in my life?" Be still and listen. Write what He is speaking to you.

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**Prayer for Divine Connections:**

*Holy Spirit, grant me divine connections. As Jonathan was to David, as Ruth was to Naomi, as John was to Jesus, so connect me with the people You want me in relationship with. Give me Your grace to cultivate healthy friendships, including those on a spiritual level. In Jesus' name, Amen!*

**For Further Study...**

Proverbs 13:20; 17:9, 17; 27:6, 10, 17; John 15:13; 1 John 1:7;  
1 Samuel 18:1-4

## EXPERIENCE GOD ON THE DEEPEST LEVEL

*...Learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve him with your whole heart and a willing mind.*

—1 Chronicles 28:9 NLT

God's greatest pursuit is to know us intimately, and He invites us to do life with Him. Could there be a greater quest? Paul said, "Everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ" (Philippians 3:8 NLT).

*Experiencing the Depths of Jesus Christ* was Jeanne Guyon's passion. So vital was this mission that she wrote a book by the same name. This seventeenth-century Frenchwoman influenced believers like John Wesley, Hudson Taylor, and Watchman Nee. Regarding intimacy, she said:

"Let me ask you...do you desire to know the Lord in a deep way? God *has* made such an experience, such a walk, possible for you. He has made it possible through the grace He has given to *all* His redeemed children. He has done it by means of His Holy Spirit. How then will you come to the Lord to know Him in such a deep way? Prayer is the key."<sup>5</sup>

So, how would you describe prayer in relation to knowing God intimately? Carefully read Jesus' prayer in Matthew 6:5-15. What can you learn from Him and apply in your life?

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As we have learned, when we're born again, the Holy Spirit comes to live in our spirits. So, when the Spirit communicates with us, He does so in our *spirits*. Jeanne Guyon continues,

“The Lord is found only within your spirit, in the recesses of your being, in the Holy of Holies; this is where He dwells. The Lord once promised to come and make His home within you. (John 14:23) He promised to there meet those who worship Him and who do His will. The Lord *will* meet you in your spirit ...Once your heart has been turned inwardly to the Lord, you will have an impression of His presence.”<sup>6</sup>

The most intimate way we can know God is *by His Spirit*—His Holy Spirit whom He has given us (see 1 Corinthians 2:9-12). Stop and pray, “Holy Spirit, are there any misconceptions, bad experiences, or personal biases I have concerning You that are distorting my understanding of You?” Be still and listen. Ask Him to remove any mindset that’s keeping you from His presence. Write what He reveals.

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Meditate on this truth and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal its meaning to your heart.

*But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.*

—2 Corinthians 3:16-18 NLT

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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*If you are using this book as part of the Messenger Series on the Holy Spirit, please refer to video session 3.*

- 1 | Jesus said the Pharisees had allowed the *traditions of men* to trump the authority of God's Word. What are traditions of men, and why are they damaging to our communion with our Creator? Give at least one modern-day example of the traditions of men trumping the truth of God's Word.
  
- 2 | The Holy Spirit *yearns* to be our best friend and is jealous for our intimate fellowship. What things in the world would you say have stolen the attention and affection of the Church (believers) away from the Spirit? What will happen if we flirt with the world, seeking its pleasures, possessions, and status more than communion with the Spirit?
  
- 3 | What is Jesus communicating to the apostle Thomas in John 20:29? How is this truth connected with God's words through the apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:16, and how does this truth make our intimate relationship with the Lord better?
  
- 4 | Name and describe the *three levels of relationships* that we can have with others. Which is the deepest level and why? How can we get connected with people on this level?
  
- 5 | We have been given a tremendous gift in the Holy Spirit: the ability to know God intimately. Carefully read 1 Corinthians 2:11-16. What is the Holy Spirit speaking in this passage about truly knowing God?

- 6 | Peter and the other disciples had an experience like no other—they interacted with Jesus face to face. Paul did not share this experience, yet he was still mightily used by God. How was this possible?

**For more:** Look up John 20:29; 2 Corinthians 5:16 and 2 Peter 3:15-16.

- 7 | What will happen to our relationships with God if we neglect to pursue communion with the Holy Spirit? If you are willing, share with your group some practical ways you have been able to connect with the Holy Spirit and experience His amazing friendship.



**CHAPTER SUMMARY:**

- If we want a deep, intimate relationship with God, we have to know Him by His Spirit.
- Only the Spirit knows and reveals the thoughts, feelings, and purposes of God's heart.
- We have been given God's Spirit; He is the ultimate Teacher who guides us into all truth.
- To maintain friendship with the world—the selfish pursuit of status and pleasures—is to be God's enemy.
- The Holy Spirit is a gentleman; He will not force His will or friendship on us.
- The three levels of relationship are: physical (lowest and most superficial), soul (or personality), and spiritual (deepest and most intimate).
- Knowing God by His Spirit is deeper and more intimate than knowing Him only through interaction with the physical Person of Jesus.

## THE SPIRIT BRINGS ACTION!

*God confirmed the message by giving signs and wonders and various miracles and gifts of the Holy Spirit whenever he chose.*

—Hebrews 2:4 NLT

The Holy Spirit is the Agent of action who manifests in many amazing ways. In Scripture, He is symbolically represented as a *dove*, *fire*, *wind*, and *wine*. Understanding these manifestations helps us understand His character and how He desires to work in and through our lives.

**The Spirit is like a dove.** In all four gospels, the Spirit is described as descending on Jesus like a dove. Doves are gentle and loving in nature; they are very timid and easily driven away. They will only come to rest where they feel safe and at peace. When they choose a mate, it's for life. How do these facts help you better understand and relate to the Holy Spirit?

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**Check out** Matthew 3:16-17; Mark 1:9-11; Luke 3:21-22; John 1:32-33

**The Spirit is like fire.** He manifested in a burning bush to Moses and a pillar of fire to Israel.<sup>1</sup> On the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit baptized people in “divided tongues, as of fire” (Acts 2:3). He is the Fire that Jesus brought to earth, and we must be careful not to quench Him. Think about the characteristics of fire: it purifies, gives light, produces warmth/heat, and consumes things. How does this help you understand the fire of God's Spirit in your life? What fuels the Fire and helps fan the flame?

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**Check out** Acts 2:3-4; Luke 12:49; 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21; Matthew 3:11-12; Luke 3:16-17; Jeremiah 20:9; 23:29; Hebrews 12:29

**The Spirit is like wind.** He manifested on the Day of Pentecost not only as fire, but also as wind. Winds can range from a gentle breeze to hurricane force. Think about what wind does. How might the wind of the Spirit bring action in the seasons of your life? What might He cause?

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Check out John 3:5-8

**The Spirit is like wine.** At Pentecost, the disciples spoke in tongues declaring the wonders of God. The manifestation was so remarkable that some said they had drunk too much wine, but Peter said it was the Spirit! Stop and think. How does drinking wine usually affect a person's emotions? How might drinking the new wine of the Spirit affect you?

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Check out Acts 2:13-18; Luke 5:37-38 (also in Mark 2:22; Matthew 9:17); Ephesians 5:18-19; Esther 1:10; Jeremiah 31:11-13

*“Heaven cannot contain the Holy Spirit, yet He finds a home within the hearts of His servants. We are His temple. Each one of His influences will evoke from us grateful praise. If He is like the wind, we will be like wind chimes; if He is like dew, we will bloom with flowers; if He is a flame, we will glow with ardor.*

*In whatever way He moves within us, we will be responsive to His voice.”*

—Charles H. Spurgeon<sup>2</sup>

## HIS PRESENCE PRODUCES EVIDENCE

*The evidence of the Spirit's presence is given to each person for the common good of everyone.*

—1 Corinthians 12:7 GW

When the Spirit of God is present, there is evidence! Rivers and seas give way to dry ground. Blind eyes and deaf ears are opened. The lame walk and the mute talk. Fear is defeated and hope is reborn! Signs and wonders of all kinds mark the landscapes of our lives as we are knitted in relationship with God's Spirit.

Again and again, the accounts in Acts confirm that when the Holy Spirit was present, people **saw** and **heard** the evidence. Look back over your life. What evidence of the Spirit's presence can you remember? Write a sentence or two describing situations in which the Spirit showed up and radically changed your life.

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Don't rush. Meditate on God's goodness. Let the Spirit reinvigorate you with new life as you recall His faithfulness!

Once again I'll go over what God has done, lay out on the table the ancient wonders; I'll ponder all the things you've accomplished, and give a long, loving look at your acts.

O God! Your way is holy! No god is great like God! You're the God who makes things happen; you showed everyone what you can do.

—Psalm 77:11-14 The Message

The Holy Spirit has helped you before, and He desires to do it again! How do you need Him to help you now? Get quiet before Him, and invite Him to *do it again!* Ask Him to show evidence that He is real and really cares about you and those around you. Be still. What is He speaking to you?

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Pause and offer praise to the Lord. **Write a prayer** of praise and thanks to Him. He is worthy!

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## BEING FILLED IS AN ONGOING EXPERIENCE

*Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life.  
Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit.*

—Ephesians 5:18 NLT

God's command through Paul to be *filled with the Holy Spirit* is vital. The Greek word for *filled* is *pleroo* ("play-ro-o"). It means "to fill and disperse throughout one's soul."<sup>3</sup> Even more important is the tense of this verb: passive, imperative, present. The **passive** voice implies that "you" (the subject) are *to be acted upon*; the **imperative** voice makes it a *command*, not a suggestion; and the **present** tense aspect implies *continuous action*.

Ephesians 5:18 in the Amplified Bible nails this truth: "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but **ever be filled** and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit." The ongoing experience of being filled with the Spirit infuses us with everything we need to live like Jesus and bring God's will on earth as it is in heaven. Evangelist **Smith Wigglesworth** said,

"I can never estimate what the baptism of the Holy Ghost has been to me... It is a luxury to be filled with the Spirit, and at the same time it is a divine command for us... I maintain that with a *constant filling* you will speak in tongues morning, noon and night. As you live in the Spirit, when you walk down the steps of the house where you live, the devil will have to go before you. You will be more than a conqueror over the devil.

...As you live in the spirit, you move, act, eat, drink, and do everything to the glory of God. Our message is always this, 'Be filled with the Spirit.' This is God's place for you, and it is as far above the natural life as the heavens are above the earth. Yield yourselves for God to fill."<sup>4</sup>

Peter, John, and the other disciples were all baptized in the Spirit at Pentecost. They were filled again with the Spirit during prayer shortly thereafter. Carefully read this account in Acts 4:23-31. What can you learn from this account to help position yourself to be *ever filled* with the Spirit?

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Through Paul, God says “do not neglect the gift” of the Holy Spirit, but “stir up that inner fire which God gave you” (1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6 Phillips). In other words, be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit. Carefully read Ephesians 5:18-19; 6:18 and Jude 20. What is the Spirit showing you about keeping His fire stirred up in you?

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*So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.*

—Romans 12:1-2 The Message

## HE HAS GIFTED YOU FOR A PURPOSE

*Each person is given something to do that shows who God is:  
Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits.*

—1 Corinthians 12:7 The Message

The Holy Spirit has given us specific gifts to continue the work Jesus began. Although the gifts are diverse, “it is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have” (1 Corinthians 12:11 NLT).

Are these gifts for today? Should we be doing the works Jesus did? Absolutely. Evangelist **Reinhard Bonnke**, who has seen millions come to Christ across the African continent, declares,

“I believe so strongly that God is the worker of miracles for His people. I believe the signs that followed Jesus as He walked the earth could—and should—be true in our lives today. Jesus said to His disciples, *He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.*”<sup>5</sup>

Carefully read **Romans 12:3-8** and name the gifts mentioned. Overall, how would you describe these (their purpose and function)?

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Now read **1 Corinthians 12:4-11** and identify the nine gifts. In general, how would you describe these (their purpose and function)?

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Look over the gifts in both passages. Are any of these gifts operating in you? If so, which one(s)?

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Are you unsure? Which of these gifts are you drawn to or excite you? Ask the Holy Spirit to show you how He has gifted you.

Your attitude toward others and how the Spirit has gifted you is important. God says, “Let Christ himself be your example as to what your attitude should be” (Philippians 2:5 Phillips). Reinhard confirms this, adding,

“The success of the work of God does not depend on any of us.... It is all accomplished through dependence on Him. ...I am a zero that God is able to use only because I value His voice above other voices. ...Never should I see myself above another servant of God.”<sup>6</sup>

Carefully read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 and Romans 12:3-5. What is the Spirit showing you about your attitude? How important is each person’s gift—including yours? What will happen to the Body of Christ if you neglect using your gift?

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### **For Further Study...**

*Having the right attitude:* Philippians 2:1-8; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Matthew 23:11-12

*The Spirit also appoints believers to offices for a purpose:* 1 Corinthians 12:28-31; Ephesians 4:11-14

## LET HIM PRAY GOD'S WILL THROUGH YOU

*God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans.*

—Romans 8:26 The Message

Have you ever been so overwhelmed and broken by the circumstances of life that you didn't know what to pray? You're not alone. Countless saints have experienced this. In these moments, God wants you to *run to Him*, not from Him. Instead of clamming up, He wants you to open up. When you don't know what to say or how to pray, the Spirit of Christ living in you does.

It is vital that you know in your heart, not just your head, that God's Spirit is living in you. Take time to meditate on the following verses. What insights is the Holy Spirit revealing to you?

**Meditate on** Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:16; 1 Corinthians 6:19; John 14:23; 1 John 3:24; 4:12-13. Ask the Spirit to make Himself real to you.

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God wants us to “pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion” (Ephesians 6:18 NLT). **Watchman Nee**, a dear minister who braved physical hardships and years of imprisonment, said,

“Thank God, we have the almighty Holy Spirit to help us. We must rely on the indwelling Holy Spirit, who works within us with might, for He is our help in times of infirmity and ignorance. Though we do not know how to pray, even so, the indwelling Holy Spirit who himself knows the will of God, will teach us to pray according to the mind of God.”<sup>7</sup>

Stop and think. How often do you really know how to pray for yourself, others, and the situations you're facing? What should be our attitude and approach to God in every prayer we pray?

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**Check out** Proverbs 3:5-8; 28:26; Luke 18:9-14; James 4:6-10

Want to walk in God's perfect will? The Spirit will help bring it about by praying through you with cries, sighs, groans, and heavenly tongues. "And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will" (Romans 8:27 NLT). Carefully read this passage. What is the Spirit saying to you through this?

For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God.... You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally.... For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. Well then, what shall I do? I will pray in the spirit, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand.

—1 Corinthians 14:2, 4, 14-15 NLT

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*"As you surrender yourself to the Spirit, he will present you and your need before the Father's throne. The Holy Spirit knows the perfect mind and the perfect will of God. He who searches your heart and knows you better than you know yourself will bring that need before the throne of God, and you cannot miss when the Holy Spirit prays through you."*

—Kathryn Kuhlman<sup>8</sup>

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1 | It is important to understand that there is a difference between the Holy Spirit coming to make His home in us at the time of salvation and the infilling of the Holy Spirit. How would you describe these two extraordinary experiences?
  
- 2 | Why do you think Jesus commanded His disciples to wait for the infilling of the Holy Spirit before moving forward to do anything for His kingdom (see Acts 1:4-5)? What can we learn from this principle of “waiting to receive power from on high,” and how can we apply it in our lives today?
  
- 3 | The infilling of the Holy Spirit empowers us to speak in other tongues. A tongue is simply a language not recognizable to our understanding. Imagine you were one of the faithful Jews visiting Jerusalem from a foreign nation on the Day of Pentecost. How do you think you would have reacted to hearing the believers speak in your native tongue about salvation through Jesus Christ?
  
- 4 | When the Holy Spirit fills believers, what two dynamics are consistent in virtually every occurrence? For what reason did God most likely bring salvation and the infilling of the Holy Spirit to Cornelius and his family simultaneously? Share a story of how God broke out of a “religious box” you put Him in and expanded your understanding of who He is.

- 5 | If the manifestations of prophecy and speaking in tongues are for believers today, what did Paul mean when he said that not all speak in tongues (see 1 Corinthians 12:27-30) and that tongues will cease (see 1 Corinthians 13:8-12)? Read these verses carefully and explain.
- 6 | The Bible speaks of four kinds of tongues. Read the following passages and name the four categories of tongues, explaining why God has given these different manifestations of the Holy Spirit to His Church.
- 1 Corinthians 14:22
  - 1 Corinthians 12:10
  - 1 Corinthians 14:14-15
  - Romans 8:26-28

Why is it important to understand the differences between these types of tongues?

- 7 | Can a believer be filled with the Holy Spirit and not speak in tongues? Why or why not? What are some common reasons this happens?



**CHAPTER SUMMARY:**

- The empowerment of the Spirit is essential to all kingdom work.
- The infilling of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience that follows salvation.
- Salvation *repositions us in Christ*; the infilling of the Spirit *empowers us* to live like Him.
- Tongues have *not* ceased; they're in operation until we see Jesus face to face.
- There are four types of tongues: tongues as a sign for unbelievers, tongues for interpretation, tongues for personal prayer, and tongues for intercession. The first two are for public use, and the second two are for private use.

Praying in the Spirit...  
**OPENS THE DOOR TO DEEPER  
INTIMACY**

*If you praise him in the private language of tongues, God understands you...for you are sharing intimacies just between you and him.*

—1 Corinthians 14:2 The Message

The greatest blessing of praying in the language of the Spirit is greater intimacy with God. The Lord of all creation desires fellowship and communion with us so much that He put His own Spirit in our spirits, empowering us to communicate with Him on His level. How amazing! Pastor **Kenneth Hagin, Sr.**, stated,

“God is a Spirit. When we pray in tongues, our spirit is in direct contact with God, who is a Spirit. We are talking to Him by a divine supernatural means. ...Speaking with other tongues is not only the *initial* evidence of the Holy Spirit’s infilling, but is a *continual* experience for the rest of one’s life. For what purpose? To assist us in the worship of God.

Continuing to pray and worship God in tongues helps us to be ever conscious of His indwelling presence. If I can be conscious of the indwelling presence of the Holy Ghost every day, it is bound to affect the way I live.”

When we pray in the Spirit, we do not pray in *our* understanding, but in *God’s* understanding. His Spirit prays the perfect will of God through us!

It is important to pray in the Spirit and feed on God’s Word everyday, for this is how we intimately connect with Him. What is your daily time and place to commune with God? How has the Spirit shown you His deep, personal love?

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If you don't have a time and place, pray and ask the Holy Spirit *when* and *where* He would like to meet and to demonstrate His deep love for you.

Have you disregarded or despised the gift of speaking in tongues? If so, why? How is this lesson helping you see the language of the Spirit in a more positive, powerful light?

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If you have disregarded or despised the gift of tongues, ask God to forgive you and to fill you afresh with His Spirit.

Some have struggled with using their prayer languages because they only have one or two words. Does this apply to you? If so, imagine the Spirit gently speaking these words to you: *"I love you. Will you use what I have given you? Will you love and honor Me by speaking the words you have? Though they are few, they are special between you and me."* Take a moment and respond.

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Don't compare your intimate language of prayer to that of others. Steward the words the Spirit has given you. As you are faithful with little, He will give you more to steward! **Check out** Matthew 25:14-23, paying close attention to verses 20-23.

Praying in the Spirit...  
**UNLOCKS THE MYSTERIES OF GOD**

*Knowledge about the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you. ...Those who understand these mysteries will be given more knowledge, and they will excel in understanding them....*

—Matthew 13:11-12 GW

Jesus said you have been given the chance to understand the secrets and mysteries of His kingdom. How do you receive and understand these secrets? By abiding in relationship with His Spirit. God's mysteries are revealed as you pray in the Spirit and spend time with Him.

**Oswald Chambers** was an author, speaker, and champion of intimate devotion to God. In the well-known book *My Utmost for His Highest*, he says:

“What is the sign of a friend? That he tells you secret sorrows? No, that he tells you *secret joys*. Many will confide to you their secret sorrows, but the last mark of intimacy is to confide secret joys.”<sup>2</sup>

What is one of the most amazing mysteries of God that the Spirit has revealed to you? Why is it special?

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Do you share *your* personal thoughts, feelings, and desires with the Spirit? Do you ever talk with Him about your greatest dreams or fears? Friends tell. Pause and share something intimate with Him—something dear to your heart that you have not shared before or haven't mentioned for a long time.

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If you don't intimately share things with the Spirit, why? Ask Him to show you what is hindering you and to help you freely share your heart.

Communicating with God is not just speaking; it's also *listening*. A balance of the two is needed. If we don't take time to listen, we can't hear what the Spirit is saying. Chambers continues:

“Have we ever let God tell us any of His joys, or are we telling God our secrets so continually that we leave no room for Him to talk to us? At the beginning of our Christian life we are full of requests to God, then we find that God wants us to get into relationship with Himself, to get us in touch with His purposes. Are we so wedded to Jesus Christ's idea of prayer—‘Thy will be done’—that we catch the secrets of God?”<sup>3</sup>

God says there is a time for everything, which includes a time to speak and a time to be silent in prayer (see Ecclesiastes 3:1-7). Ask the Spirit, “Am I always talking during prayer? Do I give You time to reveal Your mysteries? Have You been trying to tell me something that I have not been quiet enough to hear? If so, what is it?” Be still and listen. What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you?

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*This is my prayer. That God...will give you spiritual wisdom and the insight to know more of him: that you may receive that inner illumination of the spirit which will make you realise how great is the hope to which he is calling you—the magnificence and splendour of the inheritance promised to Christians—and how tremendous is the power available to us who believe in God.*

—Ephesians 1:17-19 Phillips

Praying in the Spirit...  
**PRODUCES PEACE WITHIN**

*But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: ...peace....*

—Galatians 5:22 NLT

What is peace? Sometimes knowing what something is *not* helps us know what it truly is. True peace, the peace that Jesus gives through His Spirit, is *not* about having a full bank account, perfect health, a beautiful home and extravagant possessions, or relationships that are void of conflict.

True peace—God’s peace—is not defined by external circumstances or conditions. It is stability in the midst of difficulty. It is the ability to remain mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually calm and collected in the midst of problems.

Stop and ask yourself, *What is my understanding of peace? What is my peace anchored in? How does my understanding of peace differ from the true peace of the Spirit? What needs to change?*

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Through the sacrifice of Christ, we are given peace *with* God. Through the infilling of the Holy Spirit, we are given the peace *of* God. Jesus Himself said,

*“I leave behind with you—peace; I give you **my own peace** and my gift is nothing like the peace of this world. You must not be distressed and you must not be daunted.”*

—John 14:27 Phillips

What are we to do with the peace given to us by the Prince of Peace?

*And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (**act as umpire continually**) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ's] one body you were also called [to live].*

—Colossians 3:15 AMP

Imagine yourself as the batter who has stepped up to home plate. Behind you squats the *Umpire of Peace*, and each ball the pitcher throws is a decision you need to make. Now carefully reread Colossians 3:15. How important are the umpire's calls? What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you about allowing Him to be your Umpire of Peace?

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The primary way the Spirit leads us into God's perfect will is through a sense of peace within. This is what Scripture means when it says "the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit" (Romans 8:16). What decisions are you facing right now that you need God to lead you in? Pause and pray in the Spirit. Then wait for His witness of peace. What is He speaking to you?

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Praying in the Spirit...  
**RELEASES WISDOM AND DIRECTION**

*If you want to know what God wants you to do, ask him, and he will gladly tell you, for he is always ready to give a bountiful supply of wisdom to all who ask him; he will not resent it.*

—James 1:5 TLB

Who is the Giver of wisdom and direction? The Holy Spirit. Isaiah calls Him the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of knowledge, and the Spirit of counsel. Jesus said He is our Teacher who guides us into all truth. Where does our Teacher live? Inside us—His temple. Whenever you lack wisdom on what to do, pray with your understanding and *in the Spirit*, and He will give you the direction you need!

Take time to ponder these powerful promises, remembering the Lord and the Spirit are the same.

This is what the Lord says...“I am the Lord your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow.”

—Isaiah 48:17 NLT

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.”

—Isaiah 30:21 NIV84

I [the Lord] will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

—Psalm 32:8 AMP

The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you.

—John 14:26 The Message

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth.  
—John 16:13 NLT

Show me the path where I should go, O Lord; point out the right road for me to walk. Lead me; teach me; for you are the God who gives me salvation. I have no hope except in you. ...He will teach the ways that are right and best to those who humbly turn to him. ...Where is the man who fears the Lord? God will teach Him how to choose the best.

—Psalm 25:4-5, 9, 12 TLB

What do you need wisdom and direction for? Is it your job? Your health? Your marriage? Your children? Your finances? Your friendships? Whatever the situation, try walking out these steps:

1. *Make your specific request for wisdom* known to God, thanking Him for His direction in the past (see Philippians 4:6-7).
2. *Pray in the Spirit.* Use the gift of tongues to pray as long and as passionately as the Spirit desires to pray through you (see Ephesians 6:18; Romans 8:26-27).
3. *Ask the Spirit for the interpretation.* He will reveal the mystery of what you just prayed (see 1 Corinthians 14:13).
4. *Write what He reveals* (realizing it may not come immediately, but it will come).
5. *Ask the Holy Spirit for grace* to act on the direction He gives.

**My greatest need for wisdom and direction is**

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**This is the wisdom and direction the Holy Spirit is giving me:**

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## Praying in the Spirit... **STRENGTHENS AND BUILDS YOU UP**

*A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally...*

—1 Corinthians 14:4 NLT

Why does the enemy fight so hard to keep you from praying in tongues? First Corinthians 14:4 gives a powerful reason: he doesn't want you to be strengthened. The stronger you are in spirit, the stronger you are for Christ—and the greater threat you are to Satan's kingdom.

Just as your car's alternator recharges your battery, praying in the Spirit recharges your spirit. It drives away fear, depression, and negativity. It builds you up in ways that cannot be expressed. When you pray in tongues, you increase your capacity to house the presence and power of God.

Are you *regularly* or *rarely* praying in the Spirit? If regularly, *how often* and *for how long*? If rarely, why?

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What happens *inside you* when you invest time into praying in tongues? What other fruit and manifestations of the Spirit have you witnessed as a result? How do these encourage you to pray?

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How do you usually respond to stressful, draining situations? Have you tried praying in the Spirit? Pause and pray, "Holy Spirit, change my natural, negative response into the supernatural, positive response of praying in tongues. Fill me with You like never before!"

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What actions is the Holy Spirit telling you to take that will make Him a greater part of your everyday life? Write them down, and put them into practice.

No doubt, the enemy has brought thoughts to your mind and stirred up feelings in your flesh to keep you from praying in tongues. He does this to most believers. Below are some of the common reasons and excuses he offers. Sound familiar? Write down any others you can think of; then pray and ask the Holy Spirit for a God-empowered reply to every lie the enemy brings.

*That's not God; you made that up.*

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*I feel/sound so silly.*

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*You're just repeating what somebody else said.*

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*This doesn't do any good.*

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*I just don't feel like praying in tongues.*

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*All I have is a word or two.*

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*What would so-and-so think if they heard me?*

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Friend, don't let the enemy dupe you into thinking you shouldn't pray in tongues. Cast down his thoughts and push past those feelings. Open your mouth daily and "carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit" (Jude 20 The Message).

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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*If you are using this book as part of the Messenger Series on the Holy Spirit, please refer to video session 5.*

- 1 | Praying in tongues (the language of the Spirit) is extremely beneficial. Take a few minutes to name as many of the benefits as you can remember. Of these, which is most valuable to you at this time in your life? If you feel comfortable, share why.
  
- 2 | One reason God has given us the gift of tongues is to keep the enemy from knowing what's going on. God is all-knowing; Satan is not. Satan does not understand the divine frequency of the Spirit's language. Share any specific incident(s) when you prayed in tongues (interceded) and overcame the devil's plans in your life or the lives of others.

**Leaders:** Scriptures to consider: Luke 10:19; Ephesians 6:10-18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Matthew 11:12; Revelation 12:11.

*Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.*

—Ephesians 6:18 NLT

- 3 | When we need wisdom on what to do in a situation, praying in the Holy Spirit is a vital key to receiving divine direction. Carefully read Proverbs 20:5; 1 Corinthians 14:13 and John 7:38-39. Describe how praying in tongues releases God's counsel, which has been deposited within our hearts.
  
- 4 | Abiding in communion with the Person of the Holy Spirit allows hidden "mysteries" to be revealed. These mysteries include things like where we should go to church, who we should marry, which job we should take, which house we should buy, how to pray for others,

how to be a better spouse or parent, and how to deal with difficulties at work. If you're willing, share with the group how praying in the Spirit has unlocked the answers to one or more of these situations for you.

- 5 | In 1 Corinthians 14:15, we see that there is value in both praying in the Spirit and praying with the understanding. What are some benefits of praying with the understanding? How does praying in the Spirit help us pray more accurately in our understanding?
  
- 6 | First Thessalonians 5:17 instructs us to “pray without ceasing.” Does this mean we should be praying twenty-four/seven, or is it referring to something else? Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 and discuss what God is telling us.
  
- 7 | Some believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit have looked down upon those who have not received this amazing Gift—treating them as second-class Christians. Have you ever been treated like this? If so, how did it affect your relationship with God and other believers? Have you ever treated someone this way, knowingly or unknowingly? What should be our attitude regarding the infilling of the Spirit?



**CHAPTER SUMMARY:**

- Expressions of intimacy with the Spirit, including praying in tongues, have a proper time and place.
- Don't ignore, despise, or abstain from the gift of tongues because some have misused it.
- When you pray in tongues, you are speaking the mysteries of God, and you can ask Him to give you the interpretation of your prayers.
- The Spirit's power is given to the humble. Humility unlocks the door to God's mysteries.
- We can pray in the Spirit when we need wisdom, desire to worship God on a deeper level, or want to intercede for others. The Spirit exponentially expands our abilities in all these areas.
- God's direction often comes in the form of peace; when we pray in the Spirit and have peace about something, the Holy Spirit is bearing witness with our spirits and telling us to move forward.
- Praying in tongues refreshes, rejuvenates, and builds up our entire being. Take time to pray in the language of the Spirit every day!

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- 1 | All believers have the ability to operate in spiritual gifts. What might it look like to operate in these gifts outside of formal “ministry” settings?
  
- 2 | When you believe God is giving you peace about a decision, what gives you confidence that you are hearing from Him?
  
- 3 | Has the Holy Spirit ever spoken through your spouse instead of speaking directly to you? Why do you think He chooses to work in this way, and how can you receive that direction for your life?
  
- 4 | When you need to make major decisions and you can't seem to get direction, what can you do?

See Proverbs 11:14; 15:22; 24:6 and Romans 8:26-27.

- 5 | Do you believe that God still speaks to people today? How has He spoken to you?

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