



## INTIMACY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

### HOW TO PARTNER WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Write down all the characteristics of the Holy Spirit that come to your mind.

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What are some of your experiences with the Holy Spirit?

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## UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY SPIRIT

### FOLLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT

#### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE(S)

*And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues. — Mark 16:17*

#### WARRIOR TOOL

The truest thing about you is that you are loved wholly and unconditionally by God.

#### PRACTICE

Pray through the Father Exercise in chapter three of *Marching Around Jericho*.

#### PRACTICE

Practice approaching God every day as a kind, compassionate, love-filled, and interested in your everyday life, Father.

#### TRUTH

The Holy Spirit is often the most unknown and mischaracterized third of our Triune God. So much of my journey was displacing the lies about the Holy Spirit and replacing them with truth. I share about this in the video teaching. Let's look up the truth about the Holy Spirit and then walk into understanding about His purpose and character.

Look up and write down the characteristic of the Holy Spirit. And think about the aspect in the passage and how you work with the Holy Spirit.

John 14:16

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Acts 2:3

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Acts 1:8

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Romans 15:13

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Take time now to pray and ask the Lord for greater understanding, wisdom and increased awareness and intimacy with the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal Himself in ways that you can discern that are revealed in these passages. Ask the Holy Spirit to make you aware when He wants you to cooperate to bring the will of God to earth.

**RECOGNIZE THE LIES**

There were a number of lies that kept me from walking in greater power and authority with the Holy Spirit. I was in belief that the Holy Spirit stopped working with the death of the first century church. It's simply not biblical or true. The Holy Spirit is powerfully active and greatly desires to partner with God's children to bring His power and purposes to earth.

Also, I had to reject the lie that speaking in tongues wasn't a real thing. In fact, a prayer language is a beautiful and powerful gift from the Spirit of God. I received this gift shortly after my encounter with God in 2012.

There other thing I had to learn is that ALL the gifts of the Spirit are available to all of God's kids. God doesn't limit gifts.

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*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. —Galatian 5:22-25*

In Romans 12:6, Paul references that we have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. And this is true. There are areas that we are naturally gifted, and we excel in these areas when partnered with the Holy Spirit. But God will not limit hungry children. As we pursue more of God, His giftings and abilities will also increase in us.

I know this to be true because I've experienced it in my own life. Prior to purposefully pursuing the Holy Spirit I couldn't have given a prophetic word to anyone to save my life. But since then, I've truly petitioned the Lord. I've asked and knocked, and I've done the seeking to walk in a prophetic gifting. And after a season of learning, I now walk in a prophetic anointing.

Fellow Marchers, God instructs us to ASK. So, pray now and ask.

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. —Matthew 7:7*

### **ACTIVATION**

Ask to KNOW the Holy Spirit. Study about the Holy Spirit in the Word. Read books that lead you into further truths about God's Spirit. Place yourself around others who walk in Holy Spirit anointing and power. Ask them to pray and lay hands on you.

*And then: Freely you have received; freely give. —Matthew 10:8b*

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### WHAT IS THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The disciples were believers and followers of Jesus. They were likely baptized as believers in Christ because that was the practice and custom of the time period. For example, John the Baptist and his disciples as well as the Apostle Paul baptized people into faith. So, we know many people who were with Jesus were baptized for the repentance of sins and to declare they are followers of God. But it wasn't until after Jesus arose from the grave that He then breathed the Holy Spirit upon them. The Disciples received the Holy Spirit long after their water baptism.

#### *Jesus Appears to His Disciples*

*19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*

*21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." —John 20: 19-23*

This was following his resurrection. These baptisms were two different events.

Again, the Lord brought an obscure verse to me. Acts 19

Paul in Ephesus

19 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples 2 and asked them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?"

They answered, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

3 So Paul asked, "Then what baptism did you receive?"

"John's baptism," they replied.

4 Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

7 There were about twelve men in all.

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In this passage we see that this group of people received a baptism of repentance when they first believed. A baptism that called the people to repent and turn back to God. However, the Holy Spirit didn't arrive with this first baptism. But when Paul placed hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them all. And a sign of this indwelling was they manifested tongues and prophetic words.

I realize that John's baptism was different than a baptism into Jesus. Often a baptism in Jesus brings about repentance and a Holy Spirit baptism but sometimes, and for many, it's a two-step process. A process of maturity and belief. The baptism of the Holy Spirit isn't a right or wrong thing or even a timing thing. It's the point in a faith life when Jesus views a person's hunger, character and most of the time, the maturity of a believer. He then breathes the Holy Spirit upon us in greater measure. And that is all that baptism of the Holy Spirit is. It's an increased measure of God's Holy Spirit within and upon us.

I'll restate clearly that upon our baptism in Jesus we also receive the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit offers greater gifts, this is to many, considered a second faith event, the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I'm sharing this because I absolutely believe that up until October 12, 2012, I had a small measure of the Holy Spirit. But following my encounter with the Father, I knew that I knew in my knower, something was different. It was a new power source and a great confidence and powerful belief and gifting of tongues and prophecy. I hadn't had that prior. So, for me, I received the Holy Spirit with power on October 12, 2012.

I realize there are faith streams that differ in opinions about the Holy Spirit. I wrote about the Holy Spirit because up until my HS Baptism, I was powerless to fight the enemy that had a firm grip on my husband and large areas of my life. I was powerless to fight against the anger that controlled him and myself. My kids were vulnerable. I needed this increase in the HS to fight effectively for my family. Up until then, the devil rode rough shot over all of us.

I'm so thankful for the Lord Jesus and that Father breathed upon me with His Holy Spirit. Walking in the Dunamis power of the Holy Spirit was a game changer for me.

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This isn't a faith issue that should divide God's people. It really is irrelevant if the Holy Spirit arrives with the water baptism or later. And the label "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" is a man-made label. It truly comes down to this. It's a greater anointing of the Holy Spirit that continues to grow within us as we grow in our faith life.

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Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom. —2 Corinthians 3:17

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