

Introduction

This week's study is entitled "By My Spirit".

Scripture

- **Zechariah 4:6** (NIV)

⁶ So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.

It's not by human endeavour, it's not by religious sayings or ways or by traditions of man but it's by the Spirit of God. Every time there has been a major move throughout the world, it's always been by His Spirit. Or else the glory only goes to man. That's why it says in:

Scripture

- **Ephesians 2:8-9** (AMP)

⁸For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favour) that you are saved (^[c]delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God; ⁹Not because of works [not the fulfilment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]

If only we could come to this whole revelation that everything we need to do has been bestowed upon us and given to us freely we don't have to strive or work hard for it, because Jesus paid the price for it all.

THE WONDERFUL COUNSELLOR LIVES IN US (HOLY SPIRIT)

He knows what's best for us and how to get us there. Coming into sonship and the revelation of it sets us free.

We have to just respond to what His word says and allow that to build in our heart. We are carriers of good news.

We are empowered for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God.

When the disciples asked Jesus, "will you restore the Kingdom now" He told them go and wait and you will receive power from on high.

When the disciples received the baptism of the Holy Spirit they never stayed in the upper room. Because the Kingdom of God had come alive inside them, they then started becoming Kingdom people with Kingdom revelation.

It is interesting to note how Jesus took them from the sense realm to the spirit realm:

Understand 2 things:

1. You cannot live on borrowed beliefs, borrowed beliefs have no power.
2. It is every person's own responsibility to get revelation.

For us to respond to revelation and to release the power of God, this week we need to look at the initial infilling of the Holy Ghost. Just like the disciples, we have an initial infilling, but they went back into the upper room.

We need to have a continual personal encounter with God, not just relying on meetings, or other peoples preaching, but for our spiritual eyes to be open completely and to see what God sees.

We need those personal encounters with the Father. He never leaves us nor forsakes us, He abides in us.

Build that intimacy with Him to enable our eyes to see and allow the senses to come in to line with the inner man, the spirit.

Scripture

- **Acts 4:33**

³³And with great strength and ability and power the apostles delivered their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace (loving-kindness and favour and goodwill) rested richly upon them all.

Everyone needs a personal encounter with God or your life will have no impact.

Scripture

- **Isaiah 6:4**

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ² Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³ And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

Here Isaiah has an encounter with God, the Lord says “whom shall I send”, and Isaiah responds to that encounter and says “send me Lord, send me”.

We have to spend time in His presence building a relationship with Him and carrying His word to advance the Kingdom.

The power of God is not for storing, but for sharing.

Scripture

- **Isaiah 6:8-9**

⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I. Send me!” ⁹ He said, “Go and tell this people:

“Be ever hearing, but never understanding;
be ever seeing, but never perceiving.”

Scripture

- **Romans 10:15**

¹⁵And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

So Paul is saying here that we are carriers of:

1. The Gospel of peace.
2. Bringing glad tidings.
3. Bringing good things.

It confuses me how we can have a contemporary gospel. We shy away from signs and wonders and the power of God.

People are scared that the power of God confronts, but God's power is a manifestation of His word. The power makes the word come alive. The bible says in:

Scripture

- **1 Cor. 15:1-2 (living)**

¹Let me now remind you, dear brothers and sisters,^[a] of the Good News I preached to you before. You welcomed it then, and you still stand firm in it. ² It is this Good News that saves you if you continue to believe the message I told you—unless, of course, you believed something that was never true in the first place.^[b]

Scripture

- **1 Cor. 15:1-2 (Message)**

¹⁻²Friends let me go over the Message with you one final time— this Message that I proclaimed and that you made your own; this Message on which you took your stand and by which your life has been saved. (I'm assuming, now, that your belief was the real thing and not a passing fancy that you're in this for good and holding fast.)

The gospel hasn't changed. We need to:

Remember: We need to remember the things of before such as the gospel, when we were brought to the saving knowledge of Christ. Nothing's changed.

The same God and gospel that was preached that saved us, will maintain us. Don't ever forget from whence you came.

Sometimes to remember the way God showed up in your life is crucial, especially when times get rough. It gives us the hope that God did it then, he will do it again and again!

Gospel of grace: The gospel is still the same. The word cannot change. We change, our traditions change, and our performance takes place over the true gospel so somehow it has less effect.

The gospel has the same impact today as it ever has. We make it of no effect with our traditions and our performance.

The gospel of grace is not conditional upon our performance but upon His righteousness and understanding that even in our fallen state, Christ has redeemed us, made us holy, acceptable unto Him.

It is not conditional upon what we do or don't do, but his amazing grace continues today just as it did then.

Receive it: When we have received the gospel. It is something that has taken residence in us. Made alive to us, we made it our own.

It applies to everyone, no exemptions. But you must receive it. It is a gift, but if you don't receive it how can you ever give it.

We have received the gift of salvation by the grace of God. The way we receive salvation, we can receive every good and perfect gift from the Father!

Take your stand: Finally this gospel gives us power to take a stand. Knowing and understanding the very foundation of your faith leaves you with strength to stand.

It is a firm foundation, a lasting foundation that has never failed, nor faltered. Having a revelation of your place in Christ lets us stand tall, and not shrink back.

The gospel is never changing, enduring, and will never fail.

So we must remember where we came from as it is the Gospel of Grace that was shared and we received it, it took root and now we can stand strong knowing that the Gospel was, is, and will forever be the basis of our faith!

We have to stop making decisions and deciding, in the natural, for people! We should allow them to respond to the gospel. Our part is to listen to the Holy Spirit. We have no right to say they might reject my message, they might not get healed.

Our part is to preach the word, release the anointing and allow God to bring results so that He gets all the glory.

Scripture

- **Romans 10:8-9**

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,"^[d] that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹ if you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

The word is near you. If you confess with your mouths and believe in your hearts for salvation why don't we do the same for miracles, signs and wonders?

The word does not change. What we confess with our mouth as it lines up with the Word, we will have.

So start confessing what God has said about you and believe it and you will see it. Don't wait to see it to believe it.

Remember what Jesus said to Thomas after he doubted who Jesus was. After Jesus appeared to Thomas, he believed because of what he saw, however what Jesus said afterwards really makes my point:

Scripture

- **John 20:29**

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

It's one thing to see and believe but another thing to not see and still believe. It is not faith, if you see it first. That takes no faith. But the word teaches us that without faith it is impossible to please him.

Scripture

- **Hebrews 11:6**

⁶But **without faith** it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Believe in your heart all God says you are, what you can do, and who you can be. Once you believe it, you will be it, and the Gospel will not return void!