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DAY 4 Read Luke 24:49 & Zech.4:6 focusing on Having Spiritual Might.
What is the role of the Holy Spirit according to this and what does that mean for you? Find out when & where the Father “*promised*” to send the Holy Spirit and why? What are you currently trying to do in your own strength that you need to let the Holy Spirit take over? How does this make a difference in your life? Pray for a yielded heart & mind to the power of God through the Spirit.

DAY 5 Read Eph.5:17-19 & Rom.8:9 focusing on Being Spirit-Controlled.
From these verses, why is it important for you to be controlled by the Holy Spirit? What are a couple of “unspiritual influences” that God gives you spiritual strength to overcome in your life? What are the ‘spiritual results’ mentioned here and how are you experiencing these & others? Pray for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit’s power in your life today.



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Part 17

4.24.22

“Following Jesus Is a Filling not a Feeling”

Luke 24:44-49

“Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23 NLT

Following Jesus Always Leads to a Spirit-filled Life!

“Don’t act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit...” Eph.5:17-19 NLT

“But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)” Rom.8:9 NLT

3 Spiritual Marks of a Spirit-Filled Life

1. A Spiritual Mind – God opens my mind to know His Word.

“Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.”

Lk.24:45 NLT

“...we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us...But people who aren’t spiritual can’t receive these truths from God’s Spirit. It all sounds foolish to them and they can’t understand it, for only those who are spiritual can understand what the Spirit means...we understand these things, for we have the mind of Christ.”

1Cor.2:9-16 NLT

2. A Spiritual Mission – God uses my mouth to proclaim His Message.

“It was also written that this message would be proclaimed in the authority of his name to all the nations, beginning in Jerusalem: ‘There is forgiveness of sins for all who repent.’ You are witnesses of all these things.”

Lk.24:47-48 NLT

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 NLT

“...And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!”

2Cor.5:18-20 NLT

3. Spiritual Might – God gives me Spirit-ability to follow His Will.

“And now I will send the Holy Spirit, just as my Father promised. But stay here in the city until the Holy Spirit comes and fills you with power from heaven.”

Lk.24:49 NLT

“So he answered and 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 of hosts.”

Zech.4:6 NKJV

“But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.” Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth?...”

Ex.4:10-11 NLT

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____ Apr.24-30, 2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God’s guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

DAY 1 Read Luke 24:44-49 focusing on Jesus’ Final Instructions.

Write out what you think Jesus wanted His followers to focus on as He is getting ready to Ascend back to Heaven. Jesus seems to connect the Scriptures, being witnesses, and the Promise of the Holy Spirit here – how do you see this connection and is there a specific order to this? How is your following Jesus leading you to these things? Pray for spiritual understanding.

DAY 2 Read 1Cor.2:9-16 focusing on Having the Mind of Christ.

According to this, how can we know what God has in mind? Why is it a requirement to have the Holy Spirit in order to understand spiritual things, like the Bible? When have you experienced the Spirit opening your mind to spiritual truth in the Bible? In your walk with Jesus? How is God changing your mind more into the mind of Christ – how does it work for you? Pray with this in mind.

DAY 3 Read Acts 1:6-8 & 2Cor.5:18-20 focusing on Sharing the Message.

Acts gives us Luke’s Gospel Vol.2 and reiterates what happened in Luke 24. What were the Disciples concerned about here? What does Jesus tell them to get completely focused on? How are you in this same situation in your life now? Acts 1 says “witnesses” and 2Cor.5 says “ambassadors” – how are they the same & different and how are you doing in these roles? What’s the main message God wants you to share? Pray for God’s direction to be a witnessing ambassador today. →