



SPIRITUAL EMPHASIS CAMPAIGN

Forgotten

Rediscovering The Power of The Holy Spirit

Prayer & Fasting Guide

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THE FORGOTTEN GOD - “REVERSING OUR TRAGIC NEGLECT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

His Promise - John 14:16-17 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn't looking for Him and doesn't recognize Him. But you know him because He lives with you now and later will be in you.

The word “another” in this verse means another one just like the first one. So Jesus is saying that the Holy Spirit is JUST LIKE him. The Holy Spirit is God as Jesus is God. The Holy Spirit is powerful as Jesus is powerful.

Our Part:- Joshua 3:5 NIV Joshua told the people, **“Consecrate yourselves, (Purify yourselves, Set yourselves apart)** for tomorrow the LORD will do amazing things among you.”

The Spirit of God changes your nature from where you were a slave to sin to a slave of righteousness. We are no longer at peace with sin. You become a slave to what is right, a new creation...



I've got Jesus, why do I need the Spirit?

Example from the Book: - What if I told you that God had entered me and given me supernatural abilities to play basketball or football? What would you expect? You would expect me to be great, wouldn't you? What would you think if I went out and was really terrible?

The Bible says that the Holy Spirit enters us... if this is similar to our football example above...what does that imply about our Christian lives? Should we not be extraordinary?

Verse of the day: - **Romans 8:9 NIV** You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

Prayer Points: -

- Ask God to help you experience the Holy Spirit: Fresh anointing, a fresh start to live in communion with the Spirit, and a greater experience of His power and presence in your life. To experience and to be thrilled over our Spirit-empowered ability to live differently and faithfully. Stop crawling when you have the ability to fly! (Acts 1:8)
- Ask God to help manifest the fruits of the Holy Spirit in your life as the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you- love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control because if you have the Spirit of God, these should be evident in your life- remember- You shall know them by their fruit. (Mathew 7:15-20) There should be a huge difference in the life of a person who has the Spirit.
- Ask God to make you aware of your need for total dependence on the Holy Spirit- as an individual and as a church. To reveal to you why Jesus said that it is better for us that the Spirit came.
- Ask for the will and desire to be like the *Bereans*. (Acts 17:11) To search and know the scriptures (Psalms 119:11)

Reflections: - What can you do to start living this way this week? Like you know and truly believe that you have the Spirit of God in you?

What will you do differently knowing that the same power that was in Jesus is in you?



What are you afraid of?

From the Book: - The fear of God failing us leads us to cover for God (Page 47). This means we ask for less, expect less, and are satisfied with less because we are afraid to ask for or expect more..... I can't imagine how much it pains God to see His children hold back from a relationship with the Holy Spirit out of fear that He won't come through.

The Spirit will lead you to the way of the cross, as He led Jesus to the cross, and that is definitely not a safe or pretty or comfortable place to be."

Verse of the Day: - Luke 11:13 NLT- "So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."

Prayer Points:

- Ask God to help build your faith. That if He promised something, He will keep His promise. If He says it then you will believe it. To help you put all your faith in Him alone... (2 Timothy 1:7)
- Ask God through His Spirit to mold you into the person you were meant to be. To help you endure the pain of the process as He strips away selfishness, pride, and fear, to make us Christ-like. The strength and the desire to do His will. To help you grow in your relationship with Him, ignore/ belittle Him less and less each day
- Ask God to help you totally surrender to Him. To relinquish control and all our ways and follow His leading. (Hebrews 12:1-2,14-15)
- Ask God to help you deal with fear. To give you the boldness to obey even when it seems illogical. Courage to "step into the deep", into where God has called you, and to "trust the process". That His will and ways are always for your good.
- God's kingdom is both a present and future reality. Thus, as Christians, we are called to give our allegiance to His kingdom now. We are called to submit to the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives now, allowing him to change us and shape us now...not just in the future. (Mathew 12:28)

Reflections: - Do you really want to do the will of the Holy Spirit in you no matter what it might cost you? If so, what will you start giving up? (Mathew 16:24)



Theology of the Holy Spirit 101

We cannot fully understand God. This then should help us to worship Him more (because we realize how great He is and how little we can truly understand). But it should not cause us to confine Him to what we can know and understand. The Holy Spirit is beyond our understanding and is much more than what we can comprehend in our minds. Francis Chan says, "My hope is that reading these truths about the Holy Spirit will lead you into a deeper relationship with and a greater reverence for the Spirit—that good theology would lead you to right action, genuine love, and true worship."

Deuteronomy 29:29 NLT- "The LORD our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that He has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions.

Verse of the Day: - Acts 2:38-39 NLT: - Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away, all who have been called by the Lord our God."

Prayer Points:

- Pray that God will reveal and make the truths about who the Holy Spirit is and what He does in our lives real in our daily lives. Refer to pages(70-74)
- Spend time asking God to manifest His promises on Pages(74-76) in your life taking time to pray and meditate on them .
- Ask God confidently for the promises in the Bible, to be more like Him, more loving, free from bondages of sin, for the healing of the body and mind, to use you to bless His people, for provision, wisdom, guidance, etc...

Reflection: - Focus on pages (70-76) again prayerfully **ask** God to help you apply what you are learning and live in these promises.



Why do you want Him?

God gives us the Holy Spirit to build up the church, not to glorify ourselves. Sometimes the gifts of the Holy Spirit become distorted and it appears to be more about drawing attention to an individual.

When the Holy Spirit truly moves, God is the one who is praised. "A sure sign of the Holy Spirit's working is that Christ is magnified, not people."

Verse of the day: - (*Ephesians 5:18-19 NLT*) Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts.

Prayer Points: -

- Pray for God to help you believe that you are a vital member of the church and necessary for His purposes and to help you live out your gift through the power of the Holy Spirit. (1st Cor 14:12)
- Pray that God will examine your heart, and weed out pride and self-glorification as you desire more of His spirit. That only He will be glorified. (*Psalms 139:1-24*)
- Pray that God will reveal and convict you when wrong motives are fueling your desires like the need for attention, and greed. (*James 4:3*)
- Pray that there will be no division or competition in the church and ministries, just serving people for His glory. (I reframe this and say, Pray for unity in service and a heart of servitude so that division or competition and any other vice may not be heard of in the body of Christ)
- Start to pray about all the areas you know that God has convicted you and asking you to crucify your flesh (*Galatians 5:13-26*)

Reflections:

What would your Church look like if everyone was as committed as you; Would the church be dying or thriving?

Do you believe the church needs you like a body needs a mouth or see you as a person?

Do people see a person who lives according to the Way of Jesus?



A real relationship

How do you know God loves you? How do you experience it?

The confidence the Holy Spirit offers is that the most powerful Being in the universe adores you as His own child. The Holy Spirit confirms the intimate relationship we have with God. He reassures us of God's love for us by his presence.

Verse for the day – (Romans 8:12-14NLT) Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit, you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

Prayer Points: -

- Pray that God will fill you with the confidence that you are His son/ daughter, His heir, free in Him. To remind you that you are known by Him and by name! (Galatians 4:1-9)
- Pray to experience the Spirit of God as you venture into the unknown. Ask Him to help you have the courage to go where He calls you for the sake of the Gospel. (Luke 12:11-12)
- Pray to know Him well through His Spirit that you will always sense His Spirit comforting, speaking, nudging, convicting, guiding, and reassuring and that you will know and Hear His voice (John 10:27)
- Pray to have an intimate relationship with your daddy- Abba, to be quiet so we can hear Him. (Psalms 46:10)

Reflections:

What keeps you from an intimate relationship with God?

What in your life hinders you from hearing Him? Do you believe He is closer than a brother to you, do you feel it?

What can you change starting now? (Read John 14-16)



Forget About His Will In Your Life

Have you ever tried to discern God's will for your life? Did you find an answer?

From the book pg 120; - I think a lot of us need to forget about "God's will for my life". God cares more about our response to His Spirit leading today, at this moment than about what we intend to do next year.....It is easy to use the phrase "God's will for my life" as an excuse for inaction or even disobedience.....It's safer to commit to following Him someday instead of this day..... remember in the Bible: - most people were shown only what to do now not in the future, as they followed Him, He led them into His will.

Verse for the day: - (Galatians 5:16 NLT) So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

Prayer Points: -

- Pray that you have an open and willing heart, to surrender to the Spirit's leading with that friend, child, spouse, circumstance, or decision in your life right now. (2nd Corinthians 4:7-11)
- Pray to submit to the Spirit's leading in your life Today! To listen to the Holy Spirit daily, throughout the day as situations arise. (James 4:7)
- Repent – Pray that God will help you separate with sin. To give up your own way and to follow Him to the cross, into true life, with the help of the Holy Spirit for without His power and help, you cannot truly follow Jesus. (Psalms 51)

Reflections:

Are the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 evident in your life?

In which areas do you need to submit to His leading?

The time to listen to Him is now, as He works in us and as we work out our salvation.



Supernatural Church

Christians shouldn't just have the fruit of the Spirit. We should have them in our lives to a supernatural degree, meaning we should have them in ways that should not be possible apart from the power of God working in us.

“You see the more time we spend with someone the more they rub off on us. We start to talk and act like them because we are together so often. The same is true of the Holy Spirit! The more time we spend with Him, the more we will talk and act like Him - the more fruit we will show in our lives.”

The Church should never be an ordinary, energetic, gathering. It should always be supernatural through the power of God working in the church.

Verse of the Day (Romans 14:17-19 NLT) For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. If you serve Christ with this attitude, you will please God, and others will approve of you, too. So then, let us aim for harmony in the church and try to build each other up.

Prayer Points

- Let's pray that God will build His church, an unstoppable force, empowered and sustained by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:42-47)
- Pray not to settle for a little joy or peace to get through the day or week, but for His full joy, peace that surpasses human understanding, the peace that the world will notice and say, “Your Lord, is God!” (Philippians 4:7)
- Pray for total dependence on God for you and your church.

Reflections:

What are the ways we might try to live as Christians or operate as a church without depending on the Holy Spirit? Why is this a problem?

How can you start playing your part in the “building of a supernatural church?”

*Pray that you will
be an unstoppable
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Be blessed!