

# HIGHER AIM

## The Power Within

*Ephesians 4:30*

### INTRODUCTION

Today we are talking about real life—the disconnect between what we want God to do in our lives and what is actually happening. Many of us wrestle with big issues: sexuality, addictions, wayward children, frustration in our relationships, and the reality that what we sing about on Sunday doesn't always match how we live at home. Too many believers become disappointed, step back, and give up. But the problem is not with God—it is with us. If you are a believer, you have turned from sin and placed your faith in Jesus, then the Holy Spirit lives inside of you. Yet many have not tapped into His power. You are trying to live the Christian life on your own strength, and it isn't working. The Holy Spirit is not an "it." He is a person, the third member of the Trinity, and He dwells within you to give you power. Today, we will look at what the Holy Spirit does both for unbelievers and for believers.

### KEY POINTS

#### 1. For Unbelievers, the Holy Spirit:

- Declares the Savior
- Convicts the Sinner
- Draws the Seeker

#### 2. For Believers, the Holy Spirit:

- Baptizes into the Body of Christ
- Fills for an Effective Life
- Empowers for Service
- Informs with Special
- Comforts in Crisis
- Confirms Our Position

### NOTES

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### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

1. Where in your life do you feel the “disconnect” between what you want God to do and what is actually happening?
2. How have you experienced the Holy Spirit convicting, guiding, or comforting you?
3. Which role of the Holy Spirit for believers (baptizing, filling, empowering, informing, comforting, confirming) do you most need to lean into right now, and why?

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