

"Jesus' Spirit-Filled Family"

Jesus Had A Spirit-Filled Family:

Jesus' Mom Was Filled With The Spirit

Luke 1:31-25

Jesus' Dad Was Filled With The Spirit

Matthew 1:18-25

Jesus' Family Was Pro-Life

Luke 1:41 – *"And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, **the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit**, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!"*

Mary And Joseph Had Children After Jesus Was Born

Matthew 12:46 – *"While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and **his brothers** stood outside, asking to speak to him."*

Matthew 13:55-56 – *"Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? **And are not his brothers James and Joseph and Simon and Judas?** And are not **all his sisters** with us? Where then did this man get all these things?"*

Jesus' Extended Family Was Spirit-Filled

Luke 1:15 – *"...and [John] will **be filled with the Holy Spirit**, even from his mother's womb..."*

Luke 1:17 – *"...and [John] will go before [Jesus] in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared..."*

To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit, You Must...

1. ...Know His Word.

There's no replacement for being in the Word of God and knowing Scripture.

2. ...Be Sensitive to Him.

The Spirit of God is sensitive. He doesn't come in "barging and shouting," He comes in "whispering and waiting."

3. ..."Close the Gap."

Close the distance between your sin and your repentance. Make that time time as small as possible.

What is the key to the success of your family?

To be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Discussion Questions:

Getting to Know Me

1. Who is one of your favorite extended family members and why?
2. Give an example of someone you know personally who is filled with the Holy Spirit. What does their life look like?
3. What do you think it would have been like to be Jesus' mother? Jesus' father? Jesus' brother?

Into the Bible/Sermon

1. Pastor Mark said Jesus is "pro-life." How does Scripture support this?
2. What does the Bible say about children? How does this differ from what the world says?
3. What examples did Pastor Mark give of Jesus' family being filled with the Holy Spirit? (Read Luke 1:31-35, Luke 1:15-17, Luke 1:41)
4. What does it mean to "grieve the Holy Spirit?" (Ephesians 4:30)

Application

1. What one action step can you take to be more Spirit-filled after hearing this message from Pastor Mark?
2. Are there specific areas in your life where you need to "shorten the gap" and seek repentance and forgiveness quickly?
3. How might your relationships (parenting, marriage, friendships) be better by listening to the Holy Spirit?
4. How was Pastor Mark's sermon an example of prophecy as defined by Pastor Kyle McMullen last week (prophecy: "Speaking forth merely human words what God has spontaneously brought to mind to build up the church and specifically to strengthen, encourage or console")?