

Date: 4-15-18

Scripture: Mark 16:14-20

Message title: Making a Mark series part #2 "unlimited"

Recap: Last week we started a 4 parts series. We want to have lives that leave a legacy. Authentic Discipleship.

As we finish the book of Mark, I find it important to focus on a few things that will clarify and carry the mission of Venture forward...**Are you all in?**

- Jesus is not an event, He is a person! ✓
- John the apostle doesn't write about a great commission. Why? John pointed to Jesus and in essence said...**Knowing Jesus is the great commission!!**"

Making the choice to follow Jesus (authentic disciple) is the starting place for every person. (balloon illustration)

More of Jesus!! When our first priority is to want **more of Jesus**, everything else will follow...(obedience, prayer, word, radical obedience, gospel message)

Mark 16:14-20

God gives us **unlimited access** to His power and allows it to work through us, to bring glory to Himself.

This week I want to focus on the significance, and importance of the **Holy Spirit filled life!**

(electric service on our house picture) Show picture #1 then #2

Our lives are useless for God's kingdom apart from the power of the HS. Churches are useless unless they welcome the Holy Spirits power!

HS you're welcome here!

The pressures off!! Authentic Disciples live there lives with open HANDS/ hearts!!! Lord put in, so I can put out!

I want to be a better, parent, employee, business owner, student, child...Live a life that leaves a legacy, by opening your life to the work of the HS.

Doing God's work God's way, must flow from God's Spirit!

Katie and I have always said that we want to be able to look at Venture Church and say two words...**ONLY GOD!!**

We know that the **ONLY** way that God builds things is when He is involved. I can not change a person...**ONLY GOD** can. Salvation belongs to the LORD. Rev. 7:10

I am going to send you what my Father has **promised**; but stay in the city until you have been **clothed with power** from on high." (Luke 24:49 NIV)

The disciples (followers) would only become apostles (sent) if they had the **power of God with them**. **How many people would like power outside of there own?**

God's power is **unlimited** and all we need to do is stay connected!!

The early church needed the HS to keep walking with Jesus everyday! **Lives would have never been changed, if the HS was absent. Same today...**

Greater yet, Jesus was baptized in the HS, full of the HS, led by the HS, and ministered in the power of the HS.

If Jesus needed the HS, how much more do we need the HS?

The Holy Spirit is **necessary to walk** with Jesus daily and be **victorious** with **everything** that comes our way, and **make a MARK!** (eternal IMPACT)

Is Jesus physically still on the earth? NO!! Is Jesus spiritually still on the earth? YES!! *Not everyone knows Jesus, but they know you!*
Relationships win the day!

Three facets of the Holy Spirit: Function, fruit, force. "The forgotten God" HS alongside, HS in you, HS on you!!

The Holy Spirit is **GOD** and a **person** we can relate to, commune with, and know personally.

1) Functions of the HS:

HS- **Convicts** me of sin

Have you ever wondered why when you do something that you know is wrong, you feel convicted? That is the image of God upon you! (God's DNA) Animals to have the HS to convict them. (Oakley)

HS- **Comforts** me in affliction

Psalm 23:4- Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, your rod and staff will comfort me!

3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and **God of all comfort (paraklēsis)**, **4**who **comforts** us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. **5**For just as the sufferings of Christ are ours in abundance, so also our **comfort is abundant** through Christ. (2 Corinthians 1:3-5 NASB)

paraklēsis (pä-rä'-klā-sēs): a calling near that affords comfort and refreshment.

HS- **Clarity** in the middle of confusion (guide, helper, alongside)

16“I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper (paraklētōs)**, that He may be with you forever; **17**that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. (John 14:16-17 NAS)

paraklētōs (pä-rä'-klā-tos): called to ones aid.counselor, defense, assistant.

HS- **Coaches** me (teacher of truth, reminds me of truth, assures me in truth,)

Have you ever had a good coach before? Bad one? Gene Monahan

26“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will **teach you** all things, and bring to your **remembrance** all that I said to you. (John 14:26 NASB)

HS- **Consumes** and **commissions** me (empowers)

When I become invisible, Jesus becomes visible!

“Holy fire burn away, my desires, or anything that is not of you, and is of me, I want more of you, and less of me...EMPTY ME...EMPTY ME... FILL ME, WITH YOU!”

26“When the **Helper** comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the **Spirit of truth** who proceeds from the Father, He will **testify** about Me, **27**and you will **testify** also, because you have been with Me from the beginning <following>. (John 15:26-27 NASB)

2) Fruit of the HS: (life that looks like Jesus) It is Jesus pushing His life our though our tree! **Unlimited**, reproducing fruit.

Turn to Galatians 5:16-26

15 So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. **16** Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. **17** Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. **18** Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, **be filled** with the Holy Spirit, (Eph 5:15-18 NLT)

KEY: When we are under God's unlimited influence, our needy world will be influenced unlimited!

3) Force (power) of the HS:

*"Ministry happens, when **divine resources** meet humans needs, through loving channels, to the glory of God!" - Warren Wiersbe*

Without productive fruit, the force (power) is fake!!! **Agape!!!**

People don't want a **show** they want **sincerity**. (authentic disciples-people)


God gives us unlimited access to His power and allows it to work through us, to bring glory to Himself.

The LORD is more interested about the person in us, not the POWER through us! **The Person of the HS is primary the POWER of the HS is secondary.**

Close: (guitar)

How many of you want God to use you? If someone was sick, needed salvation, comfort, or encouragement and needed prayer would you be willing to pray for them?

Let's do that now!! (Clothe yourself with power/allow the LORD to use you)

Prayer for a filling of the HS.  **Salvation**

Next week...A desire for Christian fellowship and service.

Additional notes:

Very truly I tell you, whoever **believes in me** will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:12 NIV)

5These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. **6**Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. **7**As you go, proclaim this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ **8**Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give. (Matt 10: 5-8 NIV)

"I baptize with water those who repent of their sins and turn to God. But someone is coming soon who is greater than I am--**so much greater** that I'm not worthy even to be his slave and carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the **Holy Spirit and with fire**. (Matthew 3:11 NLT)