



## The Promise of the Spirit

### Part 5

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Today we will be continuing our study on the Promise of the Spirit with our emphasis today being set upon Mothers. Over the past several weeks, Pastor Beck, Pastor Brad and I have taught many things to push us to grow in our understanding of the Biblical Narrative as well dispel any misconceptions or misunderstanding concerning the Holy Spirit.

And I, over the past several Sundays, have specifically addressed some very detailed points as we seek together as a church body to expand our understanding and Biblical insight of the Holy Spirit and its function in the life of the Believer.

With our focus being upon the Holy Spirit along with the Gifts and the Fruit that He manifests in our lives, the Holy Spirit is also a teacher who leads and guides us into all truth. Jesus declared in the **Gospel of Saint John 16:12-15**, **“<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”**

The Holy Spirit wasn't sent only with Fruit and Gifts but also to teach us some things along the way of life's journey. I recently read something that got me contemplating an even deeper function of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

What if learning how to Wait was just as valuable as learning how to Prophecy? What if learning how to Trust was just as important as the Gift of Faith? What if learning how to Pray was just as impactful as learning to Pray in the Spirit?

Jesus gave us a tremendous insight into the function of the Holy Spirit in our lives when He in verse 13-14, **“<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”**

So today I want to speak especially to the Mamas of the House but we can all learn some insights today from our time together. There is more to the Holy Spirit than what meets the eye...

## 1. What if learning to Wait like Sarah is just as important as learning to Prophecy?

a. Genesis 17:15-19, “<sup>15</sup> And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah<sup>[d]</sup> shall be her name. <sup>16</sup> I will bless her, and moreover, I will give<sup>[e]</sup> you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”<sup>17</sup> Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” <sup>18</sup> And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might live before you!” <sup>19</sup> God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac.<sup>[f]</sup> I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.”

- b. Abraham and Sarah were promised a baby in their old age which was impossible regarding the standards of our natural realm. But there was a Supernatural God who is able to make the impossible a possibility when we choose to Wait on Him.
- c. Waiting on the manifestation of a Promise from God is difficult but not impossible!

- d. And it is when that promise manifests that it makes all of the pain and trial and difficult worth it
  - i. Make Personal (Having babies)
  - ii. The Pain is worth the Reward.

## 2. What if learning how to Trust like Ruth is just as important as the Gift of Faith?

- a. Ruth 1:12-18, “<sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.”<sup>14</sup> Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.<sup>15</sup> And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”<sup>16</sup> But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God.<sup>17</sup> Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”<sup>18</sup> And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.”

- b. There are times in our lives when we simply have to make our mind up to trust God in spite of what we see, in spite of what we know, in spite of what we feel.
- c. Notice that there are two people in this text: Kissers and Cleavers. Some will kiss you and then walk away all the while there are others who, come what may, they will not abandon you. Some folks are Cleavers while others are Leavers...
- d. But Ruth Clung to Naomi because Ruth Trusted Naomi; even when the situation was bleak and the outcome looked disastrous.
- e. And like Ruth, there comes a time in every person's life where we have to saddle up and hang on for dear life. Many have said that, "sometimes you have to make a leap of faith" while others say that, "you need to trust blind faith" but I disagree with both. The Bible says that the paths of a righteous person are established by the Lord; thus I don't have to leap.
- f. The Bible also says that Jesus healed blinded eyes and without a Vision the People perish; thus I can trust and know that He has a Vision and a Purpose for my life. We just simply have to take Him at His Word; because it is His Word that will never return void.

**3. What if learning how to Pray like Hannah is just as impactful as learning to Pray in the Spirit?**

a. 1 Samuel 1:9-20, “<sup>9</sup>After they had eaten and drunk in Shiloh, Hannah rose. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. <sup>10</sup>She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord and wept bitterly. <sup>11</sup>And she vowed a vow and said, “O Lord of hosts, if you will indeed look on the affliction of your servant and remember me and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a son, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall touch his head.” <sup>12</sup>As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. <sup>13</sup>Hannah was speaking in her heart; only her lips moved, and her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli took her to be a drunken woman. <sup>14</sup>And Eli said to her, “How long will you go on being drunk? Put your wine away from you.” <sup>15</sup>But Hannah answered, “No, my lord, I am a woman troubled in spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. <sup>16</sup>Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for all along I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation.” <sup>17</sup>Then Eli answered, “Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant your petition that you have made to him.” <sup>18</sup>And she said, “Let your servant find favor in your eyes.” Then the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad. <sup>19</sup>They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her. <sup>20</sup>And in due time Hannah conceived and

bore a son, and she called his name Samuel, for she said, “I have asked for him from the Lord.”

- b. For the mothers who have prayed for children and ultimately had children, every one of you can identify with this passage of Scripture because you have been there. But if I may be as so bold to state that for those mothers who have lost children whom you prayed for can identify with this text as well.
- c. There is healing to be found in the reading of this text because is this passage of Scripture that allows us to see the journey of pain through the process. There is something to be said for the mothers who prayed and interceded for their children; not just while they were in the womb but after they were outside of the womb. There is a burden and a blessing to be found in the intercession on behalf of your children.
- d. Some of didn't realize just how much our prayer life would grow and mature until we had children; the demand for prayer increases because it is not centrally focused on our personal needs but it expands to encompass our babies.
- e. And on this topic of Motherhood, I would like to welcome to the stage, my wife, the first lady of The Assembly West Monroe, Mrs. Ashley Miller to come and share her heart with the ladies of this great house and before she speaks, please turn your attention to the screen.