

# The Triumphant Life: Led by His Spirit

The Holy Spirit is here to lead us into victory!

## Jesus Emerges to be Submerged

***Jesus is about to be led by the Holy Spirit and triumphantly overcome Satan's attempt to tempt Him. But let's remember what He was doing in His adolescence because He is now 30 years old. What was Jesus doing for 18 years since we last encountered Him at the temple?***

- Before he was tempted by the devil He grew in wisdom, stature, and favor with God and man. How?
- Lingered, listened, learned, asked questions.
- Was about His Father's business on a heavenly assignment.
- Subjected himself to the authority of His parents.

### **Matthew 3:1-3 New Living Translation**

John the Baptist Prepares the Way

3 In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, 2 "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.[a]" 3 The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him!'"[b]

### **Matthew 3:11-17 New Living Translation**

11 "I baptize with[a] 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.[b] 12 He is ready to separate the chaff from the wheat with his winnowing fork. Then he will clean up the threshing area, gathering the wheat into his barn but burning the chaff with never-ending fire." 13 Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. 14 But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one who needs to be baptized by you," he said, "so why are you coming to me?" 15 But Jesus said, "It should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires.[c]" So John agreed to baptize him.

- Why must we also be baptized? Because God requires it.

16 After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened[d] and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy.”

- Why must we receive the Holy Spirit? Because God requires it.

### Jesus led by the Holy Spirit

***After being submerged in water and filled with the Holy Spirit, He’s now submerged into temptation by the devil.***

#### **Luke 4:1 New Living Translation**

##### **The Temptation of Jesus**

4 Then Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan River. He was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,[a]

***If we’re going to live a triumphant life just as Jesus did we must be full of and led by the Holy Spirit as Jesus was.***

### L.E.D.

**Love** - Love of God expressed through His kingdom (righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost).

- How will we know? Is it right in God's sight, does it promote peace between God and I, or is it something His rebellious enemies would do, does it fulfill the will of God/obedience to His word?

**Encouragement** - Encouragement that points toward God as a source.

- How will we know? Is God being glorified/exalted and looked to as good and on your side? When it’s over do you feel well able or unable?

#### **Joshua 1:1-9 New Living Translation The Lord’s Charge to Joshua**

1 After the death of Moses the Lord’s servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ assistant. He said, 2 “Moses my servant is dead. Therefore, the

time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them. 3 I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— 4 from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea[a] in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.' 5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. 6 "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. 8 Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do. 9 This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

**Direction** - Direction towards God's will.

- How will we know? If you obey the directions will you be in the will of God?

***Since there is a spirit that leads us with love there is one that leads us with hate. One that leads us with encouragement and one that leads with discouragement. One that leads us by directing us with truth, and another that directs with lies.***

### **Matthew 4:2-11 New Living Translation**

2 For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry. 3 During that time the devil[a] came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'[b]"

- **The L.E.D. Test**
- Is the love of God expressed through righteousness, peace, and joy?
- Is God encouraged as the source?

- Is it directed toward fulfilling God's will?

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'[c]" 7 Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God.'[d]"

- **The L.E.D. Test**

- Is the love of God expressed through righteousness, peace, and joy?
- Is God encouraged as the source?
- Is it directed toward fulfilling God's will?

8 Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." 10 "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'[e]"

- **The L.E.D. Test**

- Is the love of God expressed through righteousness, peace, and joy?
- Is God encouraged as the source?
- Is it directed toward fulfilling God's will?

11 Then the devil went away, and angels came and took care of Jesus.

### **Luke 4:13 New Living Translation**

13 When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

- Jesus led by the spirit triumphantly through testing! Tempted in every point but without sin.

## Led by the Spirit

***Jesus was led by the spirit and was the son of God, and if we are the sons of God, we must also be led by the spirit. His voice and faith will be present.***

### **Romans 8:1-17 New Living Translation**

8 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. 2 And because you belong to him, the power[a] of the life-giving Spirit has freed you[b] from the power of sin that leads to death. 3 The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature.[c] So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. 4 He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. 5 Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. 7 For the sinful nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. 8 That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God. 9 But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) 10 And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life[d] because you have been made right with God. 11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. 12 Therefore, dear brothers and sisters,[e] you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. 13 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,[f] you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children[g] of God. 15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.[h] Now we call him, "Abba, Father." [i] 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. 17 And since we are his children, we

are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

### The Suffering of Jesus

How did Jesus respond to being bombarded with opposition, lies, death threats, rejection, temptation?

- He spent time on His knees with His Father.
- Then He got up and walked away only doing what He heard and saw His Father doing.

### **Galatians 5:16 New King James Version**

Walking in the Spirit

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

- Walk only around the outer edges of the grocery store, and you cannot eat the junk your flesh craves.
- Just had earthly emotions but they never had him, he stayed committed to His father's will.
- Tomb of Lazarus
- Garden of Gethsemane

***To be led by the Holy Spirit, we must be led in the ways the Holy Spirit leads.***

- Reading the Bible which was inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- His sons and daughters who are being led by his spirit. Prophecy, words of wisdom, preaching and teaching.
- The desires He puts on our hearts.
- Dreams, visions.
- Direct fellowship with God in prayer.

### **Romans 8:26-27 New Living Translation**

26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers[a] in harmony with God's own will.

- The Holy Spirit helps us live a triumphant life by assisting us in prayer.

