

Welcome!

SERIES: WIND AND FIRE ENCOUNTERING THE HOLY SPIRIT Today's Message: When the Spirit Fills Dr. Lance D. Watson, Senior Pastor

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PRAYER: Holy Spirit, renew us today as we give you glory. We thank you for your mighty power at work within us. By your grace, you are able to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think through us. Enable us not to grieve you, but to yield to you and permit your power to have full sway in us. We thank you for your gracious presence dwelling within us. We give glory to you in the Church and in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Share two things you believe you have in common with everybody in your group.

INTRODUCTION: Being full of the Spirit of God is crucial for a victorious life. In his letter to the faithful living in Ephesus, the Apostle Paul hits on a wide range of issues designed to challenge them to live up to and into their calling as Christians. As we continue in our faith from day to day, month to month, and year to year, the temptation to get comfortable will always exist. However, Paul challenged them and us to yield to the influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives as the way to victory. We can live our lives on "full" as we say YES to the sway of the Spirit.

SCRIPTURE: Read Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

DISCUSSION:

- 1. If your life is a gas tank, and the Holy Spirit is fuel: how full is your tank right now? Describe a time when you felt "full" of God's Spirit? Share a time when you felt as though you were running on empty?
- 2. Paul contrasts spiritual intoxication with physical intoxication: what's similar about the two? Think and talk about how people speak, look, behave, walk, interact.
- 3. Intoxication by definition implies that a person has consumed a significant amount. In your opinion, how would you describe most people of faith: intoxicated, high, tipsy, or tasting? Share why.

CHALLENGE: What is one "a-ha" moment you had in our group discussion today. Note it and write it down. If you applied your learning from this week's message, how would the next week be different for you?

SERVE: How is God calling us to live out this message this week? As individuals? As a group?



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ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at <u>www.myspbc.org</u>. You can also "find, follow and like" our Facebook page at <u>www.facebook.com/myspbc</u>. Turn on your notifications.

CELEBRATIONS: Take this time to share praise reports (e.g., answered prayers, birthdays, anniversaries, promotions).

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAYER: Take this time to share prayer requests. Close with prayer.



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NOTICE: PLEASE BE PATIENT AS WE GRADUALLY REOPEN OUR CAMPUSES IN THE SAFEST MANNER POSSIBLE. As a small group leader, we depend on you to show members that we care. Here's a list of resources to help you.

FOR PRAYER:

CALL: 804.463.2472 EMAIL: prayer@myspbc.org.

FOR COUNSELING:

CALL: 804.643.6177 EMAIL: <u>Barnabas@myspbc.org</u>

TO REQUEST A HOSPITAL VISIT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (For Emergencies) EMAIL: <u>ecare@myspbc.org</u>.

TO FIND A SUPPORT GROUP:

CALL: 804.643.6177 EMAIL: <u>Barnabas@myspbc.org</u>.

TO REQUEST FUNERAL SUPPORT:

CALL: 804.304.3890 (Pastor On Call) EMAIL: <u>ecare@myspbc.org</u>.

TO REQUEST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE:

CALL: 804.643.4000 EMAIL: <u>emergencyassistance@myspbc.org</u>.

TO CONTACT MY LIFE STAGE PASTOR:

CALL: 804.643.4000 and Press 1 for the Dial By Name Directory

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GPS is a study guide based on the weekend message. The purpose of this guide is to assist small groups in study. Previous GPS Guides are available online at <u>www.myspbc.org</u>.