

Welcome!

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

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PRAYER: Guiding Spirit, lead us in dark and difficult moments. Lead us amid trouble, trial, tension, and trauma. Lead us when we're on mountains of success, and when we tread through valleys of failure. With so many voices and choices to discern every day, we need your direction to make the right selection. Direct us Holy Spirit into your perfect plan for our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and example, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Have you ever been lost on a trip? Have you ever accompanied someone who got lost on a trip? Share the experience. How did you/or they find their way?

INTRODUCTION: Romans 8 is one of the great chapters in scripture. It begins with the promise that "there is now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus" and ends with the promise that nothing in all of creation "will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord." In this chapter Paul highlighted the role of the Holy Spirit in our sanctification and in our assurance of salvation. Those who are led by God's Spirit are adopted children of God, and as such, they are heirs with God and coheirs with Jesus. We need never lack direction or protection—we need only to let the Holy Spirit lead.

SCRIPTURE: Read Romans 8:14 (NIV)

DISCUSSION:

- 1. What stood out in today's message? What's one thing you learned? What questions came to mind as you listened to the message today? What points did you find most insightful? How did the message challenge you?
- 2. As you look back over the past week, give one practical example of how you have been led by the Holy Spirit. What were the options? What was your choice?
- 3. This scripture (Romans 8:14-17) details several privileges we enjoy as God's family. As God's child, what are three aspects of being adopted into God's family that you especially cherish?
- 4. Suppose you were counseling someone struggling with direction in an area of their lives? How could you use this passage (v.14) to encourage them?

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?



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

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Take this time to share group announcements. Church wide and campus specific announcements can be found at myspbc.org. Connect with us on social media at facebook.com/ myspbc, instagram.com/myspbc and twitter.com/MySPBC online. 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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