

## The Spirit Life Session 2 – Being Led by the Holy Spirit

### I. Introduction

#### A. Session 1 Review

##### 1. Another Comforter

- a. **Comforter** – (Parakletos) – one called alongside to urge, beseech, coach, plead, pray, or train. Pictures one who has come closely alongside of another for the sake of speaking to him, consoling him, coaching him, comforting him, or assisting him with instruction, counsel, or advice. *In ancient times used to depict military leaders who came alongside their troops to urge, exhort, plead with them to stand tall and face their battles bravely.*
- b. **Why another Comforter?**  
*Jesus had just had a conversation with His disciples about his departure. He was reminding them that He was leaving and going back to the Father. The disciples had grown dependent upon the physical presence of Jesus. They could not comprehend how they could continue without his presence. HIS DECLARATION of sending another comforter was to encourage them – THEY WOULD NOT be alone like orphans. They would have ANOTHER COMFORTER.*
- c. **Rick Renner:** *When Jesus finished his earthly ministry, He prayed to the Father to send the Holy Spirit. He is exactly like Jesus in every way, and Jesus called Him our comforter, which means, He has been called to walk alongside us all through life – to urge, to beseech, to lead, to pray, to coach, and to train us.*

##### 2. We Need an Awareness of this Comforter (The Holy Spirit) in our lives.

### II. Being Led by the Holy Spirit

**John 16:13 (NKJV)** – *However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.*

**A. He will guide you – The Holy Spirit is our Guide.**

1. **Guide** = to lead on one's way – to give guidance to  
*One who will lead you in a clear path*  
*One who will give you clear direction*  
*Same word used as TOUR GUIDE*

He will guide you in all truth.  
*He will guide you in the right way.*

2. The Holy Spirit has the insight needed for every circumstance of life.
  - a. He knows when I need to say yes or when I need to say no.
  - b. He knows where I need to be when I need to be there.
  - c. He knows the way of escape for every trap the enemy has set for me.
  - d. He knows God's perfect plan for my life.
  - e. He does not force Himself upon me, I must submit to his guidance.

**B. Romans 8:14 (NKJV) – *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.***

1. **Sons of God** – Mature sons of God are always led by the Spirit.
2. **Led = Gr (ago)** – To lead: as depicted by animals led by a rope tied around their necks, who follow wherever their owner would tug or pull.
  - a. It can denote a gentle pull or tug.
  - b. It may also denote an intense conflict such as a struggle in a wrestling match.
  - c. Sometimes it is very easy to follow the gentle tug of the Holy Spirit.
  - d. There are other times when our flesh will wrestle with what the Holy Spirit is leading us to do.

3. **Jesus followed the Holy Spirit.**

- a. When Jesus received word that Lazarus was sick unto death, He waited two days or until Lazarus was dead before going to him. *Why? He followed the Spirit or the Voice of His father. He only did that which He say his father do.*

*NOTE: TIMING IS EVERYTHING*

- b. *When Jesus is praying in the Garden.*

**Matthew 26:41 (NKJV)** – *Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

*Note: Various Interpretations.*

*The Disciples were given over to the flesh rather than praying as the Spirit would have them to.*

*Jesus is putting his flesh under subjection to the will of the Father/Spirit.*

*Jesus gives us the powerful example of following the Spirit and denying the flesh.*

*There are many examples of how Jesus followed the Spirit as he was simply instructed.*

*This example is one of suffering between the flesh and spirit.*

*Note: His sweat became as great drops of blood.*

4. **The Early Church was Led by the Holy Spirit**

- a. **Acts 13:2 (NKJV)** – *As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.*
- b. **Acts 15:28 (NKJV)** – *For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things.*

- c. **Acts 16:6 (KJV)** – *Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,*
- **Forbidden = to hinder** – to withhold or curtail – constrict  
*Paul didn't always receive a specific word of instruction but sometimes was constricted/restricted in his spirit.*

5. **When we are led by the Spirit:**

- a. There will be times that it is easy to follow his gentle tug.
- b. There will be other times that we must bring our flesh into subjection to follow his guidance.
- c. The tug in your heart vs the voice in your head.

6. **Being Led is being Trained to Follow.**

- a. **Personal** – The Holy Spirit's leading when I was in the battle with Leukemia.
  - Led how to pray.
  - Led to the right doctor and treatment.
  - Led to the right teaching and resources.
- b. **Personal** – The Holy Spirit's leading to go to Harlan.
- c. **Personal** – The Holy Spirit's leading to come to Grace Fellowship.
- d. The more you practice hearing, the more you will hear.
  - His sheep know His voice. (John 10:27)
  - Ask the Holy Spirit to help you hear His directions.
  - Practice obedience in the little things.  
*Many people are waiting on God's big directions, yet they struggle to obey Him in the little details of life.*
  - His direction will always align with the Word of God.
  - When there seems to be no new direction or instructions from the Holy Spirit, always go back to the last things that He said to you.  
*Lack of obedience to former direction will stall and hinder new instructions.*
- e. Praying in the Spirit/Tongues brings clarity to the leading of the Spirit. *This subject will be dealt with in a later session.*