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Filled with the Spirit and Power

Welcome back to Walks with God, Filled with the Spirit and Power. Today, we're going to talk about how to help others be filled, and this can be oftentimes tricky for a number of reasons, and we'll discuss some of those. Now, I'll tell stories of some of the scenarios I've had in some of the different people I've encountered from different walks of life and their different understanding of what it means and is it for today and do they want it and why. And all these questions can arise over something like this that shouldn't be controversial, and yet it has become controversial at times in the body of Christ, but it's a wonderful gift. It's the promise of the Father, and Jesus instructed us and commanded us actually to receive this. And so, let's just open with a word of prayer and talk about together how we can help others to be filled, shall we? So, heavenly Father, thank You for today. Thank You for this teaching. Thank You for those who are here listening intently, desiring to learn and wanting to know more about the power of the Holy Spirit, the infilling of the Holy Spirit, this dynamic power from on high that comes over our life when we walk in the fullness of the Spirit, when we walk, being filled with the Holy Spirit, being led by the

Holy Spirit, empowered by the Holy Spirit, it truly is the walk of a kingdom man and a kingdom woman. We're going to advance the kingdom of God by the power of His Spirit, not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord, by My Spirit says the Lord, by My Spirit says the Lord. Help us to receive that and to walk in it, in the name of Jesus, amen.

Well, let's get started, shall we? One thing I want to talk about is the importance of them understanding from the Word, what is the infilling of the Holy Spirit? There is a difference between the baptism of the Holy Spirit and the baptism with the Holy Spirit and it's important that we walk them through that, that we show them through Scripture what the Bible actually says about the Holy Spirit, and to help them have an understanding, because sometimes that's just a misconception. They were taught wrong, or they heard wrong or, you know, they didn't hear it all. We need to show them, from the Word, what does the Bible say about being filled with the Spirit? Another thing I want to talk about is modeling it for them, modeling that Spirit-filled life for believers and unbelievers who will come to faith and then the laying on of hands for them to receive it, and then encouraging them with stories and testimonies of what happened when you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit as well as stories from the Bible,

those who moved in the power of the Holy Spirit.

So, our verse today again is Mark 1:8: "John said, 'I indeed baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'" It's key that we understand Jesus is the baptizer with the Holy Spirit. He's the one doing it. It's Jesus that desires you to have it. He's the one that's going to baptize you and you're going to receive it directly from Him. He is involved in this process of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and I think it's good that we understand that. Personally, when I pray for people to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, I tell them that, I say, "The Lord Jesus, is your baptizer with the Holy Spirit." And I say, "Say this simple prayer. Say, 'Lord Jesus, come with Your Holy Spirit.'" Oftentimes, that's it. There's been times where I was just there. I didn't lay hands. I didn't pray. I instructed them to ask for it. In that moment they received it. The Spirit of God came over them and you can see it. Oftentimes there's instantly a response by praying on in the language they've never spoken before, and I love those moments. It's beautiful. I love when it happens, when it's that simple, when it's that quick, and then you just know Jesus touched this person. They just received the Holy Spirit. Oftentimes there's tears, there's laughter, there's such joy. I prayed for one particular woman as we were leaving a house church. We were all kind of headed

towards the front door at the same time, and this woman just stopped me in the hallway of this home, going out the door and just said, "Can you pray for me to receive the Holy Spirit?" And I said, "Sure." I did what I just said. I said, "Hey, just ask for the Holy Spirit. Just ask for Jesus to come with His Holy Spirit." And she did. And I said, "Lord Jesus, baptize her with the Holy Spirit." It was like almost like you could hear the breath of God come over her, like in this moment, the next thing that came out of her mouth was so beautiful, and she just lifted her hands. And together my wife and I just stood there in the hallway of this other couple's home with the front door open, glorifying the Lord in the spiritual tongue, the three of us. Oh, and she didn't want to leave, she just stayed there and kept praying and praying and praying. Then she went on to tell me, "I prayed all the way home in my car, the next day I woke up and I prayed, and just all weekend I prayed in the Spirit." It's so beautiful. I love stories like that.

There have been instances where I've been preaching and I felt led of the Lord for anybody that has not received it, to just ask for it and receive it. And corporately there can be a corporate baptism with the Holy Spirit. It doesn't have to be one-on-one. There's an instance in the Book of Acts where this entire household, the Spirit of God fell on them when one of the apostles was sent to their home to pray, and it said the Spirit

fell. I believe it was actually the first time that the Spirit fell on the Gentiles. This household began to they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit all at once. And I've seen it. I've been in the church service where I've prayed, and I've had numerous people come up to me afterwards and say, "Hey, when you asked if anybody had not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit to receive it and to pray, I was in the audience when you said that, and I received it in that moment; I just began to pray in a language I had never prayed." And that's happened multiple times in house church settings. People will stay afterwards, and they'll want to receive prayer, and I'll pray and it's always just so simple. But there are times where you can make it difficult. Pride can get in the way, arrogance, haughtiness. There are things that you may not look at it like that, but for instance, if you're afraid of the way that you're going to sound, that means you have elevated yourself. You're more concerned with yourself than what Jesus wants to do, and that's okay. That's actually very common. It's not a sin to be insecure, but it is a sin to walk in pride and say, hey, I don't want that because of X, Y, Z. This is something that is from the Lord for you. It's precious and it's a part of our walk with the Lord.

I remember years ago this one brother, I had prayed for him, and we ended up becoming good friends, so it's okay for me to tell the

story. I remember praying for him and I was praying in the Spirit, and he, never having received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, wasn't really familiar with people who prayed in the Spirit. And when I prayed for him in the Spirit, something happened, and he told me what happened. But what really shocked me was he told me when you first started praying, I began to understand what you were saying. I could understand the language. He didn't even know that there was a gift of interpretation. He had heard of the gift of tongues, but didn't have it and didn't even think that it was, you know, for him. But what he hadn't heard was that there is a gift of interpretation. And I was praying for this man. And he said, "I understood everything that you were saying." It turned into a deliverance. This man said, "You were commanding these demons to come out and I saw them leave." He said, "My chest opened up and they flew out. And I understood and you were speaking with authority in another language." He said, I" had never heard of anything like that." And I said, "You know what? You can receive that for yourself. We can pray right now and you can receive it." He goes, "I don't know, I don't know." I said, "That's okay," and I didn't want to force it on him. But over time, I would we would talk from time to time and, you know, he would bring that day up. And I said, "Hey, you know what? Why don't you want to receive that baptism of the Holy Spirit?" You know what he said? He said, "I'm afraid that if I do, when I pray,

it's going to sound like 'Ali Baba Reebok Shakur.'" Those were the exact words that he said. He was afraid of how it was going to sound. Now, we both had a good laugh because of the way that he said it, but he was more concerned with how he was going to sound and how he was going to look than he was with receiving this precious gift that is for us from the Father. In fact, it's referred to as the promise of the Father. The Holy Spirit is precious, and He wants to know you intimately, and He wants to be a part of your daily life and to reject that over something ridiculous as how you're going to sound.

So, there are a number of things that you will encounter, and people are afraid that what they're saying isn't real. They don't want to fake it. And sometimes it's a fear of God, this is a holy moment, and you don't want to force something and start, you know, like some people will say, "Hey, just do baby talk or say 'shoulda bought a Honda, shoulda bought a Honda, shoulda bought a Honda,'" until it turns into the real thing. And there are people and I agree and they're like, "I don't want to do that. I don't want to pretend like I'm talking like a baby and hope this turns into something holy. So, there's a little bit of a reserve sometimes when you're talking to people, you're like, well how do I know if what I'm saying is the Holy Spirit and it's or what if it's just me saying goo-goo gaga? Well, if you're saying goo-goo gaga, it's probably not the Lord. But I'm

going to tell you right now, you'll know what it is, and you can't be afraid. You can't be afraid of what it sounds like. And if it doesn't come out sounding like you thought, that's okay, and let me tell you, when you're faking it, there's you'll feel it. Like, I don't know, I don't feel like you have it. When you have it, and those rivers of living water begin to flow from deep within and it comes out and it's genuine, you will know. But don't discount that because it didn't sound like what you thought it would or it didn't sound like how you wanted it to. It didn't sound like somebody else. There are some people I hear them pray in their heavenly language, and it's like one of the most beautiful sounds I've ever heard. There are others where it's not necessarily as attractive the way it sounds, but that doesn't matter. It doesn't matter how you sound, what it sounds like, as long as it's the Holy Spirit praying through you, as long as you are praying in the Spirit or operating in the gift of tongues, which, by the way, it's important to point out the difference.

The gift of tongues is as the Spirit wills, same with the gift of healings and the gift of prophecy and the gift of faith. The Holy Spirit will give you a particular gift that somebody that you're ministering to needs at that time. It might be a prophetic tongue, it might be a prophetic word, but praying in the Spirit of something that's for everyone. It's for all of us. And it doesn't require an

interpretation like speaking in a tongue does. So, you can speak in the tongue as the Holy Spirit leads you, but you can also just pray in your spirit freely. I mentioned in one of the other videos I wake up every day [prays in tongues]. Let me tell you, there are times where, depending on what I'm doing, the tongue that I'm praying in is different. There's a warfare tongue that I have. There's a song of praise that I have. There's a particular tongue that I go into when I'm doing deliverance, and it sounds different than all of them. Sometimes I'm glorifying God, sometimes I'm praising God. Sometimes I'm just praying and edifying myself. I'll notice at times I'm speaking a different language. It's not always the same language. In fact, there was one time where I would get up and I would pray for an hour a day and I would not repeat the same word once, like I by the power of the Holy Spirit was fluent in whatever this language was that I was speaking. So don't get too caught up in how it sounds and things like that, because that can hinder you.

Another thing I want to address is the laying on of hands for them to receive it. When you look at the Book of Acts and after the Holy Spirit fell in chapter two, other than the one instance in the home where the Holy Spirit came upon that family all at once, it happened by the ministering of one of the apostles, laying on his hands and praying for them to receive it. Don't be afraid. When you

walk with the Holy Spirit and you're filled with the Holy Spirit, you should have the confidence to know that you can also minister the Holy Spirit. If somebody comes up to you (and you're Spirit-filled) and says, "Hey, I don't have the ability to pray in the spirit like you do, and I would like to have that." Don't overthink it. It's not complicated. I used to think like when somebody came up to me and said, "Hey, I don't have the Holy Spirit," I used to think, well, go take Level Three (of Operation Solid Lives Discipleship) and have Pastor Carl pray over you; like I used to think that's how you did it. And I realized, you know, one day years ago as I was ministering, there's no reason why I can't minister this same power that I walk in, that I have, that Holy Spirit that empowers me to do ministry, it's all the same. I can. It's not that I can't minister this way or that way, but I can. And it's like, no, I can. I can pray with this person and believe for Jesus to come and baptize them. And it's very simple and sometimes we overcomplicate it.

Something else I want to say is encourage them with stories and testimonies of what happened to you when you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. I tell my testimony all the time. Some of you are thinking, I've heard it too many times already, well, I've got news for you I'm not ever going to stop telling it. Revelation 12:11, we overcome by the blood of the lamb and by the word of our

testimony. We do not love our lives unto death. I'm going to tell my testimony everywhere I go. It's going to set people free because it's the truth of what God did in my life, and when they hear that, when they hear the truth that Jesus will set you free, it gives them hope. Jesus set me free, His Holy Spirit came upon me, empowered me and delivered me. He broke the chains of alcoholism, the shackles of drugs, and the bondage of smoking. He renewed my mind by the washing of the water of His Word, and when the Holy Spirit came upon me, and I began to pray in the Spirit every day, my whole life changed. I will never stop telling that story. So, I do it all the time. I say, "Hey, look, when I got filled with the Spirit and started praying in the Spirit every day, this is what happened. This is what happened. This is what stopped happening. All of a sudden, I was so full of the Holy Spirit that I just wanted to read my Bible. I just wanted to pray. I just wanted to listen to good teachings from ministers who are under the anointing that were impacting my life and empowered me and encouraging me and building me up." Your desires change. Your habits change. You're empowered to do things that you didn't have the confidence to do before and people need to hear this. They need to know that there is more. Do not miss me on this one, I love reading the Bible, I read the Bible every day. The Word of God is Spirit and it is life. And that's another way to fill yourself with the Spirit of God is to

read the Word of God. But there's so much more. There is more. And Jesus wouldn't have said, hey, don't go until this happens if it wasn't important to Him. He could have said, "Hey, you guys watch with Me for three years. You learn how to do this, go and handle it." He said, Hey, I'm about to leave, but it's actually better for you because when I do, the Holy Spirit is going to come, and I don't want you to leave until He does." That was something they needed, and He knew it. And people need to hear this. They need to be encouraged. They need to be empowered. They need to be reminded that being filled with the Spirit is going to change your life. It's going to change your life personally. It's going to empower you. It's going to energize your ministry, and in turn, you're going to go and change other people's life and really, that's what it's about.

We love the Lord, our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, with all our mind, and we love our neighbor as ourselves. And the Holy Spirit will empower you to be a witness to your neighbor, to your coworker, to your family, to your friends, to the guy you bump into at the mailbox in your apartment complex. It's a game changer. It really is. So, my point is, encourage people. The best way to help people be filled is to tell them what the Word says, share your personal experience, and then believe with them together that Jesus wants to baptize them in the Holy Spirit. Amen!

Well, God bless you guys. We love you. We're so proud of you for doing these teachings. I hope and pray that you're learning and being encouraged through these videos and what we're sharing. And we will see you again for the next teaching.