

Filling and Grieving

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Scriptures: Gen. 41:38-40; Ex. 31:1-6; Ps. 51:10-11; Ez. 36:26-27; Gal. 5:16-17; Eph. 4:21-24, 30;

Bottom Line: Our spirit can work with or against the Holy Spirit.

Ruach

- Wind - invisible force that animates the trees and waves
- Breath - invisible force that gives life
- God's Spirit - invisible personal presence and power of God to create
- Human spirit - the invisible will, intentions, and purposes of people: our mind

The Holy Spirit's Work in Our Spirit

- Inspiring us with wisdom and understanding (Genesis 41:38-40)
- Giving us incredible skill (Exodus 31:1-6)
- Teaching and transforming and counselling our own spirit (Ps. 51:10-11; Ez. 36:26-27)

Being Filled, or Grieving the Spirit

God gives us the choice to either work with the Holy Spirit, or resist Him.

Resisting the Spirit damages our relationship with God and each other, grieving the Holy Spirit, who loves us.

Being filled with the Spirit strengthens our relationship with God, and brings the fruit of the Spirit into our other relationships

How to Get Back "In Step" with the Spirit

- Ask the Spirit to reveal you to yourself, and accept what He shows you
- Confess and repent
- Make your spirit sensitive to the voice and leading of the Holy Spirit

LISTENING

Have someone in your group share a time where they encountered the Holy Spirit.:

- Set the scene! What was going on in your life at the time?
- How did you encounter the Holy Spirit? Was it through a person? Scripture? A prompting?
- What was the message or feeling? What was the outcome? What did it mean to you?

Take some time to see if anyone encountered the Holy Spirit through the story. Did He use this story to teach or encourage someone? Convict someone?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Review Sunday's message. What stood out to you? What challenged you? Are there any lingering questions?
2. Can you explain why having God's Spirit living in you is such a big deal?
3. Can you remember a time you intentionally resisted something the Spirit wanted you to do? What happened?
4. How has God's Spirit been transforming you over time? How has He been at work in you?
5. Take 5-10 minutes to pray for the Spirit to reveal you to yourself. What does He show you? What do you need to confess and repent of?