

HOLY SPIRIT (REINTRODUCE)

Sermon Series : Vertical Pursuit

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The Spirit vs the flesh

Gal 5:16-18

Your flesh—your impulses toward sin—will sabotage your thriving in life. You don't defeat sin with mere will-power. Fighting flesh with flesh only leads to more failure. The only remedy to this is Life in the Spirit.

Everything Jesus did was done through the Spirit: eg. Heb 9:15; Mt 12:28; Lk 4:1, 18-19; Acts 10:38; Jn 3:1, 5-8.

If the Holy Spirit is like the wind (Jn 3:5-8) then walking in the Spirit is simply “putting our sails up.”

Jn 1:32

Mike reflected on the image of Jesus at His baptism with a dove on His shoulder. We are to walk with sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, like we would if we had a dove on our shoulder.

Gal 3:2-3

We start out depending on Jesus, but we progress on our own.

Gal 5:1-2, 12, 16-26

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Gal 5:22-23). This is the fruit of “walking in the Spirit”.

QUESTIONS

How does the fight against sin look different when we (a) fight it in the flesh vs (b) walk by the Spirit? *[If you have one, share a story from your life where you experienced freedom as you stopped relying on your flesh and depended upon the Spirit]*

The Spirit of God rested upon Jesus in the form of a dove. What differences would be seen in your life if you walked with sensitivity to Spirit, as if you had a “dove” sitting on your shoulder?

Pray for each other! Share an area of struggle you have been “managing” by your flesh. Pray for help to live by the Spirit in order to experience freedom.