

## Ready For The Holy Spirit

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How many in here today remember a time when your life was empty?  
Do you remember being confused?  
Do you remember your life being dark?

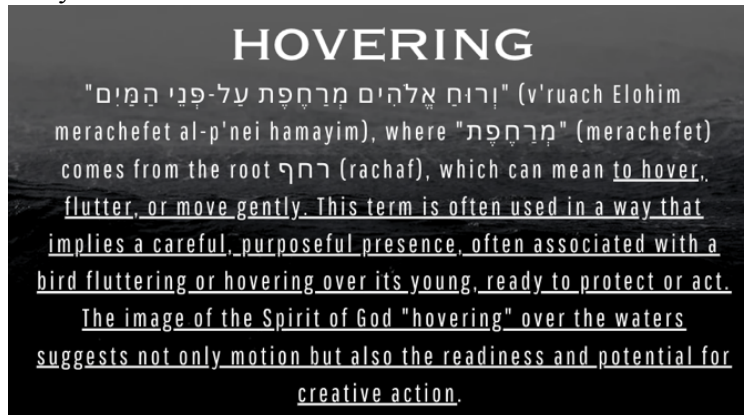
Chaos, darkness, confusion, emptiness?  
I want to remind you of a time when the earth was like that...

Genesis 1:2

Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

### Explaining the role of the Holy Spirit throughout the Older Testament (short)

This word hovering is special. Let's go back to a slide that is from our Genesis study.



To hover, flutter, or move gently. This term is often used in a way that implies a careful, purposeful presence, often associated with a bird fluttering or hovering over its young, ready to protect or act. The image of the Spirit of God “hovering” over the waters suggests not only motion but also the readiness and potential for creative action.

The Holy Spirit has been on the scene from the beginning ready to act. Ready to move in power, bringing light into darkness, to bring order to the chaos, to bring abundant life.

Isaiah 45:18

For this is what the LORD says—  
he who created the heavens,  
    he is God;  
he who fashioned and made the earth,  
    he founded it;  
he did not create it to be empty,  
    but formed it to be inhabited—  
he says:  
“I am the LORD,  
    and there is no other.

You see God created this world to be inhabited to be filled.

You too have been created by Him, formed and fashioned to be inhabited with His presence. His Holy Spirit is hovering even now, in this room ready to fill you, ready to move in power and fill your life with light and order and life.



Let's look at how the Holy Spirit enabled people in the Older Testament:  
In Numbers 11:16-17 and verse 25 Moses is responsible for leading millions of Israelites and he needs help.

Moses at this point is ready for the Holy Spirit to move:

*"Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take some of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so*

*that you may not bear it yourself alone.' ... Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied.*

The Holy Spirit here causes men who were needed but not yet ready to lead...God puts the same Holy Spirit He placed in Moses on them, they began to prophesy and were now ready to lead.

Let's look at another:

When Saul was made king, Samuel prophesied over him what the Lord was about to do with him:

1 Sam. 10:5b-7

*And there, as soon as you come to the city, you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre before them, prophesying.*

*6. Then the Spirit of the Lord will rush upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.*

*7. Now when these signs meet you, do what your hand finds to do, for God is with*

*you.*

The scripture here says that when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him that he would be turned into another man.

Verse 9 of this chapter goes on to say the Lord gave him another heart.

Saul after entering the position of king was in desperate need for the Holy Spirit. He needed to be changed into a different man and to be given a new heart.

In the book of Daniel 5:11-12 Daniel and his friends had been relocated to Babylon away from their home and into a wicked city among wicked people.

Daniel was known among these wicked people for having a different spirit, they called it the spirit of the gods, but we know this was the Holy Spirit.

"There is a man in your kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father, light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him, and King Nebuchadnezzar, your father—your father the king—made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and astrologers, because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation."

The people of Babylon could see that Daniel was a different kind of person not just because of his personality but because he had wisdom and insight from the spirit of God.

These wicked people were desperate and they needed a man who had the Spirit of God. He was filled with the Spirit of God and was able to represent God rightly to wicked people.

Can you see how each of these people were ready for the Holy Spirit?

They were in desperate need.

Moses needed the people around him to be filled with the Holy Spirit help him lead.

Saul himself needed to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to be changed into a different man and given a different heart.

And the people of Babylon needed a man who was filled with the Holy Spirit to reveal to them what God wanted to communicate.

As you read throughout the Older Testament, specific men and women were filled with the Spirit of God to represent Him rightly and empowered to carry out His will here on the earth.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT ENABLED

- Bezalel- with abilities in craftsmanship to build the temple
- Othniel- to judge Israel succeed in war
- Gideon- to lead & win in battle
- Samson- with supernatural strength
- David- to deliver & rule Israel & carry out God's will
- Joseph- to rule Egypt, prophetic dreams & interpretations
- Joshua & Caleb- to lead & courage to fight
- Balaam- to prophesy
- Countless prophets: Azariah, Ezekiel, Isaiah, Micah etc.

These men and women stood out among the people of their day because they were filled with the Spirit of God.

The prophets however, spoke of a day coming when it would not just be select men and women, but the Spirit of God would be poured out on all people. Take a look at some of these prophecies about the outpouring of His Spirit.

## PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Isaiah 32:15-17- The Spirit will be poured out on the desert
- Isaiah 44:3-4- The Spirit poured out on the dry and thirsty
- Ezekiel 36:26-27- A new heart, My Spirit within you
- Ezekiel 37:14- I will put my Spirit in you
- Ezekiel 39:29- I will pour out my Spirit upon Israel
- Zechariah 12:10- I will pour out a Spirit of grace & mercy
- Joel 2:28-32- I will pour out my Spirit on all people & everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

In Isaiah the outpouring of the Spirit was compared to water and rain being poured out on thirsty ground.

In Ezekiel the promise was that the very Spirit of God would now dwell in His people, that they would be given new hearts.

In Zechariah the outpouring of the Spirit would be connected to grace and mercy for the people.

And in Joel, the promise is for all people that salvation and the outpouring of His Spirit would be available for anyone who called on Him.

Can't you see desperation in every one of these? Can't you also see how you would have to be ready...dry and thirsty ground is ready for rain...

He would send His Spirit to those who cried out to Him, like dry ground cries out for rain.

As we move into the newer testament, it is important that you remember the people were full of stories of men and women in their past who had been filled with the Holy Spirit to perform the wonders of God, represent Him to the world, and carry out His will on earth. But they were also greatly anticipating this mysterious outpouring of the Spirit of God that had been promised by the prophets. Let's look at Jesus & how He got everyone ready for the Holy Spirit



### **Luke 1:35**

- *"And the angel answered her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.'"*
- Just like we saw with the Earth in the beginning, here and now the Holy Spirit was present ready for creative action and He brought life into Mary Jesus was literally born of the spirit.

### **Matthew 3:11**

- *"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."*
- John prophesies that Jesus is the one who would baptize the people with the Holy Spirit. Remember all of the prophecies about the outpouring of the Spirit. This would also be tied to water for the thirsty, new hearts, grace, mercy and salvation.

### **John 7:37-39 (NIV 1984):**

- *"On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, 'If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.' By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified."*
- It is only those who believe in Jesus, who come to Him, it is only those who are thirsty who will be filled. He describes the filling of the Holy Spirit as having rivers of living water flowing from within you.

- The scripture also clarifies here that the Spirit had not yet been given, but that that was to happen later.

### **Luke 11:5-13**

- *"Then he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him." Then the one inside answers, "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything." I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs. 'So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened. Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'"*
- We are getting more insight into how we are supposed to see the giving of the Holy Spirit.
  - First, in this passage both analogies liken the Holy Spirit to food.
  - The first has a man who needs food for someone else...
  - The second is a child asking for food for himself
  - You need the Holy Spirit for you, and for others...but it's easy to miss something here in this passage...the man comes at night to his friends house and comes with boldness. The reply from the inside is "don't bother me...i'm in bed...i can't give you anything"...FRIENDS the Lord is not in bed...He doesn't say don't bother me...He stands at the ready! To open the door, to give you what you are seeking...He has come to do just that!!
  - He drives this point home by saying to the fathers, you know how to give good gifts of food to your kids right? Well if you are evil and can do that, how much more will your Heavenly Father give you the good gift of the Holy Spirit!
  - Friends I want to tell you, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is not a one time thing...there is an initial baptism yes of course...but then can i tell you...He compares it to food for a reason! He compares it to water for a reason...your need does not go away!!

### **John 14:15-18**

- *"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."*
- The Spirit is the presence of Jesus...He says He is giving the counselor... think about what a counselor does...He is relating His own Spirit to that and saying that same Holy Spirit will come to you and live in you!!! You will not be left alone!

## John 20:19-22 (have them turn here)

- ***19** On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.*

***21** Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." **22** And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

- Here are Jesus' disciples hiding for fear of the Jews...He has risen from the dead and for the first time they are seeing the resurrected Jesus He breathes on them and says "Receive the Holy Spirit"

## Ephesians 1:13-14

- *"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory."*
- We can understand now that the Spirit was present the moment they saw and believed in the resurrected Jesus, but this was still not the fullness that would come from the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
- For you when you were saved, the Holy Spirit was absolutely present, **John 6:44 says, No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him**
- The same was true for the disciples and the scriptures show this, by the way, even after this moment, the very next story is them once again behind a locked door for fear of the Jews...they had not yet been transformed into who they would be as a result of the baptism of the Holy Spirit

## Acts 1:4-8

- *"On one occasion, while he was eating with them **(after his resurrection)**, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. **(meaning that the baptism of the Holy Spirit would happen after He had ascended)**' So when they met together, they asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'"*
- Jesus immediately ties the purpose of baptism in the Holy Spirit with being His witnesses to the ends of the earth.
- He says they will receive power...this is still to come even after the moment of their belief in Him as the resurrected Christ



## JESUS & THE HOLY SPIRIT

- Luke 1:35 Jesus was born of The Holy Spirit
- Mt.3:11 Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit & Fire
- Jn.7:37 The baptism of the Spirit will be like streams of living water flowing from within the believer
- Luke 11 The Father will give the Spirit when we ask
- John 14:15 The Holy Spirit is His Spirit living in us
- Jn 20:22 & Eph.1:13 The Holy Spirit is present at Salvation
- Acts 1:4-8 The Holy Spirit empowers believers to be His witnesses to the world

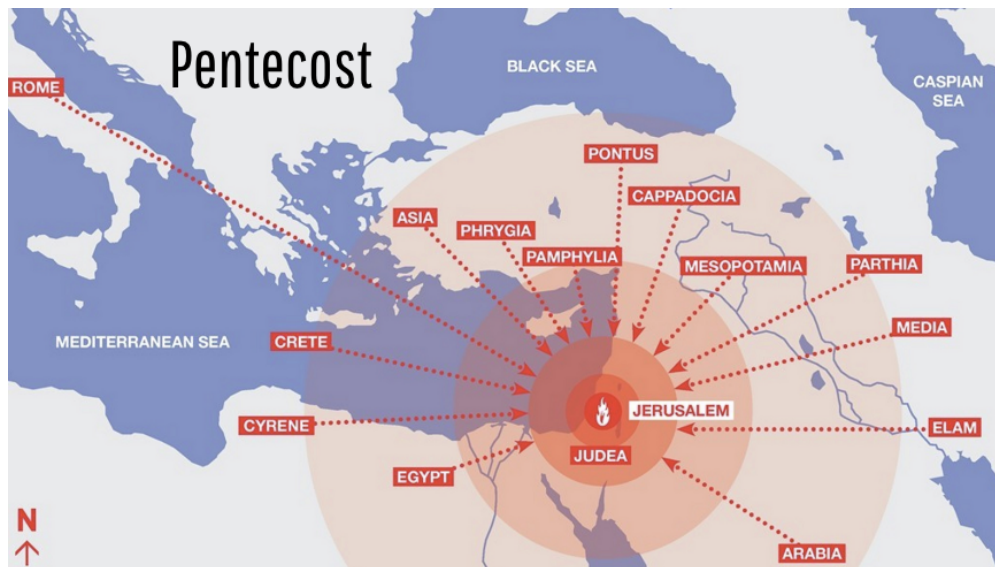
Everything that has happened up until this point has all been building. Jesus told them not to go out and witness until they had received the Holy Spirit. Jesus' ministry to the disciples along with their waiting and praying was preparing them to receive what had been prophesied by the prophets and promised by Jesus. The next several scriptures that we go through will paint the picture for us of what Baptism in the Holy Spirit would look like.



**Acts 2:1-4 (Have them turn here)**

- *"When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. [5](#) Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. [6](#) And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. [7](#) And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? [8](#) And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language?"*
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*9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others*

- *mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”*
- There are many things you need to be aware of here: when they were baptized in the Holy Spirit they began to speak in tongues
- Everyone that was there from all of these nations heard them speaking in their own language (this was two miracles: 1. That they were speaking in tongues, 2. That all these people each heard them speaking their own language and could understand clearly that it was the miracles of God) (truly this was the reversal of the tower of babel)
- Also, hearing these men speak in tongues caused everyone to be perplexed, some wanted to know more, others mocked them and assumed they were drunk
- Still to this day you are going to have people think baptism of the Holy Spirit is crazy...but if you're a christian there are people who think you're nuts anyways. Remember 1 Cor. 1:18 **The message of the cross is...foolishness to those who are perishing but to us who are being saved it is the power of God**
- If you have been a critic trapped inside your pride recognize people outside of Christ still think you're crazy too, you are on the losing side of the world's approval as a follower of Christ, you might as well get all the good things He has for you

#### **Acts 2:36-39**

- *"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*
- This same Peter who was locked in a room for fear of the Jews just a few

weeks before this is now boldly standing up to address 1000's of people from all over the world.

- His first direction for them when they say what shall we do is: repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit
- He or should we say the Spirit of Jesus inside him, immediately wants everyone else to experience what they just experienced.
- He then goes on to eliminate any idea that this was just for them or just for that time...he says, this promise is for you and your children and all who are far off ALL WHOM THE LORD OUR GOD WILL CALL

#### **Acts 8:14-17**

- *"When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit."*
- Pay careful attention, people were getting saved...and then Peter and John came and prayed for people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.
- Keep in mind after this, Simon the sorcerer saw that power came upon these people when they were baptized and he wanted to buy it so he could do the same but Peter rebuked him...baptism of the Holy Spirit is accompanied by something that is seen and heard

- Cornelius who is a centurion in the Roman army and also a devout God fearing man whom the scripture says gave generously to all those in need and prayed to God regularly was visited by an angel who told him that his prayers and gifts to the poor have come up as a memorial offering before God...God then brought Peter to his house because he did not yet know about Jesus
- Peter comes to this gentile's house and tells him about Jesus, His crucifixion and resurrection from the dead, we will pick up in

#### **● Acts 10:44-47**

- *[44](#) While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. [45](#) The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. [46](#) For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Then Peter said, [47](#) "Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."*
- This was now groundbreaking...Peter was realizing that his statement about it being for all who were far off and all whom the Lord God would call to Himself also included gentiles.
- And what happened when they were filled? The same thing that happened to Peter...and they began to speak in tongues...and it happened after they

believed in the resurrected Jesus.

### Acts 19:1-7

- *"While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?' They answered, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' So Paul asked, 'Then what baptism did you receive?' 'John's baptism,' they replied. Paul said, 'John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus.' On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. There were about twelve men in all."*
- Paul at this point is 600 miles away from Jerusalem in what is modern day turkey. This is more than 20 years after Jesus. He comes upon 12 disciples...what was the first question he asked them? How much value and importance do you think Paul placed on receiving the Holy Spirit if this is the first question he asked them?
- They receive salvation through Jesus, Paul lays his hands on them and they are baptized in the Holy Spirit and begin to speak in tongues and prophesy.
- This was the normative experience for all believers, Gentiles and Jews...and should still be today
- If you have not received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we are here today to tell you this gift is for you from your Father

### **BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

- Acts 2:4 Baptism in the Holy Spirit began with tongues
- Acts 2:36-39 Accompanied with boldness & witnessing, the promise is for everyone, expected after salvation
- Acts 10:44 Gentiles had same experience as believing Jews
- Acts 19:1-7 Paul asked disciples about Holy Spirit immediately, explained Jesus, then they were baptized with evidence of tongues & prophecy

We need to walk through the scriptures explaining what we should expect as a result of baptism in the Holy Spirit today.



I am here to tell you, you will experience greater intimacy and confidence in the Lord, increased boldness in your witness, and stronger faith as you step out into the works that He prepared in advance for you.

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

- *"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."*
- The scriptures show us that these are not our gifts, like genetic proclivities, like if your mom and dad were tall and spoke in tongues a lot you are predisposed to be tall and speak in tongues...No! These are His gifts and if He is in you then He can do anything He likes through you.

### 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

- *1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.*
- *2 For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. **(When you speak in tongues, it is not just mandarin...you are speaking to God, not to man...no one understands him...you are uttering mysteries with your spirit)***
- *3 But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement, and comfort.*
- *4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. **(when you hear this, edifies himself, you need to understand this means to build up your faith just like we see in the book of Jude)***

- *"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit."*
- When you are praying in the Spirit you are building up your faith
- Think of how valuable this is
- Anytime i am up here and you see me pacing back and forth, i am praying in the Spirit and building up my faith

### **1 Corinthians 14:14-15**

- *14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful.*
- *15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.*
- The scriptures say that when you are praying in tongues, your spirit is praying but your mind is unfruitful...what does this feel like?
- Often, especially in the beginning, following the Holy Spirit can go against your mind. Remember we read earlier that the cross of Christ is foolishness...at salvation didn't you trust in God and stop leaning on your own wisdom? The Spirit was present helping you do that...that faith that you had in that moment was a gift from God
- You are going to have to let go of being in control to follow God, this will require more trust than you have ever displayed...praying in the Spirit builds up your faith...Paul even goes on to say in this passage, "i thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you"...he built up his faith constantly by praying in the Spirit because he needed it...and so do you

### **1 Corinthians 14:26-33**

- *"What then shall we say, brothers? When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church. If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and God. Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. For God is not a God of disorder but of peace."*
- I included this to show why we do what we do here in services, and weddings, and when we come together
  - This is supposed to be the normative experience in churches!! If we are missing it in the church of course individuals will be missing it
  - Explain the volume of someone's voice as they pray and addressing the room in english, praying in english and parallel with tongues

### **Ephesians 6:10-18**

- *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the*

*authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."*

- We have seen 6 items here:
  - Helmet of salvation
  - Breastplate of righteousness
  - Belt of truth
  - Shoes for the gospel
  - Shield of faith
  - Sword of the Spirit (Word of God)
- But we are missing the active part of the soldier required for us to take our stand against the devils schemes...for us to overcome the rulers and powers and authorities...what is needed for us to take our stand...praying in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests!
- This is how we stay alert...this is how we stay ready...people have had armor missing...they have been missing the active and the offensive nature of the soldier of the Lord

### **WHAT TO EXPECT:**

- 1 Cor. 12:4-11 All of His gifts are available to you
- 1 Cor. 14:1-5, Jude 20 You are speaking to God not men, praying in the Spirit builds up your faith
- 1 Cor. 14:14-15 Your mind will not understand but your spirit will be edified
- 1 Cor. 14:26-33 Tongues and interpretations should be happening in church (orderly), you can control yourself
- Ephesians 6:10-18 You should be praying in the Spirit on all occasions
- Luke 11 He gives you the Spirit when you ask, period.

### **Revelation 22:17**

- *"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' And let him who hears say, 'Come!' Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life."*



