



PURPOSE

LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS AND INVITE OTHERS INTO LIFE WITH HIM

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DEVOTION

GOD THE SPIRIT

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Devotion to God is a commitment to continually deepen our relationship with God and orient our lives around that priority.

JOHN 14:15-17 ESV

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, Whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

ROMANS 8:9-11 ESV

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

We can grow in our devotion to God as we recognize and celebrate that the Holy Spirit dwells within all disciples.

ACTS 10:44-47 ESV

⁴⁴ While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word.

⁴⁵ And the believers from among the circumcised (the Jews) who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶ For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷ “Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?”

ACTS 2:38-39 ESV

³⁸ And Peter said to them, “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. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”

LUKE 11:11-13 ESV

¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil (in our brokenness compared to God), know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”

ACTS 19:1-6 ESV

¹ And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.

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² And he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” And they said, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”³ And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They said, “Into John’s baptism.”⁴ And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.”⁵ On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying.

We can grow in our devotion to God as we embrace the Holy Spirit as God’s gift to us (as His very presence in us) to help guide and equip us in our lives as disciples.

EPHESIANS 1:13-14 ESV

¹³ In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,¹⁴ Who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it (our inheritance), to the praise of His glory.

JOHN 14:26 ESV

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

We can grow in our devotion to God as we learn from the Holy Spirit, Who opens our eyes and hearts to truth and brings to our memory things we have learned from God and His Word.

JOHN 16:7-8 ESV

⁷ Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.⁸ And when He comes, He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment.

1 CORINTHIANS 6:19-20 ESV

¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24 MESSAGE

¹⁶⁻¹⁸ Be cheerful no matter what; pray all the time; thank God no matter what happens. This is the way God wants you who belong to Christ Jesus to live.

¹⁹⁻²² Don’t suppress the Spirit, and don’t stifle those who have a word from the Master. On the other hand, don’t be gullible. Check out everything, and keep only what’s good. Throw out anything tainted with evil.

²³⁻²⁴ May God himself, the God who makes everything holy and whole, make you holy and whole, put you together—spirit, soul, and body—and keep you fit for the coming of our Master, Jesus Christ. The One who called you is completely dependable. If He said it, He’ll do it!

We can grow in our devotion to God as we worship God through our lives as temples (homes) of His Holy Spirit.

DEVOTIONAL CHALLENGE 3: LISTENING FOR THE SPIRIT

• **Continue to journal**

• **This week, just jot down some notes as you ask three questions to the Holy Spirit and then listen for a response. Note: The Holy Spirit sometimes feels like our conscience, so if this is new, make note of you are sensing:**

1. **Stop** - *Is there anything that I’m doing that You are asking me to surrender or stop doing?*
2. **Start** - *Is there anything that You are asking me to start doing in order to align with or glorify You?*
3. **Serve** - *Is there anything that you are wanting me to do today to serve You or others?*
4. **Scripture** - *Test what you are hearing against Scripture and trusted fellow disciples or leaders.*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How does knowing that God the Holy Spirit actually lives INSIDE OF YOU affect your relationship with God? And with others?
2. How does John 14:26 help to reassure us in our role as disciples to teach all that Jesus commanded? When have you experienced this?
3. Do you hear from the Holy Spirit regularly? If so, what does this look like for you? If not, how might you invite someone to help you learn to do this?

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