

The Right Connections!
Spirit Life, Part 2
Slide Notations

We're taking a look at the Holy Spirit; who He is, what He does, but mostly... what marks His friendship leaves on us!

People who claim to have His Presence in their lives should bear distinct qualities and characteristics...

The first three are that we are *unshaken*, *unafraid* and *on-track* regardless of what's happening in the world around us!

Unshaken... There is a huge difference between “phobos” (shaken) and “thumos” (stirred)
Phobos: to be put into fear, immobilized with dread, terror. A situation that causes a person to avoid the feared stimulus. Disengaging! (off track) Thumos: moved w/passion, stirred by zeal, emotion, anger.
Motivating! (steaming down the track)

Unafraid... No spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind! **2T1.7** Do not fear what men can do...
Mt10.28 Possess the land I have given you, only be strong and of good courage! **D31.6,7**
Overcome the strata of dark angelic forces “by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony!” **R12.11**

On track... Living in the **Mt 24/25, Lk16.10, 19.17** servant mode: “Happy and well off will the ones be who I find faithful when I come. I will make them rulers over all My goods! You have been faithful over a few things... now I am going to make you a ruler over many! Because you were faithful in what was least, I will now give you true riches! Enter into the joy of your Lord!”

It is necessary in these times that there are people who bear these traits of Spirit Life: passionate, courageous, unstoppable!

The essence of our study time will be the relationship we have with the Holy Spirit...

And there's a relationship concept that has shaken, made afraid and derailed millions of believers who wanted to live a Spirit Life!

The way we choose and connect our relationships has a real effect on our relationship with the Holy Spirit!

The Spirit Life Person... “Many believed when they saw the miracles but Jesus did not commit Himself to, put His faith in, them for He understood what was in man.” **J2.23-25**

Jesus didn't entrust His life to them. He knew them inside and out, knew how untrustworthy they were. He didn't need any help in seeing through them. -Msg

The Spirit Life Person... “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit...” (lit: I trust You with the keeping of My inner life!) Lk23.46

Delivered, beaten and crucified by the very people He came to save... Jesus willingly went to the Cross, loving people and trusting God alone! And it was the key to His successful Spirit Life!

The Standard Drill... Beginning of Jesus ministry... people began believing in Him for the “signs and miracles.” **V23 (cp J21.25)**

He understood that the “sensations” were enough for them! “We'll make you King!”
Sounds good, but no thanks!

Jesus wasn't looking for people to hang out with/gather a crowd of "support..." Looking for people to become followers; people to walk same road, people to be mimetes; mimics, and make copies!

Wants people who understand service, self-denial & surrender to God's will/way! People who look at the cross they are called to carry and ask themselves, how far can I pull this thing today? People who clearly see and unreservedly accept what it costs to follow! And He knew these guys weren't there! So, sorry... No thanks!

The Standard Drill... Lk 23.46 End of Jesus ministry! Glimpse of how we are to copy Him in death! End of a torturous day/deserted by friends/ hands of sinners, but "IT IS FINISHED!" "*Father... into Your hands I present...*" Trust/rest/cognizance in Paternal love... "*My spirit...*" Life after death assurance from Jesus! Spirit exists apart from body/Hands of God! Every believer's entrance proclamation!

As the transition occurs; still enough for tender conversation... safe and blessed in life of faith... yielded to His will... So with us, followers, copies of Him and His ways; not terrified, agitated, but calm as temporary gives way to reality... entering only into nearer presence of our Father who we served by faith... once restricted, now liberated to receive His fullness! And... the daily application/principle!

The Standard Drill... Day is beginning, heading into unknown duties, trials, opportunities... *Into Your hands I commit my spirit!* New experiences, greater responsibilities, new grace and power needed... *Into Your hands I commit my spirit!* Day is "finished" we are "done," have no cognizant control during our sleep... *Into Your hands I commit my spirit!* Spiritual warfare... *Into Your hands I commit my spirit!*

The Deeper Drill... Separate the scriptures are inspiring... Together they create a dynamic for daily living!
From the beginning of Jesus life/ministry to the revelation at the end... Jesus had His relationships, love and loyalties rightly ordered & connected!

Jesus connection with God was so strong it could survive all the strained and broken connections of His relationships on earth!

The Deeper Drill... Knew human nature was flawed and "He still so loved the world/He would die/daily!" People get caught up in sensational/ emotional and carried out with reality! **J6.66 Lk9.57ff** Pledge undying loyalty until it comes to dying to self rule/desires. **Mt26.33 Mk14.50** He understood the principle of the contradiction of sinners. **Heb 12.3, J6.64,71**

The Deeper Drill... Peter: "though everyone else denies you I will go to the end and even die for you!" Before the rooster crows you will deny Me 3x! **J13.36-38** And Jesus prayed that after Peter failed he would return and help the others! **L22.32** Judas: "the one who sits with Me is the one who will betray Me to death!" He chose /walked/ate w/him knowing !

Because His trust was in God, His love for them was not broken by their brokenness! He was unshaken, unafraid, and on track!

As His mimics we must follow the pattern to trust God as we love and serve mankind!

How many... Times have you put your trust in others, they failed, and you were crushed? Times have you found that someone else's failure impacted your walk of faith? People do we know who have "been hurt" by other people and disappeared? I have these conversations all the time! AND IT SHOULDN'T BE HAPPENING!

Spirit Life people do not misplace their trust... and they don't run for the hills... People, being people, will always fail, and so will you unless you put all your trust in God as you carry out His mission of love! The simple point here could be: "don't let anyone stop the Spirit Life that One man bought and paid for you to have!"

But what About When... *Family fails...* (toughest!)? Husbands, wives, parents, children, brothers, sisters... **If your connection to God is stronger than your connection to them, you won't fail, and it may be their salvation! *Friends fall...* A stronger bond to them than to God can cause you both to fall into a ditch! When... *Leaders fail...* Don't confuse your bond to the gift of God with the bond you have with the Giver of the gifts and you'll continue! *Government's fail...* Walk on, bound to God, greater than gov't! *Lifestyles fail...* Connected to God, will see miracles; bound to mammon, headed into slavery!**

Called... To live in fellowship with others... To love others... To be in agreement with others as much as is possible... Not once told to put our trust in others! ***That is perfectly missed-trust!***

Psalm 31.19 Oh how great is Your goodness, which You have laid up for those that fear You; which You have made for them that trust in You before the sons of men!

Psalm 91 I will trust in my God... His truth will be my keeper... I will not be afraid of assaults night or day nor will I be afraid of destruction... though a thousand fall at my side and ten thousand at my right hand, it will not come near me... I have made the Lord my refuge... I live for Him!

Spirit Life people build strong connections and hold tightly to God as they love and live to serve people!