

WIND & FIRE -- WEEK 3: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Getting to Know You:

1. On a continuum of power (paper airplane or fighter jet plane) where do you see the power of the Holy Spirit? Using the same continuum how does Scripture see the power of the Holy Spirit?

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Paper Airplane



Fighter Jet Plane

2. Using the same continuum how does Scripture see the power of the Holy Spirit?

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Paper Airplane



Fighter Jet Plane

Watch: <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/135786>

Priscilla Shirer: The Help of the Holy Spirit (1:56)

3. Can you remember a time when it felt like the pastor was preaching the message just to you? Did that encourage you or was that a scary feeling?
4. What role does the Spirit have in our understanding of Scripture?

5. According to Priscilla Shirer, what role do we have in our understanding of Scripture?

Read Ephesians 6:11-12 and 17-18 *“11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes. 12 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...17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.18 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 Lord’s people.”*

6. According to these verses, what is spiritual warfare? How prevalent do you think spiritual warfare is?
7. Verses 13-18 tell us to put on the full armor of God. Verses 17 and 18 specifically mention the Holy Spirit. How does the Holy Spirit help us fight spiritual battles?

Read John 16:13 *“13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.”*

8. This verse was a part of Jesus’ last instructions to the disciples on the night before He died. These men would later write a large portion of the New Testament. According to this verse, what was the Holy Spirit’s role in writing the Bible?
9. We want to know God’s will for our lives. Sometimes we want to hear an audible voice or receive a miraculous sign to point us in the direction we should go. In what way does the Holy Spirit illumine God’s will for our lives?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 *“Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.”*

10. The word sanctify comes from a Latin word meaning “holy”. How does the Holy Spirit help to make us holy?
11. In this passage, Paul talks about some of the dramatic changes that happened in the lives of the Corinthians. How have you seen the Spirit’s power change lives?

Read Acts 1:8 *“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.”*

12. When Jesus talks about the power of the Holy Spirit, he connects it with the mission to spread the Good News. In what ways does the Holy Spirit help us become witnesses for Jesus?

13. One could argue that everything the Holy Spirit empowers us to do (equipping us for spiritual warfare, guiding us in truth, influencing us to live holy lives...) is a part of empowering us to bear witness for Christ. In what ways is this true?

Living It Out: This week if possible, try to do one of the following.

- Make a list of how the Holy Spirit has changed you to be a better person so far. What is one area that the Spirit could improve in you?
- What is a way that you can do something locally to show the love of God? What is something that you can do globally to show the love of God?
- Read and meditate on this quote...

“Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes--all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world.”

— **Henry Blackaby, Experiencing the Spirit: The Power of Pentecost Every Day**