

GFBC Thursday Night's Scriptural Study

Lesson # 110

Scripture Reading: Acts 13:1-5 {KJV}

Teaching Verses: 2-4 {NIV}

April 11, 2024

TEXT ~ Acts 13:2-4

TITLE ~ LIVING A LIFE THAT IS GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

VV~2-4~{NIV}~"While they were worshiping the LORD and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them. So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus."

GFBC 2024 Them—"Keeping It Real." And this month's focus is "Keeping It Real In Being Guided By The Holy Spirit."

And so, tonight's subject is, Living A Life That Is Guided By The Holy Spirit. Living a life that is guided by the Holy Spirit is living a life that is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

In order to live a life that is guided by the Holy Spirit, you need to live a surrendered, submissive, set apart life that is under the Holy Spirit's supervision. If you want to live a life that is guided by the Holy Spirit, you must live under His influence.

The Holy Spirit has many functional responsibilities. He is the Overseer of creation. He is God's Global Operational Manager. He is God's Global Event Coordinator, Prophetic Fulfiller, Security Preserver, Comforter, Sustainer, Guide, Teacher, Birth Giver, and Truth Revealer of Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit's functionality is diverse, but not divided! The wisdom of the Holy Spirit gives Him broader and in-depth knowledge to manage all of the business affairs of God with

precision, perfection, and punctuality. The Holy Spirit is efficient, and effective in all that He

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does!

And although the Holy Spirit has global responsibilities, His presence nor His power is diminished by distance. The Holy Spirit can never be ineffective by distance or overpowering by closeness.

The Holy Spirit is fully effective regardless of closeness or distance. The Holy Spirit is comfortable and effective wherever He is.

The Holy Spirit can never be made uncomfortable. He can be grieved, but not downgraded, disgraced, but not diminished, quiet, but not silenced.

The indwelling responsibility of the Holy Spirit is to guide the believer into all truth, empower for witnessing, transform for Godly living, complete the work that God has begun in us, prosper, and lead the believer into their divine destiny, and fulfill God's purpose in us.

The Holy Spirit is the indwelling presence of God in the life of every believer. The Holy Spirit is the essence and reality of the mind of God.

The Holy Spirit is the Being of God. And He knows the entirety of God's thoughts, plans, and purposes. Those who have access to the mind of the Spirit are candidates for God's divine revelations.

The mind of the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. I Corinthians 2:11 {NIV} says, **“For who among men knows the thoughts of a man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.”**

The mind of the Holy Spirit is the mind of God. And only the Son of God—Jesus Christ and mind of the Holy Spirit knows the fullness of the mind of God.

In Romans 8:27 of the Amplified Bible, the Scripture says, **“And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes [before God} on behalf of God’s people in accordance with God’s**

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will.”

As a result of who the Holy Spirit is, His superior knowledge, and His powerful influence, it gives Him the ability to disorientate and reorientate the believer’s mind through the believers’ willful proactive participation. The Holy Spirit will not force Himself upon any believer to be their guide.

In order for you to live a life guided by the Holy Spirit, you must have a desire to entrust your life to His capable and competent leadership. The Holy Spirit is a compassionate, competent, patient, precise, and strategic guide who unquestionably has your “best interest.” The indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit gives you full access to the mind of Christ.

In order to develop a mind like Christ, you must have a desire to please God, a heart for the word, a submissive, and a receptive heart to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Scripture says, **“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ” {Philippians 2:5, KJV}.**

Living a life that is guided by the Holy Spirit requires humility, obedience, fasting, prayer, loyalty, and commitment. Humility always has the spirit of servanthood without strings attached.

In John 6:38 {KJV}, Jesus said, **“For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me.”** Humility does not serve –for recognition. Humility serves to bless and benefit others.

Humility is one of Jesus' "branding" attributes. In Philippians 2:6-8 {KJV} the Apostle Paul said this of Jesus, **"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."**

If you want to live a life that is guided and influenced by the Holy Spirit, you must delight yourself in Him. In order to live a life that is

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guided by the Holy Spirit, you need to spend quality time with Him.

"Keeping it real" in being guided by the Holy Spirit requires developing set aside time to meet with the LORD. It is challenging for the Holy Spirit to nurture and develop you when there is "no room in the inn for Him."

The responsibility of the Holy Spirit is to work in you and not on you!

The Scripture says, **"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new" {II Corinthians 5:17, KJV}.**

The Scripture says, **"He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" {Philippians 1:6, KJV}.** Since the Day of Pentecost is fully come, the work of the Holy Spirit is to create in the believer a heart for God and to transform the mind into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Now if you want to live a life that is guided by the Holy Spirit, you need to turn down your plate (fast), pray, and live in obedience to the word of God.

Prayer and fasting places your desire on high alert before God. Prayer and fasting draws you closer to God. And sometime the deeper your desire is when praying and fasting, part of your

prayer request should be to ask the LORD to anoint you with the oil of joy and gladness.

When joy and gladness is compounded, the Holy Spirit will make you better, wiser, and stronger. Nehemiah 8:10, KJV says, **“the joy of the LORD is my strength.”**

You cannot be effectively influenced and guided by the Holy Spirit when your life is chauffeured by the flesh! When your life is driven by the flesh, it will drive you to places where the Holy Spirit cannot publicly dance with you.

If you want the Holy Spirit to guide you, you have got to follow Him

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close up. The Holy Spirit is responsible for leading you into all truth.

In order to live a life that is guided by the Holy Spirit, you’ve got to trust His guidance. The Holy Spirit knows the way. Jesus said, **“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me” {John 14:6, KJV}.**

Now! In “keeping it real,” if you want to live a life that is guided by the Holy Spirit, I submit to you the following 7 suggestions:

1. You need to be honest with yourself and transparent in your relationship with the Holy Spirit
2. You need to be loyal, dedicated, and committed to walking after the Spirit
3. You need to be accountable to the Holy Spirit
4. You need to surrender to the influence of the Holy Spirit
5. You need to fast and pray
6. You need to develop an appetite for the word, and
7. You need to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit and actively engaging in the ministry of the kingdom

When Barnabas and Saul were sent forth from Antioch, the context of the teaching text says, **“As they ministered to the LORD,**

and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.”

“Living A Life That Is Guided By The Holy Spirit” assures you of peace, prosperity, joy, success, and victory!

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