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We Believe...
GOOD NEWS!

- With You, In You & Upon You -



SERMON RESOURCE

OUR LITURGY

*The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.
And where the Spirit of the Lord is -
There is freedom!*

CONNECT

— 10 MINUTES

Read Together: John 14:15–18

- As you read, notice every promise Jesus makes concerning the Holy Spirit.

REVIEW

— 30 MINUTES

1. The Holy Spirit is a Person

The sermon emphasized that the Holy Spirit is someone we know, not merely something we experience.

- Why do you think many Christians struggle to relate to the Holy Spirit personally?
- How would your relationship with God change if you intentionally viewed the Holy Spirit as someone to know rather than simply a source of power?

2. The Holy Spirit is With Us

Jesus promised that He would never leave us as orphans.

- When have you experienced God's comforting presence in a meaningful way?
- What situations in your life right now require you to remember that God is with you?

3. The Holy Spirit is In Us

The sermon challenged the idea that Christianity is about trying harder and instead pointed us toward surrender.

- What stood out to you about the statement:
- "The Christian life is not a try harder religion—it is a surrender more faith."
- Why is surrender often more difficult than simply trying harder?
- Where do you sense the Holy Spirit inviting you to surrender today?



4. Growing the Fruit of the Spirit

Read Galatians 5:22–23.

- Which fruit of the Spirit do you most consistently see growing in your life?
- Which fruit do you most need the Holy Spirit to cultivate right now?
- How does surrender make room for the Spirit to produce fruit rather than us attempting to manufacture it ourselves?

5. The Holy Spirit is Upon Us

Jesus instructed His disciples not to begin ministry until they had received power from the Holy Spirit.

- Why do you think Jesus considered this empowerment so essential?
- What fears or questions do people sometimes have regarding the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- How can we remain both open and biblically grounded as we seek everything God has for us?

6. Living Spirit-Empowered

The sermon described the Holy Spirit's empowerment as being for serving others rather than merely having an experience.

- Where has God uniquely positioned you to serve others?
- How might depending more on the Holy Spirit change the way you serve your family, workplace, church, or community?

APPLICATION

— 30 MINUTES

- Ask yourself:
- Do I regularly acknowledge the Holy Spirit throughout my day?
- Am I relying mostly on my own strength, or am I living surrendered?
- Is there an area of my life where I need fresh filling or fresh empowerment?



Spend time praying for one another.

Consider praying through these themes:

- Thank Jesus for sending the Holy Spirit.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to deepen your awareness of God's presence.
- Surrender areas of worry, fear, sin, or striving.
- Pray for fresh filling and empowerment for witness and service.
- Ask God to produce the fruit of the Spirit in each person's life.
- Pray for boldness to share the love of Christ wherever God sends you.

GOING DEEPER

— 10 MINUTES

We recommend Pastor Randall's book *He is Here: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit*. You can purchase it [HERE](#) or in the Westlife Cafe.

