

LOF LIVING A SPIRIT-LED LIFE

INTRO

- DECISION
 - OUR LIFE TODAY IS BECAUSE OF THE DECISION WE MADE YESTERDAY
 - AND IN OUR LIFE WE HAVE TO CONSTANTLY MAKE DECISIONS.
 - GREAT DECISIONS WILL RESULT IN A GREAT LIFE.
 - POOR DECISION WILL RESULT IN POOR LIFE.

 - SHOULD I HOLD, SHOULD I LET GO
 - SHOULD I TAKE THIS JOB, SHOULD I PASS.
 - SHOULD I TAKE THIS ROAD OR ANOTHER.
- NOW THE GOOD NEWS IS, GOD GAVE US 3 THINGS TO GUIDE US IN OUR DECISION MAKING IN **OUR JOURNEY** CALLED LIFE.
 1. HIS WORD - **MAP**
 2. OUR CONSCIENCE - **COMPASS**.
 3. BUT HE GAVE US HIS SPIRIT - **GUIDE**
- NOW TODAY I WANT TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT LIVING A SPIRIT LED LIFE.
 - THE BIBLE IS VERY CLEAR IN THIS AND SAY
 - **"Only those people who are led by God's Spirit are God's children".**

WHY DO WE NEED TO LIVE LED ON THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. HOLY SPIRIT GUIDES US ON THINGS WE CAN NOT SEE

- 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 John 16:13**

- **THERE ARE THINGS IN OUR LIFE THAT SIMPLY WE CAN NOT SEE.**
 - SHOULD YOU TAKE THIS JOB OR THE OTHER ONE.
 - SHOULD YOU MARRY THIS GIRL OR THE OTHER ONE.
 - IF YOU'RE AS HANDSOME AS ANDRI YOU HAVE THE LUXURY TO CHOOSE.
 - WE CAN DO ALL OUR PROS AND CONS, BUT WE CAN NEVER PREDICT THE FUTURE
 - WE JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT OUR FUTURE IS GOING TO LOOK LIKE.
- BUT HOLY SPIRIT DOES!
AND I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU BUT I NEED THAT KIND OF GUIDANCE IN MY LIFE

2. HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US POWER TO DO GOD'S WILL

- But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
- **Acts 1:8**
- THE MOMENT HOLY SPIRIT COMES INTO OUR LIFE.
- GOD'S PROMISE IS THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE **POWER!**
- SO NOT ONLY HE GUIDES, HE EMPOWER US, HE ENABLES US.

3. HOLY SPIRIT WILL HELP US PRODUCE GODLY CHARACTER IN OUR LIFE

- **WE NEED HIS SPIRIT, TO PRODUCE HIS CHARACTER**
- The fruit of the Spirit = love, joy, peace, patient endurance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control [Gal. 5:22-23].
- WITHOUT THE HELP OF THE SPIRIT that WE cannot manufacture these CHARACTER, MY OLD NATURE CAN'T PRODUCE THIS.

- but HOLY SPIRIT CAN.
- ONLY HIS SPIRIT CAN HELP YOU PRODUCE HIS CHARACTER IN YOUR LIFE
- EVERYDAY WE LET HOLY SPIRIT TO LEAD US, EVERYDAY HE WILL PRODUCE GOD'S CHARACTER (LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENT, ENDURENCE, ETC)

4. HOLY SPIRIT GIVES YOU POWER OVER SIN

- But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **Galatians 5:16**
- WE CAN SAY No. TO SIN

5. EVEN JESUS WAS FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- BEFORE HE STARTED ANYTHING.
- THE FIRST THING HE DID WAS HE WAS FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- HE IS SETTING AN EXAMPLE TO HIS DISCIPLES.
- IF JESUS, THE KING OF KINGS, NEEDED TO BE FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT BEFORE **HE STARTED ANYTHING...**
 - YOU TOO NEED TO BE FILLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - YOU TOO NEED TO BE CONTINUOUSLY LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - YOU TOO NEED TO RELY ON THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- BECAUSE THE SAME SPIRIT THAT ANOINTED JESUS TO BRING GOOD NEWS TO THE POOR, TO PROCLAIM FREEDOM TO THE CAPTIVES AND HEAL THE BROKEN HEARTED.

HOW?

1. HE LEADS US THROUGH HIS WORD

- **THE WORD OF GOD SHOULD BE OUR FIRST PLACE TO LOOK FOR GUIDANCE. NOT LAST.**
 - WE OFTEN GO TO OUR FRIENDS FIRST.
 - WE OFTEN GO TO OUR PASTOR FIRST
 - AND WE OFTEN SAY "BUT PASTOR....GOD IS SILENT ON THIS."

 - **"NEVER SAY GOD IS SILENT WHEN YOUR BIBLE IS CLOSED"**
 - GOD SPEAKS TO US FIRST THROUGH HIS WRITTEN WORD.

 - **Deut 4:5-6 "Surely I have taught you statutes and judgments, just as the LORD my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. 6 Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people'."**
- **Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.**
 - SOMETIMES THE PATH OF OUR LIFE IS NOT WELL LIT.
 - WE WONT' KNOW WHAT WE'RE STEPPING ON.
 - BUT THE BIBLE SAY - MY WORD WILL LIGHT YOUR PATH.
 - ALL OF THE SUDDEN IT WILL BRING CLARITY ON WHICH PATH TO CHOOSE.
 - HIS WORD SHOWS YOU WHICH WAY TO GO.
 - **ALWAYS COMES BACK TO HIS WORD!**
- **HOLY SPIRIT WILL NEVER LEAD YOU CONTRARY TO HIS WRITTEN WORD.**
 - "OOOOH I'M GOING TO DATE THIS GIRL, SHE'S NOT EVEN A BELIEVER. WHY? BECAUSE I FEEEL HOLY SPIRIT IS LEADING ME THROUGH HER.
 - GOD WILL NEVER LEAD YOU CONTRARY TO HIS WRITTEN WORD. **ALWAYS COME BACK TO HIS WORD!**
 - **John 16:13 He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.**

 - It is when we depart from the Word of God that we get into trouble.
 - LOSE THE WORD, LOSE THE VICTORY!
- **THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD IS THE KEY TOWARDS YOUR YOUR SUCCESS AND PROSPERITY WHEREVER YOU GO.**
 - **Josh 1:7-9 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."**

1. HE LEADS US THROUGH HIS WORD

2. HE GUIDES US THROUGH HIS PEACE

- **Col 3:15 (AMP) Let the peace of Christ [the inner calm of one who walks daily with Him] be the controlling factor in your hearts [deciding and settling questions that arise].**
 - YOU SEE ITS EASY TO PICK THE GOOD FROM THE BAD.
 - BUT THERE ARE TIMES IN OUR LIFE
 - ITS WHEN WE'VE GOT TO PICK THE GOOD FROM THE GOOD. THAT'S WHAT'S HARD.
 - ◆ ITS THIS JOB OR THAT JOB.
 - ◆ OR IF YOU'RE AS POPULAR AS ME BACK IN THE DAYS, "ITS THIS GIRL OR THAT GIRL".
 - ◆ IM JUST KIDDEEEENG. PS JESSICA WAS THE CLEAR WINNER, NO ONE HAS EVEN COME CLOSE.

 - AND THAT!!! MY FRIEND IS THE CONFUSING PART.
 - BOTH OF THEM ARE GOOD AND APPROVED BY GOD'S WORD.
 - AND WE CAN'T SEE THE FUTURE IF WE TAKE THIS JOB OR NOT.
 - THIS IS WHEN HE WILL GUIDE US THROUGH HIS PEACE.

- **Prov 3:13 Happy (peaceful) is the man who finds wisdom, And the man who gains understanding; 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, And all her paths are peace.**

- Walking in the pathway of wisdom leads to peace, many decisions can be made on the basis of having peace about them.

1) HE LEADS US THROUGH HIS WORD

2) HE GUIDES US THROUGH HIS PEACE

3. HE CONFIRMS THROUGH YOUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

- **Prov 20:18 Plans are established by counsel; by wise counsel wage war.**
- **Prov 24:6 For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, And in a multitude of counselors there is safety.**
 - I REMEMBER THE STORY OF YUDI.
 - ◆ ONE DAY ONE OF MY FAITHFUL FRIEND LEFT THE GROUP
 - ◆ SO I QUICKLY CALLED HIM AND SAID 'WHATS GOING ON?'
 - ◆ AND HE SAID IM TIRED, I'M TIRED OF SERVING GOD, IM TIRED OF RAISING KIDS, DOING BUSINESS AND MINISTRY.
 - ◆ IM TIRED, IM DONE, IM OUT.

 - ◆ AND I SAID 'YUD, I CAN SEE THAT YOU NEED TO PRIORITISE YOURSELVES ABOVE YOUR FAMILY, YOUR WORK, YOUR MINISTRY.
 - ◆ WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU REST, HOLIDAY, SLEEP WELL, SPORTS.
 - ◆ WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU DO THINGS FOR YOU.
 - ◆ YOU CAN NEVER RAISE A HEALTHY SONS AND DAUGHTERS IF YOURSELVES (YOUR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH) IS NOT 100%.

 - ◆ HE BEGAN TO CRY AND SAID 'OMG YOU'RE RIGHT I NEVER THING OF MYSELF, I ALWAYS THERE TO SERVE OTHERS, I HAVE No. TIME FOR MYSELF'
 - ◆ HE CAME BACK EVEN STRONGER.

 - We all have blind spots
 - ◆ Others help us see things in a new light; and help us to consider things we've never considered before.
 - ◆ They can help us take a look at our own motives and consider the right timing.
- **Prov 18:1 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; He rages against all wise judgment.**
- **Hebr 13:17 Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.**

STUDENTS,

- **HOW MANY OF YOU WANTS TO LIVE A LIFE LED BY HIS SPIRIT.**
 - HE LEADS YOU THROUGH HIS WORDS.
 - HE GUIDES THROUGH HIS PEACE.
 - HE CONFIRMS THROUGH OTHERS.
- **SOON YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO YOUR GROUPS.**
 - I WANT YOU TO SHARE WHICH AREA OF YOUR LIFE THAT YOU'RE IN NEED OF THE GUIDANCE/LEADING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - BE TRANSPARENT WITH ONE ANOTHER
 - BECAUSE REVEALING YOUR FEELING IS THE BEGINNING OF YOUR HEALING.