

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit: Our Compass and Guide

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Scripture: John 14, 15, 16; Ephesians 1:13-14; Book of Acts; 2 Corinthians 3:17, Matthew 28:20, Genesis 2:16-17, John 8:30, Zechariah 4:6

Sermon Overview: The Holy Spirit is a person to be known by us. The Lord gives us several metaphors to help us understand the Holy Spirit: the wind, fire, a dove, oil, living water, a seal, an advocate, a guarantee, and a guide. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth, and we can, therefore, rely on the Holy Spirit as the compass for our lives. Relying on the Holy Spirit's guidance means releasing our need to control our lives. That is where we find freedom.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. In what areas of your life are you trying to accomplish God's work through your strength? How can you choose to surrender, trust, and allow yourself to be Spirit filled and Spirit led?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. Control over our circumstances is an illusion. The more we seek to control, the more we find that we are the ones who are actually in bondage. When have you sought to control a situation or outcome in the past? Share that experience.
2. Read John 16:13-5. How do you see the Holy Spirit pointing us to Jesus in this passage? How is the Holy Spirit guiding you to see Jesus at work in your life now? How is the Holy Spirit guiding you to display Jesus in your life now?
3. Read Ephesians 1:13-14. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is our deposited guarantee, our down payment for the Kingdom of God? How does this metaphor change your outlook on the broken things in your life? How can you live in the "now and not yet" tension with hope and joy?

Digging Deeper:

- Read 2 Corinthians 3:17 and Zechariah 4:6. Now examine the Holy Spirit's movement in Acts 9-20. Where do you see Peter and Paul surrendering their desires to the Spirit and

finding liberty in surrender? How do you see the Holy Spirit guiding the disciples? If Paul had tried to shortcut his journey to Ephesus, what would he have missed in the process?

Practical Application:

- This week, practice saying “Come, Holy Spirit, come” throughout the day. What do you notice by the end of the day? By the end of the week?
- Increase your freedom in Christ by:
 - confessing your limitations.
 - increasing your tolerance for uncertainty.
 - stepping outside of your comfort zone.
 - reminding yourself of the access to the power that you have (“Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit”).
 - declaring the names of God every day.
 - journaling His faithfulness, and reminding yourself of how He has proved Himself again and again.
 - declaring His promises over your life and others’ lives.
 - choose to trust.
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