

Abide Part 6: Hearing the Holy Spirit (10-14-2018)

New Series: Abide - Living in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit

3 Parts: Who is the Holy Spirit, Cultivating our relationship with Him, and then how He flows through us.

Review: The Holy Spirit is a Connector, Helper, Comforter, & Teacher

Today: Part 2 of the Series - Cultivating our relationship with Him. Today: **Hearing the Holy Spirit**

1) Recognizing the Holy Spirit

a) Through God's Word

Pick up here, where we left off last week – reading the Word in order to hear God's voice!

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (ESV)

(14) But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it (15) and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (16) All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, (17) that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

Hebrews 4:12 (ESV)

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Notes:

- **Learning who He is** (the content of the Word reveals the content of His character)
- **Learning His Language** (easier to recognize Him outside of scripture reading)
- **Recognizing His voice** (when he convicts or teaches you in reading, you'll hear him in life)

b) Through a Worshipful Life

- **Worship Him** – purpose to glorify God today! (moment by moment)
- **Listen for Him & listen to Him** – Expect to hear something today. Pay attention when He speaks.
- **Respond to Him** – Obey, Repent, & Seek His Help

c) Through God's People

Acts 18:24-26 (ESV)

(24) Now a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was an eloquent man, competent in the Scriptures. (25) He had been instructed in the way of the Lord. And being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, though he knew only the baptism of John. (26) He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.

Notes: We need ongoing coaching & equipping. Thus requires Humility on our part.

- **Sometimes people are coaching us – teaching us things we don't know.**
- **Other times they are warning or correcting us . . . let's see Paul's example in Acts 21**

Acts 21:4, 10-14 (ESV)

(4) And having sought out the disciples, we stayed there for seven days. And through the Spirit they were telling Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. . . (10) While we were staying for many days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. (11) And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'This is how the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" (12) When we heard this, we and the people there urged him not to go up to Jerusalem. (13) Then Paul answered, "What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." (14) And since he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, "Let the will of the Lord be done."

Notes: Paul is told by believers first in Tyre, then later in Caesarea not to go to Jerusalem. Paul warned at both stops!

d) Through Circumstances

- Tell the story of meeting Tyler @ Home Depot
- Tell story of Dawn Jerger – attending the women's conference at Grace Chapel

e) Through Supernatural Signs

- Healings, Visions/Dreams, Divine Appointments, Words of Prophecy, etc.
- Examples in the book of Acts . . .
 - Philip transported to another location.
 - Jesus appears to Paul on the road to Damascus
 - Peter's vision – and now I can eat pulled pork bbq – thank God!
 - Paul is preaching and a young man falls asleep and falls out of a window (read story Acts 20)

Acts 20:7-12 (ESV)

(7) On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight. (8) There were many lamps in the upper room where we were gathered. (9) And a young man named Eutychus, sitting at the window, sank into a deep sleep as Paul talked still longer. And being overcome by sleep, he fell down from the third story and was taken up dead. (10) But Paul went down and bent over him, and taking him in his arms, said, "Do not be alarmed, for his life is in him." (11) And when Paul had gone up and had broken bread and eaten, he conversed with them a long while, until daybreak, and so departed. (12) And they took the youth away alive, and were not a little comforted.

2) Receiving the Holy Spirit

- a) Receive the Holy Spirit at salvation as a deposit (or guarantee)

Ephesians 1:13-14 (ESV)

(13) In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, (14) who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Notes: Holy Spirit is our Assurance! He is the Guarantee of Inheritance (Jesus the only Son has shared it with us!)

- b) Be baptized in the Holy Spirit – immersed in Him, surrendered to Him, filled with His power

Acts 1:4-5, 8 (ESV)

(4) And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; (5) for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." . . . (8) "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."

Notes: Baptism means immersion. Dead to myself, & alive to His spirit. Brings with Him power.

- c) Re-filled regularly along the way – think of being the branches connected to the vine

Acts 4:8 – "Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them . . ."

Acts 13:9 – "But Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him . . ."

Ephesians 5:18 – "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit"

Receiving the Holy Spirit: Ask . . . Wait . . . Receive

Conclusion: Receive the Holy Spirit & purpose to learn daily to Recognize His Voice!