

Adventures With The Holy Spirit Week 1

Adventure awaits those who believe. *Pastors - please say this line weekly*


Date of Sermon (to be preached)

1 Week in Series

Series Title: Adventures With The Holy Spirit

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Core Scripture: Philippians 3:13 Brothers, I do not consider myself perfect. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead

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Summary of Main Points

- The Spirit brings order from chaos
- The Spirit invites us to believe without seeing
- The Spirit changes us giving *supernatural* abilities and character traits

// Summary of Conclusion

- What do we want to see the outcome be? A belief that God still does miracles. A belief that His Spirit teaches me truth/light and compels me to share it when people are lost in the dark.
- Response: an intentional altar time in prayer letting HS move.

// Introduction Ideas

- Possibly share about something incredible God did - a story of something you personally witnessed God doing a miracle or simply one you've heard from Smith Wigglesworth or any time God used someone with a little faith to bring about a miracle.

// #1 The Spirit brings order from chaos

- *What do they need to know? Is this progressive in the roadmap of the message? Yes, people are feeling chaotic - not knowing up from down, truth from lies, truth is subjective nowadays instead of objective - this creates cultural chaos. The SPIRIT illuminates who Jesus is, what is right and wrong and in doing so, brings order from chaos.*

- *Does this tie in with the Bottom Line? Yes. Being the one to speak up and declare the truth is an adventure. Being the one to heal a sick person whom everyone assumes will remain sick is an adventure - an adventure that awaits those who will believe.*
- 📖 **Genesis 1:1-2** In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
- Practical Illustration/Example (if applicable)
- 📖 Being the one to speak up and declare truth is an adventure. Being the one to heal a sick person whom everyone assumes will remain sick is an adventure - an adventure that awaits those who will believe.
- 📖 We either believe Jesus truly rose from the dead and meant what He said or we don't.
- *Transition to next point:* If Jesus invites us into the miraculous, why do so many Christian insist that the gifts and power of the Spirit “ceased” with the death of the Apostles?

📖 // #2 The Spirit invites us to believe without seeing - to have faith.

- What do they need to know? Many denominations and entire groups of Christians believe a lie: The gifts ended with the death of the Apostles. Why? Often, because they have not seen His power themselves first hand.
- What's wrong with this mindset? Your mindset determines your life.
- 📖 Supporting Scripture **John 20:19-32**
- Maybe you're like Thomas 📖 Maybe your motto is “I'll believe it when I see it.” Based on what Jesus said “You'll see it when you believe it.”
- Practical Illustration/Example of a story in your own life when you've witnessed something supernatural!
- Transition to next point

📖 // #3 The Spirit changes us, giving us supernatural abilities and character traits.

- The disciples were hiding in a room - afraid the Romans would crucify them too! The HS filled them though and gave them courage to leave that room and preach the Gospel and heal the sick!
- 📖 Supporting Scripture Acts 3:1-16 Read all of it please

- HS gave the disciples strength /faith to believe for healing HS gave them the ABILITY to actually heal HS gave this man healing and he is FOREVER changed!
- Other verses to consider for use:
- 2 Timothy 4:13; MT 10:5; 1 CO 14:1; 1 CO 12:31; 1 CO 14:39; RO 12:6; 1 THES 5:19-21

STORY: Pastor, when did God prompt you to do something out of the ordinary? When did faith arise in you to pray for a sick person - to prophesy - to tell someone the Gospel when you would have *naturally* (otherwise) minded your own business?

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- The question then is this: Do we believe God can change us - change us into a courageous person who actually acts on what we believe about Jesus. Either He is the Healer who rose from the dead or He isn't. Do we believe it? If so, the way we interact with people on a daily basis will prove whether we believe it or not.

// Conclusion

- Practical Application
 - Define
- In-Service Response
 - Define

// Discussion Questions

1. Question 1 - If Jesus promised us supernatural power to heal the sick and bring peace to people who are overwhelmed, why do we so often just go about our day and not offer what Jesus provides?
2. Question 2 - If we are shy or quiet, the question then is this: Do we believe God can change us? Do we believe that He will change us into a courageous person who actually acts on what we believe about Jesus.
3. Question 3 - What do you think about this statement - Either Jesus is the Healer who rose from the dead and promised the Spirit would enable us to preach, heal the sick and deliver tormented people or He isn't. Do we believe it? If so, the way we interact with people on a daily basis will prove whether we believe it or not.
4. Question 4 - Someone read 1 CO 14:39 - thoughts?
5. Someone read RO 12:6 - thoughts?
6. Question 5 - What if - what if every Christian in Trumbull county started living like the first believers did in the book of Acts? What if EVERY believer in Jesus started offering prayer for their co-workers who were sad or angry? What if EVERY believer prayed for healing when they saw someone sick? What would happen in NE Ohio?!