The Holy Spirit is Always Available
Romans 8:26-28

I want to continue an in depth study of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God is often mentioned in our conversations. Often we say the Spirit told me to do something. It is important that we know the Holy Spirit is trying to speak to us each and every day. The Spirit of God desires to help us make the best decisions to live better lives. It is important however, to remember that our ability to hear, to understand what the Spirit is saying to us, is dependent upon our relationship with Him. This relationship cannot be underestimated. Neither should it be taken for granted. Our relationship with the Holy Spirit confirms our relationship with Jesus Christ. Remember **John 16:26 says, "the Holy Spirit testifies, reveals, speaks to us and reminds us that Jesus Chris is present."** Jesus is not coming, Jesus is present. The fundamental role of the Holy Spirit is to remind us, to keep us trusting and believing that Jesus Christ will guide us each step of our lives if we allow Him to do so. It is the Holy Spirit's role to give testimony to us in our spirit of Jesus' presence. We will experience a spiritual confirmation in our spirits from the Holy Spirit that Jesus Christ is present with us. This is where the peace of God comes from. It comes from no other place than from God.

The Holy Spirit served as a helper in the Old Testament. He was the only way men and women of God could do the things God wanted them to accomplish. If the Holy Spirit had not come upon them, had the Holy Spirit not fallen upon them, they could not have done any of the things God had asked them to do. When Moses came down from the mountain after God had given him the Ten Commandments, his face shone. The Spirit of God had come upon him. It was the Holy Spirit that empowered Moses to do what he did.

It was the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God that was *upon* Moses, not *in* Moses, that enabled him to stand on the rock at the Red Sea while the Egyptians were approaching, and say to the nation of Israel, **"Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."** Throughout the Bible we see example after example of the men and women of God being empowered by God to step up and become the instruments of God in Israel's time of trouble. It is not any different today. Jesus Christ is always available, always ready to come to give us strength, comfort, wisdom and aid in our times of need. Whatever the need may be.

Earlier I said the Holy Spirit was not in Moses. The Holy Spirit was not an ongoing presence in their lives. The Holy Spirit would fall upon the men and women of God in the Old Testament when God' power and strength was needed. It is only after the resurrection of Jesus that the Holy Spirit entered the life of the Child of God. It is after the resurrection of Jesus that the Holy Spirit made His residence in the person of the Believer. Pentecost was not only the inaugural day. It was the day the disciples first exhibited the Holy Spirit's ability to communicate to the world. I am pointing these things out so that we can begin to understand that God has always sent the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of His people. It was the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God coming upon people that made people see the before and after in that person's life. How one moment they were not able to do what God had ask of them and in another moment they could. Everyone understood it was a supernatural power that came from God. They attributed this new ability to the presence of God in the person's life.

It is no different today. God shows up. God shows up when we least expect God to, but that is who God is. It was because God showed up in the person of His Holy Spirit that David was able to do what he did. It was because the Holy Spirit showed up that Isaiah was able to say what he said. It was because the Holy Spirit showed up that Hosea

was able to live with a wife who was a prostitute. The Spirit of God has quietly walked in, not out of the lives of Christians seeking their attention. Those who responded were rewarded with the strength they needed to finish the task God had assigned to them. They were able to withstand the challenges they had to face. They were able to overcome the barriers that were placed in front of them. The Holy Spirit gives us strength for each and every circumstance we encounter in our lives. .

I ask that each of you reading this message will give the Holy Spirit some of your time this week. It all begins by quietly seeking Jesus Christ in prayer. Some may not know what to pray for. Do not worry. God has made a way for you. **Romans 8:26 says, "the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness."** For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. **Romans 8:27-28 says, "And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will. And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them."** Those wish to know Jesus better have a path given to us by God. God already knows we don't know how to seek Him sometimes, which is why if we seek Jesus Christ in our spirit, with our hearts, the Holy Spirit will do the rest. The Holy Spirit will speak to God for you from the depth of His Spirit. Seek Jesus Christ through prayer and the study of God's word and begin to experience the blessings God has in store for each of us.

May God continue to bless each of you,

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