

Life in The Spirit Part 7: Live Filled by the Holy Spirit
July 24/25 2010 Exodus 31:1-11; Acts 4:23-31; Luke 10:1-9

1. Conclusion of the Life in the Spirit series... Live Filled by the Holy Spirit
 - a. God's Promise of a Deliverer
 - b. How Jesus Saves Us
 - c. Why Jesus Died for Me
 - d. The Father's Promise
 - e. What the Spirit Does
 - f. Let the Holy Spirit Lead You
 - g. Live Filled by the Holy Spirit**
2. Being Filled with the Holy Spirit –(rather than self-limited)
 - a. **SEEK**: Pre-contemplation, Contemplation, Preparation, Action
 - b. **ASK**:
 - i. Acts 4:29-31
 1. community of accountability
 - ii. Waxing my sail boat analogy – hand waxing vs machine
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 - c. **PERSIST**: We move from where we are limited in our heads to where the Holy Spirit will lead us to **SALVATION** in Jesus and the fullness of the Father's **SANCTIFYING** Love
3. The challenge of Aloneness & Isolation
 - a. When I met the Holy Spirit (dreams and fear)
 - b. Video from NBC's Heroes Season 4 Episode 18 'The Wall'
4. Keeping filled so the Spirit continuously flows through you
 - a. **SEEK**: The **purpose** why God filled you/ Figure out your gifts
 - i. Exodus 31:2-5 filled Bezalel with the Spirit of God, with skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts
 - ii. In community
 1. Bezael and Oholiab
 2. John and Peter (Acts 4:23) & all where they were meeting
 3. Luke 10 (in pairs) v 17 ¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."
 - b. **ASK**: Use your gifts & ask for more
 - i. Where there is peace keep trying (Luke 10:1-9)
 - ii. Philippians 4:7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
 - iii. Philippians 2:3-4 ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. ⁴Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.
 - c. **PERSIST**: that the Holy Spirit would shake the places he flows through you (Acts 4:23-31)

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Questions for reflection and discussion:

What insights about life in the Spirit do you want to remember?

From your experience, what is different about being filled with the Spirit with power and being a follower of Jesus? (Remember the distinction between the spirit *in* and *on*)

Where do things in your life or in the world seem all confusing, insurmountable or lonely?

Where are you looking for (feeling like you are lacking God's peace)? Where does God's peace reside deeply in you.

What gifts do you have and how do the gifts and abilities God's given you glorify him? (You might have a hard time answering this question in which case you should take your answers to a small group and ask others to help you see you as God sees you.)

This week pray in your small group to be filled/ freshly filled with the Holy Spirit and keep praying similar prayers.

