

THE POWER OF A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE

The Holy Spirit and You #3

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“Isaac’s servants also dug in the Gerar Valley and discovered a well of fresh water. But then the shepherds from Gerar came and claimed the spring. “This is our water,” they said, and they argued over it with Isaac’s herdsmen. So Isaac named the well Esek (which means “argument”). Isaac’s men then dug another well, but again there was a dispute over it. So Isaac named it Sitnah (which means “hostility”). Abandoning that one, Isaac moved on and dug another well. This time there was no dispute over it, so Isaac named the place Rehoboth (which means “open space”), for he said, “At last the LORD has created enough space for us to prosper in this land.” (Genesis 26:19–22, NLT)

A FLOWING WELL IS ESSENTIAL TO YOUR SUCCESSFUL LIFE.

“Jesus stood and shouted to the crowds, “Anyone who is thirsty may come to me! Anyone who believes in me may come and drink! For the Scriptures declare, ‘Rivers of living water will flow from his heart.’ ” (When he said “living water,” he was speaking of the Spirit, who would be given to everyone believing in him. But the Spirit had not yet been given, because Jesus had not yet entered into his glory.)” (John 7:37–39, NLT)

- 1. THE FLOW OF THE SPIRIT WILL REMOVE OBSTACLES IN YOUR LIFE.**
- 2. THE FLOW OF THE SPIRIT WILL MAKE A PATH FOR YOUR FEET.**
- 3. THE FLOW OF THE SPIRIT WILL BRING LIFE TO OTHER PEOPLE.**

In many Christian circles the Holy Spirit is either neglected, forgotten, or misunderstood. The One given to unite the body of Christ is the center of controversy. This is a nettle which ought to be firmly grasped. So often Christian work is so rigidly programmed that it seems we need no longer depend on Him--yet Jesus said, "Without Me you can do nothing."

The late Dr. A. W. Tozer, author and pastor, said, "If the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference. If the Holy spirit had been withdrawn from the New Testament church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference." -Alan Redpath, *Christianity Today*, Vol 29, #18

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NLT)

EVANGELISM IS OUR MAIN CALLING IN LIFE.

OUR FAITH STORY IS WHAT PREPARES THE WORLD FOR CHRIST'S RETURN.

GROWTHWORK

1. ASK FOR THE POWER OF GOD; IT IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE.

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20–21, NLT)

2. ASK THE HOLY SPIRIT TO FLOW FROM WITHIN YOU.

"Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out." (Romans 12:2, Message)

3. TRUST THE POWER OF GOD TO CHANGE THOSE YOU LOVE.

"For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—the Jew first and also the Gentile." (Romans 1:16, NLT)