

Ridin' High Cowboy Church

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GPS main use is to let you know where you are...then build from that information. The Holy Spirit is the same.

Three important statements about the Holy Spirit...

WEAKNESS IS THE HOLY SPIRITS BEST WORKING ENVIORNMENT

What is a good working environment for you?
Paul had a physical problem he prayed about

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 ***8Three times*** (a figure of speech meaning for multiple seasons of life) ***I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. 9But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.***

The good news is if you have a weakness you are struggling with today, that this is an area the Holy Spirit wants to show up and work in your life.

Spiritual maturity is not about strength, it's about dependency. The mature the believer, the more dependent on God. The immature Christian is the one always tell you what THEY are going to do for God.

Admitting weakness requires humility – humility is the right perspective of who we are toward God and man, "humility is I can't, but you can"

James 4:6 "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

You hear people say, "Christianity is for weak people" and I say EXACTLY~! Many times God will let us get to the bottom or to a point where we look up and say, "God, I can't do this." He may even let us wallow in it for a while...at the point we are right where God wants us and where the Spirit can work in our lives.

At the end of the process of the Holy Spirit working in your life, you will not feel more powerful, you will feel more dependent. Surrender is the goal of the working of the Holy Spirit.

This is the big difference between Christianity and religion. Religion wants you to at least act like you have it all together. Christianity says the more dependent you are on God, the closer you are to God.

TRUTH IS THE HOLY SPIRITS PRIMARY TOOL

John 8:31-32 “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

- The Holy Spirit will constantly expose lies in your life and exchange them for the truth.
- The best thing we can do to walk in the spirit is to be sensitive to the teachings of this book, saturate your mind with the teaching in the Word
- The Bible is the Holy Spirits thoughts on paper, in black and white, everything the Holy Spirit will lead you to do is found in this book
- This is why one of our core values at RHCC is to Study God’s Word, if we ever get sidetracked where other things take priority over that, we’re in trouble...(Let me come clean with you...if you’re a visitor, this great band, the arena, the buildings, the cowboy stuff – these are all just a tool to draw you into a relationship with Jesus Christ and get you to read the Bible for direction in your life!)

Illustration of using **truth** – Jesus at his temptation in the desert. Remember Jesus is God, but he gave up his rights as God to die like a man. Remember the Spirit led him. He used scripture (truth) to defeat the lies of Satan.

You might say, “I can’t memorize scripture” when you hit rock bottom, you’ll be surprised what you can memorize or remember if you read God’s Word.

WHAT WILL IT LOOK LIKE IF I AM LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

We take on the Character of Christ

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Focus on these words...

LOVE – this love starts in the mind not emotions, a deliberate choice

JOY – “Believers are not dependent upon circumstances. Their joy comes from what they are, but from what they are; not from where they are, but from who they are; not from what they enjoy, but from that which has suffered for them by their Lord.” (Spurgeon)

PEACE – God is in control, so I don’t have to be

PATIENCE – waiting on God’s timing

KINDNESS – wanting the best for others

GOODNESS – closely tied with generosity

FAITHFULNESS – reliable to both God and man

GENTLENESS – teachable, moldable

SELF-CONTROL – testing your “self” on behalf of others, others first

Keep in mind, this takes a lifetime to accomplish. God put you here to be led by the Spirit to learn and demonstrate these things

Think about the area in your life the Spirit wants to work in, think about the truth of God’s work and apply it today!

So maybe today, the Spirit has been working YOU this morning. Maybe you’ve had some weaknesses in your life that you thought would keep you from turning your life over to Christ, understand that it’s in that area the Holy Spirit wants to work.

Maybe the truth of God’s word has confronted some lies the devil has been telling you – that’s what this Book does!

Maybe for the first time in your life, you felt the Holy Spirit pour on you the unconditional love that Jesus Christ offers, the joy that is not dependent on circumstances, the peace that God is in control, the patience that God has stuck with you through multiple mess-ups in your life...