

A Message From God Concerning His Holy Spirit

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During the relatively short period of Jesus' ministry on earth, He healed, delivered and answered the prayers of so many people that John 21:25 says if each one of His acts were written down the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. To both Jew and Gentile, those coming to receive for themselves and those coming on behalf of others, Jesus freely preached the Gospel and, with power, demonstrated the Kingdom of Heaven.

Knowing His time was short and that He would soon be returning to the Father, Jesus comforted and prepared His disciples for His departure, saying:

“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. . . .And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you” (John 14:12,16,17).

If there is one thing the Church at large needs to better understand, it is the role of the Holy Spirit—the Spirit of truth—in our lives. When Jesus said on the Cross, “*It is finished*” (John 19:30), He was saying He had fulfilled everything the Father sent Him to do to make it possible for mankind to be redeemed and walk in the full inheritance and authority as children of God.

Now that Jesus' work of redemption is complete, it is the role of the Holy Spirit to guide us into the truth of our life in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the One who has been sent to dwell (reside, stay) with us, and once we receive the infilling of His Spirit, He takes up residence within our born-again spirit and is ever present in us, communing with us.

A number of years ago, Gary Carpenter, an excellent teacher in the Body and close friend of this ministry, began purposely listening for the Holy Spirit's communication to him. Gary understood that the day he was baptized in the Spirit and began to speak in tongues, the Holy Spirit had not only moved into his born-again spirit permanently but had become his very own Teacher in the mysteries of God.

With this understanding, Gary began practicing what he learned from Pastor Dave's teaching series called *Distinguishing God's Voice*. In this series, Dave teaches believers to become more sensitive to hearing God's voice by becoming familiar with where He speaks to them, which is in the spiritual mind. Using the practical demonstration Dave taught to help pinpoint the mind of the spirit, Gary began spending time, day after day, praying out loud in tongues, and then he would periodically stop praying and listen as the tongues continued to flow in his spirit. When Gary could no longer hear the tongues in his spirit, he would go back to praying in tongues for a while, repeating the process again and again. Each time, he would focus on where he was hearing the tongues in his spirit, because that place, his spiritual mind, is the same place the Holy Spirit communicates with every believer, whether by vision, dream, the inner witness, or in an audible voice.

One day, when Gary stopped praying in tongues to listen in his spirit as he normally did, the tongues he expected to hear flowing in his spiritual mind changed to his native language of English. When that happened, Gary began speaking out loud into a recorder what he was hearing the Lord say.

Gary continued the process of praying and listening, and for nearly two months, the tongues he heard in his spirit would change to English, and Gary would speak into a recorder what he heard on the inside. Eventually, he transcribed these recordings and put them together into twenty lessons he calls *The Face to Face Series*.

The Face to Face Series focuses almost exclusively on one form of fellowship with God: The kind where a person sits at the listening post, praying in tongues and waiting to hear what the Master says.

When Gary prayed in tongues, it was the Holy Spirit creating the supernatural language that his spirit prayed. And when the tongues changed to English, it was God choosing to speak what He knew was most needful for Gary to know on his personal journey with Him. At the time, Gary used very little prayer in the form of questions initiated by his soul.

Although what is shared in the *Face to Face* instructions are encouragements Gary received in his personal time with the Lord, the truths contained within apply to every believer who is pursuing more of Him. And one of the Lord's instructions to Gary was to make *The Face to Face Series* available for others as examples of how the Holy Spirit will lead any person, no matter their gift in the Body, into more fruitfulness in their relationship with the Lord and in the operation of their call.

This month we are sharing one of Gary's *Face to Face* lessons called "Communion With the Spirit." In this teaching, the Lord exhorts on the vital role of the Holy Spirit in our life and the importance of our continual communion with Him. We recommend taking this lesson and letting the Holy Spirit minister to you personally about the truths contained within it during your own face-to-face time with Him.

To listen to or read all of the *Face to Face* lessons, please go to Gary's website: www.garycarpenter.org. The Holy Spirit is a sequential Teacher, line upon line, precept upon precept, building each one of these foundational lessons upon the other. We know you will be blessed!

From Gary Carpenter's *Face to Face Series* "Communion With the Spirit"

Jesus Ministers To His People by The Spirit:

Many have not understood the difference between getting into the Presence of the Father and the Presence of the Son and being in the Presence of the Holy Spirit by direct communion. Because they have not discerned the difference in the operations, they equate them as being the same thing, and they are not.

When Christ came down from Heaven to walk as a man among men, to be in His presence, the only thing needed was to be in His geographical location. And if you were walking with Him, there was no spiritual activity, no great spiritual labor involved to turn to Him and ask Him the questions of your heart. You would simply have turned and asked. He would have responded to you as you see recorded in the Gospels.

As My Son came down, so now has My Spirit come down to be among men. The difference is, He [the Holy Spirit] is not limited by geographical location. He is with every son and He is with every daughter of Mine all the time. I want your mind to be such that you understand you walk with Him every day just as if you had been walking every day with Jesus while He was physically on the earth.

"I have sent my holy spirit to be in the presence of man!" (Ezekiel 36:27; Haggai 2:5) He is available to you at all times. You are to turn to Him with your questions as if you were turning to Jesus, walking side by side with Him in the flesh. My Holy Spirit is with you, says the Lord. For this purpose, He has been sent. It requires no great spiritual labor to enter into His Presence, for I have sent Him to be in your presence, says the Lord.

Again I say, as the Son came down to be in the presence of men, so now My Spirit has come down to be in the presence of men. He is in the presence of every man, all the time, twenty-four hours a day, in every geographical location. Walk and talk with My Spirit as though He were with you, for He truly is, says the Lord.

Communing with My Spirit should be the most natural of all things to My spirit-born children. Understand the practical reasons for which He has come. He is walking with you, going with you. He is *with you* all the time! It is just as if the Lord Jesus Christ Himself were walking with you and going with you in the flesh.

You would not need to go through great spiritual exercise to commune with Jesus Christ in the flesh were He with you every day. It requires no great spiritual exercise to commune with My Spirit, for He *is walking with you* every day.

The problem is, My people have not learned how to commune with Him in spirit. They have not located the ear of their own spirit to hear Him responding to their questions. This is changing, for the message has come to maturity, says the Lord. My spirit-born children shall commune freely with Him Whom I have sent to lead them, says the Lord.

The Holy Spirit is nearer to you than your next breath. He is with you. He will hearken to your voice. He will commune with you as a Friend, as a Teacher, as a Counselor, and as a Helper.

He has also been sent and He is the One Who brings you into the Presence of the Son and into the Presence of your Father Who are in Heaven. This does require the stripping away of the flesh. This does require quietness of soul. This does require, often, fasting of the flesh. Through the avenues of worship, it is My Spirit Who brings your spirit beyond the veil of the flesh into the literal Presence of the Son and of the Father. This does often require labor in the spiritual realm to acquire.

But communion with My Spirit is not so. It is not required of you to labor to enter His Presence, for I have sent Him to be in yours, says the Lord. Understand, He is available to you in the blink of an eye. In a millisecond, He is available. Commune with My Spirit! Commune with My Spirit, says the Lord.

I am warning you ahead of time that this will be a hard concept for men to receive as you teach it. But it is My plan; it is My will; it is My purpose, says the Lord.

Men will find this hard to believe: It is My purpose in sending the Holy Spirit that you receive "instant answers" for immediate problems! And it is My will that you receive answers ahead of time—before you even know of problems that shall come.

Many, because of their experience in the past, because of the difficulty they have had in discerning the voice of My Spirit in their spiritual ear, will reject this as not being possible. But I ask you this, says the Lord: If you were walking with Jesus Christ in the flesh and you came upon any difficult situation, if you were to turn to Him and ask Him what to do, would there be long delay in His response? No, there would be no delay at all. Neither would He have to seek My mind for days to know how to answer you. You would ask; He would answer.

You have no problem seeing how that would be were Jesus walking with you in the flesh, side by side, all day long. Understand that it is for this same function and for the same purpose that I have sent the Comforter unto My children—that you walk with Him and commune with Him. When you ask questions regarding any situation, it is My intention that you receive "instant answers."

Not only this, but as you commune with Him on a diligent basis, that you receive answers even before you are aware of the problems that are coming. He will lead you around many of them as you learn to just sit and hear His counsel.

It is My will that you ask Him questions. The higher call of My will is that you just sit and listen to His wisdom, listen to His teaching, and listen to His counsel so that you have the answers before the problems arise.

I am warning you ahead of time, men will have difficulty receiving this as truth, but it is the Father's plan. It is My plan, it is My purpose, it is the mind of Christ, and it is attainable for all who will attend faithfully in the classrooms where My Holy Spirit teaches.

Many have known and have a reasonable concept that My Spirit is not limited by geographical location. Most of My children have no difficulty with this. But most do have difficulty in understanding that My Spirit is not

limited by time. A thousand years ago is "today" to Him. A thousand years from now is "today" to Him. This concept is hard for the finite man to comprehend.

But understand this: Your spiritual mind is not finite. I have given you the ability to comprehend these things in your spirit. The natural man cannot know them, but the spiritual man can.

Think you it is harder or more difficult for My Spirit to give you the answer to a problem that shall occur ten years from today than it is to give you the answer to a problem that occurred ten minutes ago? Time is irrelevant when it comes to the operation of My Spirit. He is not bound by time.

I am saying this in many different ways to make sure you understand My purpose and My intentions for My children's communion with the Holy Spirit. There are two levels to progress to. I want you to walk in both of them. I want you to become expert at walking in both of them so that you can train others to walk in these paths.

The first level: I say this plain. I say this straight. I say this with no equivocation:

“I intend for all of my children to walk in communion with the holy spirit to the point that they obtain instant answers from him for every situation they come up against!”

That is the first level. When I say "instant answers," I mean instant answers! It is not My intention that My children be hindered by being always behind in seeking My mind, the mind of Christ, for the situations they come up against. I intend for their communion with the Holy Spirit to be so constant that He is as One walking alongside them just as Jesus would be in the flesh. In every situation, they are to turn to the Holy Spirit and ask questions to which they receive "instant answers."

My Spirit has access to all of the treasures of wisdom that are in Christ Jesus the Lord. Christ has been made unto you Wisdom. He has all wisdom. All wisdom has been imparted unto Him as a treasure for you. The Spirit I have sent to commune with you has "instant access" to all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge of Jesus Christ. I intend for those answers to be available to you "instantly," in every situation. This is level one.

In the natural realm, a man who is walking a narrow, rugged, and dangerous mountain trail needs light while he is on the trail. Walking the trail in darkness while "believing" for light to come forty days later would be of no value whatsoever, says the Lord. It is the same in the realm of the spirit. I sent My Spirit to light your path on a daily, moment-by-moment basis. He is walking with you stride for stride. He is available to you moment by moment. I have sent Him to be in your presence since you have difficulty getting into Mine. He is with you. Commune with Him as if that were so, for it is the highest order of reality.

The second level: Where I desire my children to attain is where their communion with the holy spirit is such that he shows them things to come. Again I say to you, time is irrelevant to My Spirit. Tomorrow is today. Yesterday is today.

For your mind's sake, I will give you this analogy. It would be as though you were on a journey for Me on a path where I sent you. Again, it is as if this journey were through a dense forest. The Spirit has come already and set your direction like a compass so that you do know which way to go. But as you cut down the obstacles that are in front of you to progress on the path I have called you to, they block your view of coming things. You can only see one obstacle at a time.

Yet the level of communion I desire for My children is that He [the Holy Spirit], by the operation within Himself, lifts you up above the forest where you can see the path extending in front of you. For your mind's sake, I will say, it is as though you see ahead of you that your path will come to a river crossing where the bridge has been washed out. You are to know this ahead of time. You will ask My Spirit what to do, and He will show you another way to cross the river.

As another example, He will lift you up and show you that the land you are about to cross has famine in it. There are no provisions there. You will seek His counsel, and He will tell how to gather provision that will sustain you as you cross that land.

Do you understand My mind? Do you now understand the plan of the Father for the Helper I have sent unto you? These are My intentions. I have not left you orphans. I have not left you to find your own way through this world of darkness. I have sent you My Spirit. I have sent Him to be in your presence since you have difficulty getting into Mine. He is with you and shall be with you.

Now, what is needful to attain to these two levels? The needful thing is the training I am giving you in this season, says the Lord. These are the very lessons that I intend for you to use to notch the trail so that others who desire continual communion on this basis with My Spirit will know how to follow on the same path. You are notching that trail daily as you record My words to you.

Has not My Son said, "The Comforter shall show you all things to come"? He spoke the truth. This is My plan. You are able to attain to it as are all believers once they know how.

But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me: (John 15:26)

Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you (John 16:7).

"Oh, how My Body has neglected the Helper I have sent. My Body has not understood nor discerned the measure of the help He has brought to them. My Spirit has been neglected and scorned and treated as One Who must stand afar off. Yet will He not depart from the assignment that He voluntarily accepted. My Spirit agreed to walk in the presence of men that all My mind and all My wisdom and all My counsel and all My power might be available to the sons of the Living God.

"But as the Pharisees of old rejected My Son Who came to reveal Me, so has My Body neglected My Spirit Who has come to reveal the Son. Neglect not your communion with the Helper!

"What I have spoken to you before, I speak now again to bolster your faith. You shall become expert at hearing the voice of My Spirit. His voice shall be the voice most readily and easily heard in your spiritual ear. No matter the roar of circumstances that come against you, no matter the viciousness of the attacks launched by your enemy, you shall rest in the counsel of the voice of My Spirit. His voice shall be louder than all! His voice shall be the voice most easily heard by you."

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