

LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spirit-Led Truths

I. Being led by the Holy Spirit is sign of spiritual maturity-Romans 8:14

- A. Sons are led by the spirit; babies are led by everything else
 - 1. Being in the right place and the right time and saying the right thing is maturity
- B. The Holy Spirit is not the spirit of bondage (John 16:13, 8:32, 2 Cor 3:17)
- C. The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit
 - 1. EX: If you know somebody is going to call you, you don't wait by the frig
 - 2. The HS is going to communicate w/ ur spirit so wait next to your spirit and not your head

II. The Holy Spirit should be real to us & we should be led of him like they were in Acts

- A. Acts 5:32-The Holy Ghost was a **witness**-a spectator of anything
 - 1. They're in a legal court of law and they are in front of the most prominent people of that day who have been given the power to try the most important cases and they have the authority to put people to death
 - 2. In front of that group of people they referenced the Holy Ghost just like you would a real person b/c He is a real person and he most certainly was real to them
- B. Acts 7:51-They **resisted** the Holy Ghost-run against, be adverse, oppose, strive against
 - 1. Moses was a man sent by God to deliver his people from bondage
 - a. This ministry is similar to the HS in that the HS leads into truth and truth makes free
 - b. 39-Their Fathers resisted the Holy Spirit by resisting (prophet) Moses' words
 - 2. **(1) You can resist the Holy Spirit just like you resist a person (like they resisted Moses)**
 - a. 35AMP-They disowned and rejected Moses, you can disown and reject the HS
 - b. 39AMP-They determined not to be subject Moses, refused to listen to him, refused to obey him, they threw him aside & they rejected him; we can do that to the HS
 - 3. You can get that leading on the inside and say no to it
 - a. You can turn a deaf hear to the HS & pay Him no attention, like they did to Moses
 - b. We look at them like they're such fools & then resist the HS just like they did
 - 4. OT, NT, it doesn't matter it's never wise to resist the voice of God
 - a. To resist the leading of HS is to resist freedom, effectiveness, prosperity, & power
 - b. This one who they are resisting is endeavoring to get them into the greatest place they have ever seen
- C. Acts 8:29-The Spirit said to Phillip
 - 1. 5-17-Philip is in Samaria getting outstanding results

- a. Peter & John go to the Samaritan villages on the way back to Jerusalem to use this momentum & see more great things, but God spoke something else to Phillip
 2. God said go down the road that goes from Jerusalem to Gaza, not go to Gaza
 - a. **Gaza**-Greek commerce and culture, and pagan (heathen, false gods) influence was strong, while the church rounded there was struggling for existence. Many martyrs there testified to the faith
 - b. He could have thought I don't want to go down to that heathen place; I want to go with Peter and John and use this momentum we gained in Samaria; Peter and John get to use the momentum that started with me in Samaria & I get to go down this heathen place where people are being killed in the desert
 3. When Phillip was obeying God he heard from God
 - a. **(2) You might not get it all at once; if you did it wouldn't take faith**
 - 1) God could've said to Phillip go down the road from Jerusalem to Gaza, you won't have to go into Gaza, there will be a man on the road, you'll minister to Him, He'll be saved and baptized & you'll be caught up by my spirit & be found at Azotus
 - a) He got 1 piece of that & as he obeyed that 1 piece he heard and saw more
 - 2) You might not see it all, you might not have it all, but obey what you have & you'll get the rest
 - b. **(3) A major key in hearing from God is obeying God**
 - 1) Obedient people hear the voice of God
 - 2) Phillip heard because he obeyed
 - c. He's travelling down a road and the Holy Spirit said, "Hey go over there"
 - 1) If Phillip was mad & frustrated that "He had to go down to Gaza" he wouldn't have been sensitive to the leading of the Spirit to help this man and missed his whole assignment
 - 2) **(4) Mad, frustrated, worried, discouraged people will miss the leading of the Spirit**
 - d. Because Philip was sensitive to the leading of the Spirit of a man got saved
 4. **(5) Don't presume to know all of what's going to happen when you follow the HS**
 - a. 40-Phillip never even had to go down to Gaza
 5. We have the same Holy Spirit & He will speak to us; We can hear from the Holy Spirit
 - a. This didn't say that he heard an audible voice
- D. Acts 10:19-The Holy Spirit sent them and told Peter that He sent them-He said to Peter
1. It didn't say he heard an audible voice; The supernatural things of God are not always spectacular & they can be so normal seeming to you that you ignore them
 - a. **(6) So many times direction and word of knowledge comes just like a thought to you**
 2. The Holy Spirit spoke to Peter as he was meditating the vision (the word)
 - a. The Holy Spirit spoke to Him as he gave his mind over to the things of God

- b. **(7) Giving your mind to the things of God is a way to hear from the Spirit of God**
- 3. Peter followed Jewish standards and traditions his whole life. With the coming of the NT God ended the dietary restrictions (Mark 7:19). God made salvation possible for both Jews (clean) and Gentiles (unclean) through Jesus. Peter is getting a revelation of the power of the blood and the New Covenant.
 - a. For a man who had followed Jewish standards his whole life it is step of faith to believe you heard from the Holy Spirit to go with a couple of gentiles into a gentile's house and preach & have them get saved and filled with the Holy Spirit
- 4. **(8) The Leading of the Spirit may not make sense to your head & it'll always require faith**
 - a. This can't make sense to His head, but he's not tradition-led
 - b. His head is not going to do this, so he must be led by the Holy Spirit
- 5. Peter was led of the spirit obeyed and as a result a bunch of Gentiles received the Holy Spirit and were baptized with water
 - a. Peter's people were astonished that this could happen
- 6. Acts 11:1-12-The Spirit **bade** me to go-To tell, to command, to speak
 - a. It didn't make sense to go, but it manifested a great miracle-John 2
 - 1) This is what HE DOES; He leads you into victories
 - b. Peter is saying, "Hey I'm with you, I didn't even want to go."
- E. Acts 13:2,4-The Holy Ghost said and sent them out
 - 1. As they ministered to the Lord the Holy Spirit spoke
 - a. **(9) Spiritual exercise makes you more aware of your spirit**
 - b. The more of aware of your spirit you are, the more aware of the Holy Spirit you'll be b/c he deals with your spirit when dealing with you
 - 2. The Holy Ghost sent them forth the way your wife sends you to the store
 - a. This is really happening; the person of the HS said go there
 - 3. They were led of the spirit and as result a politician over a whole town got saved
- F. Acts 15:28-It seemed good to the Holy Ghost
 - 1. They have a big issue in the church about the gentiles converts having to keep the law; These are the heads in leadership in the known church of the time and they're dealing with the biggest issues in the church and they didn't hear any audible voices or see any angels, but they were led by the spirit
 - 2. **(10) We can talk to the Holy Spirit and find out what seems right to Him**
 - a. The only way to know it seemed God to Him is because we talked to Him
- G. Acts 16:5-7-The Holy Ghost forbid them and wouldn't allow them to go
 - 1. **(11) Just b/c it looks like a good scriptural idea, doesn't mean that ur supposed to do it**
 - a. Would the Holy Spirit tell you not to preach the Word there

2. They're making their ministry plans and it said the Holy Spirit said, "No"
 - a. You can have that kind of reality in your life where the Holy Spirit is leading you and guiding you and directing you

H. Acts 20:23-The Holy Ghost is talking to Him

1. There are times when the Lord will warn you about something that has negative parts to it so that you can avoid it and pray about it and get it changed and be led and not be at the wrong place at the wrong time
2. There are other times when the Lord will talk to you about something that has negative implications, but He's not dealing with you to stop it, He's just getting you ready for it