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On the back of Andrew's excellent word last Sunday about being filled with the Holy Spirit, I thought we could have a few more pointers of encouragement about living life full of the Holy Spirit and the great blessings that follow us as Spirit filled believers!

Romans Chapter 8

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not **walk** according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not **walk** according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, **but those who live according to the Spirit, set their minds on the things of the Spirit.** 6 For to be carnally minded is death, **but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.** 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** 15 **For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."** 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—**heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.**

1) We can walk/live full of the Holy Spirit

As Andrew said last Sunday, we can go up and down in our experience of being filled with the Spirit – however, I am convinced that we can walk through all areas of our lives full of the Holy Spirit and led by the Spirit – “Acknowledging Him in all we do so He can direct our paths”

When we are full of the Holy Spirit it's like we are soaring on wings like eagles, riding on His wind and being carried by His power and wisdom – seeing things from a heavenly perspective – from God's perspective where He is completely sovereign and in control – BIG PICTURE!

When we are not overflowing with the Holy Spirit we are more like chickens, pecking the ground and only seeing what is right in front of us – the circumstances, the problems, the natural, the small picture.

It is the plan of the world to constantly try to pull us out of the sky and get us back on the ground – to change our eagles into chickens – to get our minds focussed (set) on earthly things ...

It's our job to keep being filled up when we leak – Asking for more of Him – Lifting our gaze from the world around us up to the heavens “I will LOOK up to the hills from where my help comes from” ...

Colossians 3:1-2:

set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God.

2) Being led by the Spirit is not always comfortable

In Luke 4 we read how Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness – to fast and pray and be tempted by the devil Yikes – That's what I would call an uncomfortable situation – However, when the Holy Spirit leads he also provides! For Jesus the Holy Spirit strengthened Him and brought the Word of God to remembrance when needed! For us, whenever the Holy Spirit leads us into difficult or uncomfortable situations TRUST Him ... “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

3) Being led by the Spirit results in Power

So often we all ask God “Why is this difficult thing happening to me, or even someone we love etc” But sometimes, when we have walked through times of testing, being led by the Holy Spirit – the result is His POWER in our lives! When Jesus came out of the wilderness, the Bible says He came out in the Power of the Holy Spirit – Times of testing or suffering can often lead to men and women of faith growing into a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit and receiving His Power “You shall receive Power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you”

4) Being led by the Spirit is Life and Peace

Pretty self-explanatory this one Life to the max, excitement, joy, fullness and His PEACE! If you need more peace – Ask for more of the Holy Spirit!

5) Being filled with the Holy Spirit is Life to your Body

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

His Spirit in us brings healing and wholeness! And more so – The Holy Spirit breathes new life – In the beginning the Spirit of God hovered over the waters of the deep ready to create, to breathe life into man's nostrils, 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.(Phil 2:13)

Praying for healing is awesome! Healing is awesome! God heals! But I'd still rather be healed AND filled ☺ ... Pray for healing and for the filling of the Holy Spirit!

6) Being led by the Spirit is Sonship not Fear

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

We are no longer slaves to fear! We are sons and daughters of God – adopted into His family and legitimate heirs of all His benefits - Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. (Psalm 103:3-5)

His perfect love casts out all fear – we don't operate from fear but out of thankfulness, love and devotion – willingly following Jesus as the only response to His incredible kindness and goodness to us, going out with JOY and being led forth with PEACE!

7) Being led by the spirit means suffering and death

Philippians 3:7-11

*7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; 10 **that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death,** 11 if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

To have the life of the Spirit means to die to everything else – to actively put to death the misdeeds of the flesh and to trust Him with our very lives !! This means choices, lifestyle, family, career, time - It is an attitude of the heart and a very real decision / resolve to lay our lives down, our rights become no rights, we become bond-servants to Jesus and as a result we inherit the best, fullest amazing life being filled daily with His Spirit!

"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked – Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand anywhere else!"

Keep being filled with the Holy Spirit – Dear Holy Spirit, we love You and we want more of You – fill us again to overflowing – bring healing, wholeness and restoration, cast out all fear, lead and guide us in Your paths, strengthen us against the plans of the enemy, release Your Power in our lives and fill us with your Life and Peace! For Your glory, AMEN.

