Sermon Summary: Feb 24, 2019

**The Larger Christian Life:**

**Removing Obstacles**

* The church is like a “Big Red Tractor” that the people push and pull instead of following the manual and using it like it was intended.
  + The manual and our experience do not fit.
* In order to obtain the larger Christian life it requires both human and heavenly intervention.
* God’s part is that he graciously gifts us with his Holy Spirit according to His grace.
  + The Spirit works in us to transform our lives only by His power.
* Our part is merely to allow the Spirit to work and not to quench the Spirit (1 Thes 5:19).
  + We may quench the Spirit by relying too heavily on our own efforts.
  + We may quench the Spirit by being too comfortable.
  + We may quench the Spirit because we are afraid of being disappointed.
  + We may quench the Spirit because we want the larger Christian life for my own benefit and not for God’s glory.
* We must identify the ways we personally quench the Spirit and seek to remove them before we can be Spirit-filled.

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