# GHOST STORIES – Eerie Empty Heart

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In this closing message of our series, we are considering the dangers of having a heart that is free from evil, but not filled with good. We will examine the warning of Christ to anyone who believes that they can truly live in freedom without being filled with his spirit. God's plan has never been to simply rid us of evil or sin, but to fill us with love and a new spirit.

**Personal Connection**: Have you ever considered how unseen spiritual forces might influence your daily life? Can you share a moment where you felt this might have been true?

**Understanding the Holy Spirit:**

- **Imagery and Identity**: How do you typically picture the Holy Spirit? Did the sermon's explanations or metaphors (e.g., wind, fire, breath) change your understanding?
- **Presence and Power**: How does knowing the Holy Spirit is God's presence with us impact your relationship with God?
- **Old vs. New Testament**: The Holy Spirit worked in unique ways in the Old Testament (e.g., empowering specific individuals). How is this different from how the Holy Spirit works now?

**Spiritual Practices:**

- **Empty vs. Filled**: The sermon highlighted the danger of an "empty house" in our hearts. How can you actively ensure your life is filled with the Holy Spirit?
- **Transformation**: Have you experienced a time when you felt the Holy Spirit changing you from the inside out? What did that look like?

**Personal Application:**

- **Daily Filling**: What steps can you take this week to seek the fullness of the Holy Spirit in your life?
- **Practical Impact**: How does understanding that you have the power of the Holy Spirit already within you influence your approach to life's difficulties?
- **Love and Fruit of the Spirit**: What does it look like to live a life filled with the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.)? Which of these do you feel God is calling you to grow in right now?

**Group Dynamics:**

- **Shared Experiences**: Have you seen examples of others being filled with the Holy Spirit that inspired you? How did their lives reflect His work?
- **Encouragement in Community**: How can this group help each other be more aware of the Holy Spirit's work and presence in our lives?

**Pray together.**