



WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION—THE HOLY SPIRIT

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A LIVING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD—BECAUSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have a living breathing relationship with God because of the HOLY SPIRIT. We don't live on a treadmill of Religion where we go nowhere. There is so many religions in the world and it's just a treadmill, and you're going nowhere. —But we have a LIVING BREATHING REAL RELATIONSHIP with God that's going on for eternity—for ever and ever and ever—because of the HOLY SPIRIT given to us now. He is here now in our midst and in our lives.

RELATIONSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER

When God brings you in a divine connection, connects you with someone, that RELATIONSHIP is valuable to God, and we should always have a *mutual RESPECT*, a *mutual HONOR* one for another in those relationships. And that's what life is all about. Because you don't want to do life alone. Life alone isn't fun. So we need one another. And that's why God made us a BODY, and *made us INTERDEPENDENT on each other*, kind of like if you look at your human body, the anatomy that Paul uses in 1 Corinthians 12 as an example of the BODY of CHRIST. He says, "Look we need each other." Nobody says, "Hey you know, I'm tired of this hand today, and I'm just going to slam it in the door because I'm not happy with it." No. You're going to be screaming first. It's not going well for you because the body is interconnected.

THE BODY IS INTERCONNECTED
IF ONE OF US IS HURTING—ALL OF US ARE HURTING

So we got to, and the only way to have this *tender compassion* and *wisdom* towards one another is BY THE HOLY SPIRIT. Because you really can't be critical and judgmental of others. It doesn't mean that you don't have BOUNDARIES. It doesn't mean you're not wise. In Philippians 1:9-12 it talks about that **we must love, we must grow and abound in love more and more**. But it says that YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND still more and more in KNOWLEDGE and all DISCERNMENT.

Philippians 1:9-12—And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, 10 that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, 11 being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

The word *discernment* here means: to separate something, like a machine all its different parts, each function and use, and then put it back together. That's kind of what LOVE is. So it doesn't mean that you just love blindly, where you don't have boundaries. —You have to protect your children. Our world has some crazy ideas what love is. But what we're looking for is **God's definition of LOVE**. He said **WISDOM is the principal thing**. He didn't say LOVE is the principal thing. So WISDOM is principal because LOVE IS WHO GOD IS. But He is also the one who grants us WISDOM—**He loves in WISDOM**. That's WISDOM right there! You got to love in some knowledge here, you got to have some DISCERNMENT. So you **abound in LOVE** as you *mature in Love*, it says, in more knowledge and all discernment...

Philippians 1:10—that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,

So you will be sincere as a believer by the help of the HOLY SPIRIT and GENUINE LOVE—but also keeping your eyes open a little bit. We don't just love blindly. Now we offer this Agape LOVE. God offers an Agape LOVE through His people, yes—but that does not mean that you have no healthy boundaries.

And it says, "*you won't get offended*". Why? Because when you have **SINCERE LOVE**, and you're **OPERATING IN WISDOM**, and YOUR LOVE IS GENUINE, it's *excellent*, it's *powerful*, it's *effective to help the person*—but at the same time, you're not *offended* because they didn't violate a boundary of yours that you now get offended because they crossed a boundary that you weren't feeling

comfortable about it but you let them in. So LOVE doesn't mean that you just let anybody abuse you. That's not love. So if you subject yourself to abuse then that's not Love. Love is also protecting your family.

RECAP / Pastor Dennis

Need for us to be "*FRUIT-Inspectors*". We talk a lot about HUMILITY and we look at GIFTINGS. And giftings have potential to puff us up—"Look at my gifting", "look at my talent", "look at my abilities". It was so powerful how you (Dr. Faisal) contrasted HUMILITY versus PRIDE, and talking about the SOUL TRAPS—PRIDE being a SOUL TRAP. Sense of "Holy Spirit I need you to help me identify some of these SOUL TRAPS in my life." We weren't even aware most of the time of some of these things that we walk in—especially when we walk in PRIDE. Because PRIDE brings spiritual deception in our lives and in our hearts. We might not even know what SOUL TRAPS we have.

➡ **We need the Holy Spirit to IDENTIFY these things**

So last weeks message was very empowering. And I feel where God wants to take us as a church, we have to deal with these things. We want to move forward into the greater things that God has for us. And I know that God has some incredible things for us as a church. But looking at us, looking at myself, looking at the church in general, we feel like we're so far away. But yet when we hear truths like shared last week, and even the week before, and even through the *RISE OF AI SUMMIT*, I just realize that God loves us enough to share and minister these profound truths with us because HIS TRUTH BRINGS FREEDOM. And we want to experience FREEDOM, but we want to be free for a PURPOSE. We want to do something with what God's given us. We want to see an incredible MOVE of GOD. Talking about the nation, political parties, the government we get pretty discouraged pretty quick.

We know the answer: **We need God**. We need a MOVE of GOD. And **it takes us cooperating with the person of the Holy Spirit**. And we have to IDENTIFY some of these SOUL TRAPS—the PRIDE-TRAP, the OFFENSE-TRAP, the FALSE OBLIGATION TRAP. All these things are so paramount for us to be able to move forward. And I felt that God's cleansing something, even as He's dealt with rebellion and stuff. I just feel that *God's cleansing the ATMOSPHERE of our lives so that we can EXPERIENCE the ENCOUNTERS that God wants us to experience*. Because this nation needs a GOD ENCOUNTER. We want to say, "God, we want God Encounters in our lives." **Because that's what it's going to SHIFT US into that ATMOSPHERE or that environment where the HOLY SPIRIT longs to be in.**

It's like, "Wow Lord, you love us enough, **Holy Spirit I embrace the truth.**" Because correction is not fun. Hearing rebuke is not fun. It's not comfortable—but the reality is: We need it! Because it is for our GROWTH. The world talks about personal GROWTH all the time, and there's nothing wrong with personal growth.

➡ **But I want to SEE CHRIST GROWTH in me**

➡ I want to see the GOD FACTOR

➡ I want to see that GROWTH IN ME

Not just bettering myself so I could accomplish more

➡ **But I want to see the SPIRIT OF GOD ON THE INSIDE OF ME GROW MORE,** and have more of a FREEDOM TO MOVE in my life.

And if we all have this attitude as the church we begin to create this **CORPORATE COLLECTIVE ENVIRONMENT**—creating a Container for the GLORY OF GOD to come and MANIFEST in our midst.

➡ That is the answer that we need to see in the world

Even when talking about the day of PENTECOST {today} that was a *KAIROS moment in time* that God had written before time began. **But it happened because THE EARLY CHURCH WAS IN POSITION** of the AGAPE LOVE, the Selflessness. There was TRUE UNITY—There wasn't this Pride. There was HUMILITY flowing freely, because it says that there was great GRACE on the church. So in there being great GRACE, there must have been great HUMILITY.

➡ God is setting us up TO BE THAT CONTAINER that He wants to use TO MANIFEST HIS GLORY in the earth. And I (Pastor Dennis) get excited in my spirit because I see the WISDOM of God in helping us break free from these chains, and these bondages, and these vices that the enemy's allowed to use to keep the church restricted and under. And I believe that the early church was just the starting point.—There is so much more God wants to do in us and through us in the times we live in, and we're just sitting here saying...

➡ HOLY SPIRIT have YOUR WAY—whatever You need to do—whatever attitude You need to pull out of me—*You are more than WELCOME to do that*—Because I just want to **SEE YOUR KINGDOM COME—YOUR WILL BE DONE**—and **YOUR GLORY MANIFEST in the earth**. Because that is the heart of the FATHER.

Dr. Faisal Malick

The question then perhaps becomes...

➡ Are we taking the HOLY SPIRIT for granted?

Because when the HOLY SPIRIT first came in Acts 2 on the day of Pentecost, and literally they didn't have anything to take for granted. Because they haven't experienced this yet. And so they RECEIVED THE HOLY SPIRIT WHOLE-HEARTEDLY. And they just began to YIELD TO HIM more and more, and just follow Him through the process. And as they would go, the SPIRIT OF GOD would move amongst the people and He would add to the church daily such as should be saved. That's an incredible experience! But He was not taken for granted.

And sometimes in the culture that we grow up in, the HOLY SPIRIT is taken for granted, or He's misunderstood. We don't necessarily know WHO THE HOLY SPIRIT IS. Is He an "it"? Or is He a person? We know He's not an "it"! And some people think, Well, the Holy Spirit is gifts, or the Holy Spirit is tongues. The Bible says, Tongues and gifts are all going to cease one day but the HOLY SPIRIT's not going to cease to exist—Because HE IS GOD. And that's important to understand that.

If you understand who He actually is immediately you're like, *God I don't want to take Him for granted*. And **that begins your ADVENTURE as a believer and a follower of Jesus**.

That's what we're referring to when we're talking about COLLECTIVELY GOING TO COME IN THIS PLACE where we can have the **GLORY OF GOD IN OUR MIDST**. And all the GLORY is, is GOD SHOWING UP and saying, "*Hey, I want to hang out*". And the thing with God is, He's always omnipresent everywhere and anywhere at all times simultaneously.

➡ But there is times where GOD MANIFESTS HIS PRESENCE where His PRESENCE becomes experientially possible for you—That's called the **MANIFEST PRESENCE of God**.

➡ But then there is the **HABITATION PRESENCE OF GOD**—when God JUST COMES and SITS AMONG US, like you are seated. *Imagine if God just walked in the room and— BOOM ✨—sat down*. I mean, *this room is going to change!* **The ATMOSPHERE is going to CHANGE!**

➡ *That's the kind of RELATIONSHIP, and INTIMACY, and CONNECTION God would like to have with his church!* We are according to Ephesians 2 the DWELLING PLACE of God, by and through the spirit.

So this is where God is headed. That's where He's taking the church. That's why there is this hunger in our hearts where we want to EXPERIENCE the COMMUNION and FELLOWSHIP with the FATHER, with the SON, with the HOLY SPIRIT

WORKING OUT OUR SALVATION—THE HOLY SPIRIT

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*Philippians 2:12-13—Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.***

There must be some fear and awe involved with salvation.

The Greek word for salvation is "sozo"

Salvation is in your Spirit but you need to work it out with your soul.

God himself is working in you to will.
The gifts of the Holy Spirit are powerful. But if you miss out on love you will misuse the gifts.
The gifts are important. The power of the Holy Spirit is incredible. But there is also the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT. This fruit grows on your spirit.

**THE SIGN OF MATURITY OF A BELIEVER
IS TO *BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT***

Romans 8:14—For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

LOVE is also a SIGN OF MATURITY.

*2. Corinthians 3:12-13 TPT—So then, with this amazing hope living in us, we step out in freedom and boldness to speak the truth. 13 **We are not like Moses, who used a veil to hide the glory** to keep the Israelites from staring at him as it faded away.*

The glory of the Old Covenant was fading away under the New Covenant. Moses has to put a VEIL on his face because they couldn't take it

*2 Corinthians 3:14 TPT—Their minds were closed and hardened, **for even to this day that same veil comes over their minds when they hear the words of the former covenant.** The veil has not yet been lifted from them, **for it is only eliminated when one is joined to the Messiah.***

Their MINDS are BLINDED because there's a VEIL

*2 Corinthians 3:15 TPT—So until now, whenever the Old Testament is being read, **the same blinding comes over their hearts.***

The same VEIL comes on their hearts.

*2 Corinthians 3:16 TPT—**But the moment one turns to the Lord with an open heart, the veil is lifted and they see.***

THE MOMENT THEY TURN TO THE LORD, THE VEIL IS LIFTED

2 Corinthians 3:17 TPT—Now, the "Lord" I'm referring to is the Holy Spirit, and wherever he is Lord, there is freedom.

THE LORD REMOVING THE VEIL IS THE HOLY SPIRIT

Your freedom in Christianity comes from the person of the HOLY SPIRIT. *But He has to be the LORD over our decisions and actions.*

The entire chapter of 2 Corinthians 3 is prepping us that it is the Holy Spirit.

And people try to tread on the **xxx**

1 Corinthians 12:1-3—Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that[a] you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb[b] idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

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Romans 8:13—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.

How do you deal with your Old Nature? By the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals the Word to you and helps you to put to death the deeds of the Old Nature.

Real Christianity is the Holy Spirit working...

GRACE ALWAYS BRINGS SALVATION and teaches us how to

*Titus 2:11-12—For the **grace of God that brings salvation** has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,*

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Romans 5:17—For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.)

We receive GRACE through the Holy Spirit.

If you want to be a true believer, you have to work out things with you. We want to work with Him. The relationship with God is something that God trusts you, and we trust Him.

2 Corinthians 3:14—The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

Text

2 Corinthians 3:17 TPT—Now, the “Lord” I’m referring to is the Holy Spirit, and wherever he is Lord, there is freedom.

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*2 Corinthians 3:18—We can all **draw close to him with the veil removed from our faces.** And with no veil **we all become like mirrors who brightly reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus.** We are being **transfigured into his very image** as we move from one brighter level of glory to another. And this glorious transfiguration comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

There is no more veil their anymore.

God wants the real nature of you—the CHRIST NATURE—shine through you. The image of Jesus. By the HOLY SPIRIT.

IF YOU ALLOW THE **HOLY SPIRIT** TO COME TO YOU
AND YOU ARE **HUMBLE**—GRACE COMES

When we go to the LAW, the source is wrong.

WE NEED THE HOLY SPIRIT

And as we get to know Him.

We want a covenant relationship with the Holy Spirit, not just a backseat relationship.

Without the Holy Spirit we can't go anywhere.

*James 4:6 TPT—But **he continues to pour out more and more grace upon us.** For it says, “God resists you when you are proud but **continually pours out grace when you are humble.**”*

James is saying: The only solution to all the problems is GRACE.—Sometimes we get too caught up in ourselves. It is not about us. It's the Holy Spirit, the GRACE is coming.

Jesus loves His church—even though she's struggling.

Just you acknowledging that you need ... that is already HUMILITY.

*Romans 8:10-11—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.***

CONDEMNATION VERSUS CONVICTION

Condemnation comes not from the Holy Spirit. Conviction comes from the Holy Spirit.

Conviction comes through your Spirit. When you feel conviction your CONSCIENCE is alive.

*2 Corinthians 7:1—Therefore, having these promises, beloved, **let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.***

The inward man is renewing and getting stronger every day.

CONVICTION is of your Spirit. That means *your Spirit must cooperate.*

When you're in the process of conviction and you...

You can't deal with the conscience if your Spirit is not softened.

*1 John 3:20—**For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.***

Prayer when your conscience gets seared, ask the Holy Spirit to make you tender.

Christianity becomes more about following Jesus.

We repent in humility and Holy Spirit cleanses our conscience and makes us tender.

HUMILITY is attracting people

Hebrews 10:29—'Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

Holy Spirit is the Spirit of GRACE. The Holy Spirit brings us hope.

HUMILITY gives us more access to the GRACE of God.

Wherever the Holy Spirit goes He oozes out GRACE.

We can't do Christianity without the HOLY SPIRIT

➡ The HOLY SPIRIT is OUR HELPER—We need to yield more to Him.

➡ We don't want to quench the Holy Spirit

➡ We don't want to vex the Holy Spirit

➡ We don't want to insult the Holy Spirit

Not honoring the blood of Christ, the Holy Spirit is being insulted.

How do we insult the blood? Not receiving forgiveness by the blood of Christ—Or by doing away with sin.

➡ Don't insult the HOLY SPIRIT with your PRIDE

➡ Don't insult the HOLY SPIRIT with your SPIRITUAL PRIDE

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John 16:13—'However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. '

The HOLY SPIRIT is always in line with the WORD.

The HOLY SPIRIT is the one that will guide you into all TRUTH.

We want to grow in the HOLY SPIRIT.—And it starts with HUMILITY.

It's also about who you are becoming. That's the real destiny here.

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