

**HOLD THE LINE P. 3 – “HOLY SPIRIT 101 - THE POWER TO CHANGE”**

**KNOW: WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES AND WHO HE IS**

**DO: APPLY OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TO OUR LIVES SO THAT WE FOLLOW HIM AND ACT ON WHAT WE BELIEVE!**

**HUGE THANK YOU TO SET UP PEOPLE - SIGN UP FOR ONE SUNDAY A MONTH TODAY!**

**INTRO. WE ARE GOING THROUGH THE BOOK OF ACTS ON SUNDAYS AND THE BOOK, “FORGOTTEN GOD” BY FRANCIS CHAN IN OUR MIDWEEK GROUPS. THIS WEEK WE ARE LEARNING MORE ABOUT WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES AND WHO HE IS.**

**THE “ACTS” OF THE APOSTLES IS ABOUT WHAT THEY *DID* WITH WHAT THEY *KNEW*.**

**\*SPOILER WARNING – IN THE "FORGOTTEN GOD" VIDEO PORTION THIS WEEK FRANCIS CHAN GIVES AN ANALOGY OF A FOOTBALL HUDDLE – AND HOW WEIRD IT WOULD BE IF THE QUARTERBACK CAME**

**UP WITH THIS WINNING PLAN AND ALL THE TEAM MEMBERS GOT EXCITED. THEN WHEN THEY BREAK, THEY JUST KEEP GOING BACK AND SITTING ON THE BENCH WITHOUT PLAYING IN THE GAME.**

**\*MAY SOUND STRANGE, BUT THIS IS WHAT IS GOING ON WITH MANY CHURCHES AND CHURCH MEMBERS EVERY SUNDAY!**

**THAT IS NOT THE CASE AS WE READ ABOUT WHAT THE EARLY CHURCH *DID* WITH WHAT THEY *KNEW*!**

- **AFTER THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME UPON THE CHURCH IN A POWERFUL WAY, WE PICK UP THE STORY IN **ACTS 3:1-10****

**One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. <sup>2</sup> Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. <sup>3</sup> When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. <sup>4</sup> Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” <sup>5</sup> So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.**

**<sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” <sup>7</sup> Taking him by**

the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man's feet and ankles became strong. <sup>8</sup> He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. <sup>9</sup> When all the people saw him walking and praising God, <sup>10</sup> they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

- **THIS MAN WAS LAME FROM BIRTH AND EVERYBODY IN THE AREA KNEW HIM WELL. CROWD STARTED LOOKING AT PETER AND JOHN AS IF DEITY. . .**
- **ACTS 3:12-20**

When Peter saw this, he said to them: “Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? <sup>13</sup> The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup> You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup> By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and

know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

- **17 “Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. 18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer. 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, 20 and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.**
- **SIGNS AND WONDERS IN THE EARLY CHURCH GIVEN TO AUTHENTICATE THE NEW MESSAGE OF THE GOSPEL.**
- **JESUS FIRST WAS “GOD’S ANOINTED FOR GOD’S APPOINTED” (THE JEWS FIRST, THEN THE GENTILES). THEY WENT TO THE PLACES WHERE THE JEWS SPENT THEIR TIME BEFORE BEING DISPERSED AS JESUS SAID WOULD HAPPEN IN ACTS 1:8**
- **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”.**

**\*NOW PICK UP THE STORY IN ACTS 4:1-4**

The priests and the captain of the temple guard and the Sadducees came up to Peter and John while they were speaking to the people. <sup>2</sup> They were greatly disturbed because the apostles were teaching the people, proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection of the dead. <sup>3</sup> They seized Peter and John and, because it was evening, they put them in jail until the next day. <sup>4</sup> But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

**- THEN NEXT DAY = ACTS 4:5-12**

The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: "By what power or what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: *It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed.* <sup>11</sup> Jesus is

**“the stone you builders rejected,  
which has become the cornerstone.’<sup>[a]</sup>**

**<sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”**

**- ACTS 4:13-14 When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were *astonished* and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. =**

**NOTHING THEY COULD SAY. EYEWITNESS EVIDENCE, CHANGED LIVES, AND MIRACULOUS SIGNS – VERY POWERFUL!!**

**THEY SAW THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKING POWERFULLY THROUGH THESE GUYS. COULD THE SAME BE SAID ABOUT US??**

- I. Why we need the Holy Spirit – practical strengths the Spirit of God gives ( get your pens ready!):**

- A. **Courage to Stand** – LIKE WE SEE HERE.**

**Speaking up respectfully and earning the right to be heard by our actions. Boldness does not mean loudness.**

**WHEN PERSECUTED JESUS SAID THE SPIRIT WOULD HELP US KNOW WHAT TO SAY – MARK 13:11**  
**Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.**

**B. Character Fruits – GALATIANS 5:22-23 –**

**But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.**

**INCREASE OVER TIME (SPOKE TO MY FAMILY MORE THAN WORDS). We never have to clean up our issues on our own!**

**C. Strength to overcome our circumstances – REACTION OF PETER AND JOHN AND THE OTHER APOSTLES**

**ACTS 4:23-24 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the**

chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.; v. 29-31 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

<sup>31</sup> After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were *all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

#### **D. Power to resist temptation – Galatians 5:16**

**So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. (You can't sin at the same time unless you suppress the Spirit!)**

#### **E. Gifts for Service**

**1 Corinthians 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the**



**common good. (Will help you deal w.  
Loneliness and lack of purpose)**

## **II. Who is the Holy Spirit (not what)?**

**What you believe will determine how you will act!**

**\*FIRST OF ALL TO EXPLAIN GOD IN HUMAN TERMS =  
A LITTLE LIKE EXPLAINING COLOR TO A BLIND MAN.  
BUT GOD HAS REVEALED ALL WE NEED TO KNOW!**

**HOW CAN YOU FORM A RELATIONSHIP WITH  
SOMEONE IF YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THEY REALLY  
ARE?**

**\*\*NOT AN EXHAUSTIVE LIST BY ANY MEANS IN ONE  
SERMON! BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO KNOW  
EVERYTHING NOW. WE WILL DISCOVER MORE  
THROUGHOUT LIFE.**

**Holy Spirit 101**

**\*STICK WITH US IF YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS  
STUFF – GOOD REVIEW AND VERSES YOU CAN  
SHOW SOMEONE ELSE. IF YOU HAVE HEARD THIS**

**BEFORE, MAYBE YOU HAVE LOST YOUR WONDER – CHALLENGE YOU TO BE IN AWE THAT THE ONE WITH THESE QUALITIES LIVES INSIDE OF YOU IF YOU ARE A CHRIST FOLLOWER WHO HAS INVITED HIM IN!!**

**IF YOU ARE LOOKING MORE FOR A MESSAGE ON PRACTICAL HELP FOR YOUR ISSUES – ADDICTION, A BAD TEMPER, BITTERNESS, MARITAL ISSUES, LONELINESS, RAISING YOUR KIDS, ETC. REALIZE THIS IS THE POWER SOURCE THAT IS GOING TO HELP YOU DEAL WITH ALL OF THAT.**

**\*STORY OF JAN AND JOHN PASCOE, 65 and 70 - 6 HOURS IN NEIGHBOR'S POOL FULL OF ASH AND DEBRIS AS WIND AND FIRE LIKE A HURRICANE CLOSED IN. 55 DEGREE WATER. AT FIRST LIGHT THEY WALKED OUT AND WERE REUNITED WITH LOVED ONES. LOOKED LIKE THE APOCALYPSE EXCEPT FOR ANGEL STATUE.**

**WE MUST CLING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT WITH OUR SPIRIT TO SURVIVE THE TOXICITY OF THE WORLD AROUND US! THAT'S WHY WE WANT TO KNOW HIM BETTER!**

- A. God is triune – SIMPLE EXPLANATIONS HELP, BUT DON'T COVER IT ALL.**
- **3 POINT STAGE OF H2O**
  - **APPLE – CORE, SKIN, STEM**
  - **EGG – SHELL, WHITE, YOKE – ONE EGG**
  - **WE = MADE UP OF BODY, MIND, SPIRIT YET ONE PERSON MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE.**
  - **WORD "TRINITY" IS NOT IN THE BIBLE, BUT DENOTES WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES.**
  - **MATTHEW 28:19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,**
  - **ISAIAH 9:6 For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given. . .  
And he will be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
  - **YET THE BIBLE TEACHES ONE GOD**
  - **ISA. 43:10-11 “You are my witnesses,” declares the LORD,  
“and my servant whom I have chosen,  
so that you may know and believe me  
and understand that I am he.  
Before me no god was formed,**

**nor will there be one after me.**

**<sup>11</sup> I, even I, am the LORD,  
and apart from me there is no savior.**

**-COLOSSIANS 2:9 For in Christ all the fullness of  
the Deity lives in bodily form,**

**B. The Holy Spirit is God – THE TITLE “GOD” IS  
USED INTERCHANGEABLY WITH THE SPIRIT –  
ACTS 5:3-4 Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it  
that Satan has so filled your heart that you have  
lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself  
some of the money you received for the land?  
4...What made you think of doing such a thing?  
You have not lied just to human beings *but to  
God.*”**

**YOU CAN'T LIE TO AN “IT” OR AN IMPERSONAL  
FORCE!**

- THE HOLY SPIRIT'S ATTRIBUTES IN THE BIBLE  
ARE THE SAME AS GOD'S.**
- HE IS OMNIPOTENT – ZECHARIAH 4:6**

- **HE IS OMNIPRESENT – PSALM 139:7-12**
- **HE IS OMNISCIENT – 1 CORINTHIANS 2:10-11**
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- **THE SCRIPTURES APPLY THE ABOVE ATTRIBUTES TO GOD ALONE!**
- **SO. . .**
- **The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are ONE in essence with 3 distinct personalities.**
- **If there is only ONE God in scripture and the 3 personalities are referred to as God, then the 3 personalities are the ONE God.**

**Three things = to the same thing are = to each other.**

**C. The Holy Spirit lives inside of us and we are His temple if we are true Christ followers.**

**– 1 Corinthians 6:19 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are**

**not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price.  
Therefore honor God with your bodies.**

**KNOWING THIS SHOULD EFFECT THE WAY WE  
TREAT OUR BODIES AND WHAT WE USE THEM  
FOR) NOW YOU MIGHT SEE WHY HE IS THE  
SOURCE FOR HELP WITH YOUR ISSUES.**

**D. The Holy Spirit has mind, will, and emotions –  
Romans 8:27**

**And he who searches our hearts knows the mind  
of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for  
God's people in accordance with the will of God. 1  
Cor. 12:11; Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve the  
Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for  
the day of redemption.**

**E. Convicts us of sin to lead us to repentance and a  
right relationship with God.**

**THE HOLY SPIRIT CONVICTS, SATAN CONDEMNS.**

**1 Thessalonians 1:5 because our gospel came to  
you not simply with words but also with power,**

**with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.**

**F. He is a Counselor and Comforter PSALM 143:10;**

**John 14:16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever (SATAN IS NOT YOUR ADVOCATE, HE'S YOUR ADVERSARY AND ACCUSER!)**

**THE SPIRIT TEACHES US AND REMINDS US OF WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW – IE, WILL CALL VERSES FROM HIS WORD AND PEOPLE TO YOUR ATTENTION - HE WILL NEVER CONTRADICT HIS REVEALED WORD.)**

**G. The Spirit gives us hope – Romans 15:13**

**May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.– SO NEEDED RIGHT NOW! (REFER TO "NEXT 10" COMMITMENTS)**

**\*\*THERE WILL BE TIME TO GO MORE IN DEPTH  
IN GROUP THIS WEEK**

**AGAIN FOCUS IS ON KNOWING VS KNOWING  
ABOUT!**

### **III. WHAT SHALL WE DO?**

- A. RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO STAY ON THE  
BENCH. ASK THE SPIRIT TO GUIDE YOU EVERY  
DAY. “Practice the Presence”**

**All the power in the universe is irrelevant if not put to  
use!**

**SHOW LUKE SKYWALKER PIC HERE - If this is what  
Luke does with his power he really will be "the Last  
Jedi"!**

**\*WHAT IF I AM NOT EXPERIENCING THE WORK OF  
THE SPIRIT THAT WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT  
TODAY?? DON'T BE DISCOURAGED. AS YOU GET**



**TO KNOW HIM BETTER OVER TIME YOU WILL EXPERIENCE MORE.**

**IF YOU DON'T THINK YOU HAVE HIM, ASK! (LUKE 11:13). JAMES 4:2**

**ASK GOD TO FILL YOU WITH HIS SPIRIT AS YOU SUBMIT YOUR WILL TO HIS.**

**\*ILLUS. – THRONES AND CLOSETS**

**CONCLUSION:**

**QUESTION FROM WORKBOOK FOR THIS WEEK:**

**HOW SHOULD THE TRUTHS WE LEARNED TODAY BEGIN TO SHAPE THE WAY YOU ACT?**

**Without an accurate understanding of who the Spirit is, we could spend our lives actually pursuing something that grieves the Spirit. AN IDOL OF THE MIND CAN BE AS HARMFUL AS ONE MADE WITH HANDS!**

**“THE FORCE” IS SCIENCE FICTION. SCIENTOLOGY SAYS YOU HAVE AN ALIEN INSIDE TO HELP YOU.**

**BUT WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT, WITH GOD REALLY LIVING INSIDE YOU, ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!**

**If you missed any of the scripture references today, Alan always posts the complete sermon notes on our website where you can listen to Sunday’s message.**

**END W. STORY OF DOMINGO AND IRENE GARCIA, P. 59. “FORGOTTEN GOD” BOOK.**

**HES A MECHANIC, SHE IS A HAIR DRESSER**

**HAVE BEEN PARENTS TO 35 foster kids**

**IN LATE 50's with 11**

**have to practice fruit of the Spirit**

**TAKE JAMES 1:27 to heart - out of 500,000 foster kids in America.**

**IRENE PRAYING TO EXPAND HOUSE TO ADOPT MORE KIDS saw a contractors sign for building on addition. Prayed and church men built for free thru same contractor**

**Early in their marriage he was abusive. She used to pray he would die. Now calls him most godly man she knows. Not all that common, but could be!**

**THE SPIRIT CAN TRANSFORM IF WE LET HIM! IT MAY TAKE TIME AND A LOT MORE CHARACTER WORK, BUT HE IS THE KEY TO MAKING EVERYTHING ELSE WORK IN TERMS OF LIFE AND CHARACTER!**

**NOW IS A TIME TO INVITE HIM IN OR REDEDICATE. WE WILL BE HERE TO PRAY WITH YOU!**