



A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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HOLY SPIRIT

PART V: CALLED TO COMMUNITY

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT). *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship ["community"] those who were being saved.*

If we are not intentional, church can become a place where we attend, rather than a community to which we belong.

John Stott: *"The church is at the very center of God's eternal purposes. It is not a divine afterthought. It is not an accident of history. On the contrary, the church is God's new community."*

REMEMBER: A life filled with the Spirit is not lived in isolation, but in intentional communion with other believers.

Ephesians 2:19-21 (NLT). *So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.*

WHAT THE CHURCH FILLED WITH HIS HOLY SPIRIT LOOKS LIKE:

1. THE HOLY SPIRIT PROVIDING THE [POWER] THAT DRIVES OUR COMMUNITY.

Acts 1:8 (NLT). *But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

2. THE HOLY SPIRIT INSPIRING THE [UNITY] THAT SUSTAINS OUR COMMUNITY.

Charles Spurgeon. *The day we find a perfect church, it becomes imperfect the moment we join it. Yet, though fellowship in the church is not without imperfections, it is a means of grace and one of the most blessed privileges of the Christian life.*

Ephesians 4:3-4 (NIV). *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;*

Matthew 18:19-20 (NLT). *“I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.”*

3. THE HOLY SPIRIT SUPPLYING THE [SEED] THAT MAKES OUR COMMUNITY GROW.

Ephesians 3:20 (NLT). *Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.*



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