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For additional details on this sermon please refer to chapter 9, from our APC book "Understanding The Prophetic". Thank you.

REVIEW

- 1) Quickening of Scripture
- 2) The assurance within
- 3) The Desire within
- 4) The knowing within
- 5) The prompting within
- 6) The stirring within
- 7) The foreknowledge within
- 8) The warning within

LED BY THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:14-16

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

FIVE FACULTIES OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT

Hear, see, feel, taste, smell.

HEARING

John 10:27

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

Revelation 2:7

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches..."

SEEING



God through His Spirit can speak through our faculty of seeing. We see pictures. These are dreams or visions we see. There are many different kinds of dreams and visions. We mentions a few. Generally, what we “see” when asleep at night we refer to as a dream or night vision. What we “see” in our spirit, when awake we refer to as vision.

Dream/Night vision : Paul’s Macedonian call (Acts 16:9-10)

Pictures (Inner vision)

An inner vision is a picture we see in our spirit.

Here we are not looking into the spirit realm, but the picture is shown in our spirit.

God communicates to us through the pictures He shows us.

Here are some examples:

Jeremiah 1:11-12

11 Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, what do you see?" And I said, "I see a branch of an almond tree."

12 Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am ready to perform My word."

Jeremiah 1:13-14

13 And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, and it is facing away from the north."

14 Then the LORD said to me: "Out of the north calamity shall break forth On all the inhabitants of the land."

Sometimes in our spirit we see (perceive) the nature of the other person. We may even see something about their life. Example when Jesus met Nathanael.

John 1:47-48

47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!"

48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."

Open vision

An open vision is what we see when God enables us to see in the spiritual realm.

There are many different kinds of open visions as seen in the Bible.

We are just mentioning one here:



Ananias having a vision of the Lord speaking and instructing him (Acts 9:10-16).

KNOWING (SENSING, FEELING)

John 3:8

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

We can feel in our spirit:

- Peace (Colossians 3:15): A feeling of peace indicates all is well.
- Stirred or provoked (Acts 17:16-17): A stirring in your spirit is a call to action, to do something about the situation.
- Compelled (Acts 18:5): A feeling of being compelled is usually a call to action, to do something about the situation.
- Bound (Acts 20:22-23): A feeling of tightness or uneasiness is a warning not to go or do something and that some danger is nearby.
- Restlessness (2 Corinthians 2:13): a moving to action, to do something, or an indication that something needs to be looked into.
- Bitterness, heat (Ezekiel 3:14): A feeling of anger is usually again a call to action.
- Spirit fell upon me (Ezekiel 11:5): A weighty feeling is usually an indication of His presence over you, the anointing coming over you and so on.

SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS

There are many different kinds of spiritual encounters through which God leads and guides us. We only mention a few.

Overwhelmed By His Presence (2 Kings 3:15)

There was the “hand of the Lord” an overwhelming presence, followed by a prophetic word.

Angel releasing Peter and John from prison and instructing them what to do (Acts 5:17-20).

The Lord comes beside Paul when he is arrested in Jerusalem and encourages him for all that lies ahead (Acts 23:11).

DIFFERENTIATING BETWEEN SPIRIT AND SOUL



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When learning to listen to the Holy Spirit, start in simple ways. Learn to listen and obey in small things.

Example:

A child is born with the faculty to hear, see, feel - and yet the child needs to learn and be trained to recognize and distinguish things.

Learning to play a sport (e.g. tennis). We start with the basics, and then progress.

To determine whether what we are hearing, seeing or sensing is from the Holy Spirit and not from our own emotions (soul), we must:

Validate with the Word (Hebrews 4:12)

Validate with the peace of God (Colossians 3:15)

Validate by proving it out (Ephesians 5:10)

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

TESTING YOUR LEADING AND SPIRITUAL ENCOUNTERS

1 Thessalonians 5:20-22

20 Do not despise prophecies.

21 Test all things; hold fast what is good.

22 Abstain from every form of evil.

We must test what we receive with the Word, with our renewed minds, and where necessary with the help of godly counsel.

SUMMARY

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: Romans 8:14-16; John 10:27; 1 Thessalonians 5:20-22

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, In this sermon we discussed how God communicates with us through the faculties of our spirit – the spiritual faculties of hearing, seeing and feeling (sensing). Discuss these spiritual faculties and share any experiences you have had in hearing from the Holy Spirit through these spiritual faculties. What were the outcomes?



2, For us to differentiate spiritual leading from our own emotions, and to test what we are receiving spiritually, we mentioned the following:

Validate with the Word (Hebrews 4:12)

Validate with the peace of God (Colossians 3:15)

Validate by proving it out (Ephesians 5:10)

Discuss with some practical examples how you would apply these to test what you may be hearing, seeing or feeling in your spirit.

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



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USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

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SERMON OUTLINE

In this sermon we explain how the Holy Spirit leads and communicates to us through our spiritual faculties of hearing, seeing, and feeling. We share how to differentiate between the Holy Spirit's leading and our own feelings. A simple message that will encourage and perhaps stretch you to learn to listen to God and be led by the Holy Spirit.

KEYWORDS

Led by the Holy Spirit, leading of the Holy Spirit, inner witness of the Holy Spirit, receiving God's guidance, hearing from the Spirit, seeing by the Spirit, sensing the Holy Spirit, sermons, sermon notes, sermon outline, free sermon notes, free sermon outlines, Bible study resources

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