



**Series:** Discipleshift

**Sermon:** Part 5: From Striving to Thriving (Shift 4)

**Date:** Sunday, March 10th, 2024

*Scripture referenced in sermon: John 15:5-8*

The disciples had to wait for the Holy Spirit, because the world wouldn't be changed by self-reliant people, but it would be changed by God-reliant people who were surrendered to God and His purposes.

*“Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,” says the Lord Almighty. (Zechariah 4:6)*

*“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.” (Acts 1:8)*

Dunamis power: the miraculous, supernatural power and strength of \_\_\_\_\_ that destroys sin, breaks down barriers, and makes the impossible possible.

*Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. As soon as Jesus was baptized, He went up out of the water. At that moment Heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from Heaven said, “This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.” (Matthew 3:13, 16-17)*

Because Jesus knew that He was already loved by His Father, He lived and functioned out of the love that He \_\_\_\_\_ had.

Doing the work of Jesus is never done to gain His love, but it comes from a place where the fullness of God's love has already been realized for oneself.

It is allowing Jesus to show us not to strive but to rest and operate from a place of our Heavenly Father's affection for us.

*Be filled with the Spirit... (Ephesians 5:18)*

Anyone who has made that decision for Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of their life, they have access to the Holy Spirit and He is living in that person and available to them right now.

In asking God to fill us daily, we are now acknowledging that we want to walk, not in our flesh or our self-sufficiency, which is our sinful nature, but we want to walk in the Spirit.



**Jesus Demonstrated Being Filled With The Holy Spirit and He Was:**

**1. Empowered to \_\_\_\_\_**

*Scripture referenced in sermon: Luke 4:1-12*

**2. Empowered to \_\_\_\_\_ the Good News**

*Scripture referenced in sermon: Luke 4:14,16-20, John 14:12*

**3. Empowered for the \_\_\_\_\_**

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is as simple as praying: *“God, fill me with Your Spirit as I do the things that You want me to do today.”*

**Our Responsibility:**

**1. Having the desire to want to please God and to rely on Him with our lives**

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Matthew 5:6)*

**2. Willingness to surrender our will so that God can do what He wills**

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship.” (Romans 12:1)*

**3. Living as a confessor and a repentor**

**Bottom Line:** *Little with God, little for God.*

**Questions to reflect on this week or with others:**

- 1. If you consider yourself to be a follower of Jesus, are you following Him and leading others from that place of love that God already has for you?*
- 2. How much of your life would you say is dependent on the Holy Spirit?*
- 3. What is a next step you can take to go from self-reliance to God reliance?*

*Songs used in service: The Lord’s Prayer (Hillsong), Alabaré Al Señor (Hillsong), Believe For It (CeCe Winans), Trust In God (Elevation Worship), Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Thomas Chisholm)*

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**Any prayer requests?**

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**What can we be praying for you about?**