

The Holy Spirit - Part 5

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The sermon highlights the transformative power of the Holy Spirit and the necessity of maintaining a consistent relationship with God through daily quiet time and evangelism.

Duration: 9:33

Scripture: Proverbs 27:17, Romans 12:2, 2 Corinthians 5:17, James 4:7, 1 Peter 4:2

Topics: "Spiritual Growth", "Christian Conversion"

Description

This sermon recounts a powerful testimony of a man's conversion to Christianity and his struggle with worldly temptations after being saved. It emphasizes the importance of genuine transformation in Christ, the impact of godly mentors in guiding spiritual growth, and the conviction to live a life dedicated to God despite societal pressures and opposition. The story highlights the profound change that occurs when one surrenders their life to God and the ongoing journey of faith and obedience.

Transcript

He was like someone who had become drunk under conviction. He was so crushed at the consciousness of God. But somehow my brother made his way, weeping, and fell on his knees.

And this godly man knelt beside him and cried out to God when he saw the brokenness of this boy. He put his arm around him and cried out to God for him to save his soul. And oh God saved my brother that night.

Oh God saved my brother. He became a new creature in Christ. But that godly man left and flew to another country, back to Canada.

Three months later my brother heard that this godly woman Macfarlane was in South Africa, again. And he made a phone call and said, I hear Mr. Mac is there. This godly, godly woman, Mrs. Ellen White, where all the godly preachers would go across the world.

That's where they put her, this wonderful woman of God. And she said, yes, Mr. Mac is here, godly. The man that led you to Christ is here, but only tonight.

He's only, he's only flying through. He's making a stopover in Johannesburg on his way to Rhodesia. Today we call that Zimbabwe, but he's just making one night.

Tomorrow he's flying out. And my brother said, but I want to see him, but I can't see him tonight. There's a dance.

We had this dance arranged months ago. Oh, six months ago. They bought the tickets, an annual event, you know.

It's something that they did with their friends every, this was happened before he was saved. He had organized this dance. Now here's the man who led him to Christ, and he has a dance to go to.

So Auntie Ellen White said, a dance. Well, if you want to see him, you'll have to come tonight. So Dudley said, well, we'll come on the way to the dance.

Will he see us? Let me tell you something. If you knew Mr. Macfarlane, to come to him and say, I'm going to a dance. You led me to Christ, but I'm on the way to the dance.

I mean, that's unthinkable. It's unbelievable. She said, well, come on the way to the dance.

So my brother arrived, and there was Mr. Macfarlane, thrilled to see him. He says, Mr. Mac, I would love to spend a lot of time with you, but I can't, because we've arranged this dance. I wish I could get out of it, but we can't get out.

We can't offend everybody. It's an annual thing we've done for years, and I'll only be able to be here for a few short moments, but I wanted to see you. So Mr. Macfarlane, of course, looked at him and said, Dudley, how's things going since you've been saved? Are you growing in the Lord? Are you reading the Bible? That's the first thing you must find out to find out whether somebody's alive.

You feel the pulse. How's your quiet time? He's asking that. Not how you were there when you were saved, but how's the quiet time today? You're as real as your quiet time was this morning.

That's how real you are with God. You're not as real as how you were saved and what you changed years ago. You're not as real as how you're being used.

You're as real as your quiet time. You soak yourself in the Bible as the greatest priority of life, the most guarded thing in your day, every day of your life, that nothing will keep you from, no one will keep you, nothing the world offers, nothing the church offers will keep you from the time with God. The greatest priority that you nurture in God with your life is the time unhurried with God.

That's how real you are, sir, that that is the most vital thing in life, because if it isn't every day of your life, you're backslidden and you're a grief to God, and you can be guaranteed you're a grief to men, because you're as real as your quiet time. How's the quiet time, Dudley? You pray through to God how many chapters you're reading. After a while, Dudley said, well, sir, will you pray for us? We've got to go now.

So Mr. MacFarlane prayed for them, and off they went to the dance. So Dudley says they're driving along in the car, him and Ann, his fiancée, who wasn't yet married, they both came to Christ now. They're driving to the dance, and for some reason as they drove, the car went slower and slower, eventually the car was crawling along the road, and Ann didn't say to him, well, why are you driving so slow? There was just this deathly silence.

The two of them didn't speak. Eventually they finally got to the dance, and they sat in the car looking at each other. They didn't say a word, just looking, and after a while they got out the car and went into the

dance, and there's all his friends.

Oh, you're late, come on, sit down. Out comes, with all the dancing, all the music, you know, all the smoking, and the smell of alcohol, and the laughter. Let's give you some drink.

Yeah, let me pour you a drink. Alcohol, you see. And Dudley said, no, no, thank you.

We don't drink anymore. Ann and I, we don't want any drink. We don't drink anymore.

And his friend looked at them. His friend knew him from school days. He said, what? You don't drink anymore? Are you mad? Come.

Dudley said, no, we don't drink anymore. Oh, you don't drink anymore. So, they're all looking at Dudley now.

A little bit of shock going on here now. And then, of course, the next thing is the joke. Unsaved have to tell jokes, you know, to laugh in these occasions, and they have to be wrong jokes.

So, he was telling a joke that was heading wrong straight from the start, and Dudley listened to this fellow, and he said, look, just stop. Just stop, man. I can see where this is heading.

I don't want to hear it. And why do you always have to bring Jesus Christ's name in like a dirty word with all your other swearing words? So, this fellow said, are you crazy? What's wrong with you? Since when does Jesus Christ's name matter to you? And since when is a joke wrong? You've gone mad. So, he jumped up, and he grabbed Ann, and he said, come on, let me get you away from this madman.

You come and dance. At least you can have a happy time. I'm not going to let you sit with him.

Dudley stood up and said, no, don't you touch her. I know you. Don't touch Ann.

I know you. You won't dance with her, not you. And this fellow shouted.

He lost his temper and screamed, are you, are you mad? What's wrong with you? What's wrong with you? Why is it wrong? And Dudley looked at him, shaking at the way the fellow was screaming. He really got angry, and Dudley said, I've become a Christian. It's because I'm saved.

I've given my heart to God. I've given my life to God. That's why I'm saved.

So, this fellow looked, and everyone looked at him, amazed. He said, but Dudley, if you've given your life to God, what are you doing here? And Dudley said, I don't know, but I'm not staying. He grabs Ann and runs into the car, no slowness.

Where do they drive? Back to Mr. Macfarlane, of course, as fast as they could. Knock on the door. They call Mr. Mac.

Oh, Dudley, we've been expecting you. Didn't think you would take this fast. Come in.

Dudley sat there. They talked. He said, why didn't you tell us? You knew it was wrong.

Nobody's ever told me my life dancing is wrong. And you couldn't, as a person, go into such a place and survive. And you couldn't feel comfortable.

You was agonized. Why didn't you just tell me? I wouldn't have gone. Mr. Mac said, I didn't tell you, Dudley, because I wanted God to tell you.

You see, Dudley, if I told you, you'd stop for me, out of fear of me, of respect for me. But I'm not always going to be with you. I'm not always going to be with you.

But Dudley, God is always going to be with you. And now that God's told you, you will never do it again. You'll never do it again.

Mr. Mac Farland, when he was saved, he was 18 years old. And they say he had such integrity before he was saved. Can you imagine what he was after salvation? No wonder he became such a holy man of God.

But when he was saved, all he had in every breath in his body was this zeal for God. He just wanted to live for God and for God's smile. He was on fire for God, 18 years old, sitting on a tram.

The trams are like the buses, you know. The old days, they went in rail lines across the street. I don't know if you people know what trams are.

But those days when he was a young man, going to his workplace, sitting in the tram, he said, now he's saved. All he's thinking of is Christ, communing with God. And suddenly a little voice said in his heart, look around you.

Look at all these people. They're all going to hell. And there they all sat in their misery, going to work.

And their blood will be on your hands. If you don't warn them from hell, you know they're going to hell. This is your opportunity.

Speak to them, warn them of hell, or their blood will be on their hands. Well, he battled about this, you know. He got into a bit of a state and thought, well, I'll have to do this.

So he got up and he turned around in the tram with all the people sitting in silence. And he said,

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