

# Having Authority Over Any Satanic Powers

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*Zac Poonen emphasizes the importance of claiming authority over demons, being a light to the nations, and influencing government decisions through prayer and intercession.*

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## Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of being filled with the Holy Spirit, sharing personal experiences of encountering evil spirits and the authority given by Jesus to cast out demons. It highlights the need to surrender every area of our lives to God, cleanse our hearts, and prioritize our love for Jesus above all else. The speaker stresses the significance of building the Church of Jesus Christ, being discerning of false spirits, and seeking the genuine presence of God in our lives.

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## Transcript

And the other thing that happened to me was that when I was filled with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of God in my spirit lifted me into a realm which I had never known before, the realm of evil spirits. And, you know, the Bible says people wrestle with, not with flesh and blood, but with demons. Before that time, if I met a demon-possessed person and I wouldn't know what to do, I'd just avoid them and go somewhere else.

It's like that creature who didn't know how to cast out demons. And like the demon-possessed person in a meeting, he said, Well, I can't cast out the demons. I can cast you out.

So the demons were told refusal. So he called the Africans to take the fellow out of the room. And that's the Old Testament way.

Get rid of the Canaanites because they are demon-possessed. Kill them. Or throw them out of the meeting.

The New Testament way is not that. It's not throw the fellow out of the room. Cast the demon out.

That's how Jesus did it. So then I realized that the Lord's given me authority over demons. And I've had numerous encounters with demons since then.

But in every single case I've discovered that a demon would listen to one sentence of mine immediately. If I claimed the name of Jesus and my heart was clean, that's very important. If you've got bitterness in your heart, don't write, cast out demons.

Because the demon will say, Jesus, I don't follow you. I don't believe in you. But I found this.

Once I remember, I was in a Bible school. And I had just finished reading the message from this book. It's a long rows of students sitting there.

And I said, OK, I've finished the message. Let's pray. Everybody was quiet.

And all of a sudden, from the last seat, one of the students jumped up and began to dance. He didn't make a noise. But I said, this is the devil disrupting the meeting.

So I went on to raise my voice. He was about 40 feet away. Because everybody's heads were bowed.

And suddenly you get distracted. It's the right time. The devil wants to distract the services that we have brought for prayer.

So I turned away from the mic. And I whispered in a way that the people sitting behind me on the platform would not hear. Quietly, in Jesus' name, sit down there.

He sat down. The front row wouldn't have heard me. There, he heard me stand up.

Six months later, I got a letter. I never met this boy, actually. I never met any of them.

I just went off after the meeting. Six months later, I get this letter from Mauritius, which is an island in the Indian Ocean. He says, you don't know me.

You've never met me. But I'm the student who was sitting there in the back row. And he called me to sit down.

I said, wow. That's the day I discovered that the devil has got good hearing. I discovered that I don't have to be like these petty gossips who shout and yell and scream at demons.

I'm very thankful I heard that. I learned it that day. That all this yelling.

That was the dignity about Jesus. He never yelled and screamed at demons. There are people who yell and scream, but they're not really sure.

You know how you shout when you're afraid? It's like that. But if you're sure of yourself, you don't shout. Jesus never shouted at you.

He yelled and screamed. But that's not the first thing the Lord had to teach. Authority over seeing.

And I remember another time, this was in the CFC, when we were having a conference. I was just about to begin the afternoon Bible study. We had rows of chairs and an aisle there, and an aisle there.

And way at the back, I couldn't see what was there, but everybody was looking down at the aisle. I thought, what is this, some child crawling there? And I couldn't see because there were rows of chairs. And all of a sudden, I saw a man crawling like a snake, coming up to the front.

So I had not gone to have the devil disrupt the Bible study. I said, in Jesus' name, just lie down there. He went to sleep immediately.

I said, okay, let's continue the Bible study. And he was just lying there and the rest of us. We continued the Bible study for one hour.

And he said, let's pray. Amen. And he woke up.

As soon as we said, Amen, he woke up. And then we counseled him. I remember another time.

Again, it was a CFC meeting. We used to have Sunday evening meetings those days, and I was standing up in front. We were all closing our eyes for the closing of prayer.

My eyes were closed, and this guy comes and taps me. He was a nominal Christian whom I knew before he would come. And he had a knife in his hand.

He said, I'm on my way to murder someone. He said, okay, you're awake. Let's pray first.

You're afraid of God. So I said, okay, you sit there. I'll come.

And we finished prayer. And I said, okay, now what do you want? He said, there's somebody I hate so much that I'm going to murder him. I said, before you do that, let me talk to you.

And I said, you know, he knew all about the Gospel. He was a nominal Christian. I'd spoken to him before.

I said, I want you to say that Jesus Christ is Lord. He shouted out with all the people here. The meeting had just finished.

Jesus Christ is Lord. I didn't think he had a demon. I thought he was just a murderer.

I said, there's a demon. I said, you're a liar. Not to him, but to the demon.

Get out of him right now in Jesus' name. And he took a karate position and slid to the floor like a snake. I don't know how he did it.

I picked him up and I said, say that Jesus Christ is Lord. I said, Jesus Christ is Lord. He said, all this headache is gone.

I'm sure he didn't murder anybody after that. But, you know, the sad thing is he not expected me to make a big issue of the fact that he was a demon who was cut out and wanted to give a testimony. I said, no.

We don't make a big issue of this. We appropriated figures in this church. The devil's being defeated.

We're not going to give prominence to people who are delivered from demons. We preach about being free from sin. So we're not going to make much of it.

So he left the church. He went to some other church where they would get him to give his testimony and make a big issue of the demon who was cut out of him. So many things like this, I discovered, I could tell you many more stories, but the authority we had was so important in the ministry to us, spiritual authority.

Authority over influencing government decisions. To be the light of the world means the prince of darkness, that Satan, must recognize that you're a light. Like the light drives out darkness.

It's not a struggle. Let me switch on this light. It's not a struggle for you to slowly drive the darkness out.

You know that. Like that, the darkness goes. That's the authority we have for Satan and all his power.

He cannot touch us. You need to recognize that just like the darkness goes out of the room, the moment you put on a switch, it's not a slow movement. No.

It's immediate. It's very, very important. It's not slow.

It's immediate. We have authority in prayer and authority also, you know, when the Bible says that we are to be a light to the nations, it's not trying to take over the country like the Marxists. Christianity is not communism.

We're not trying to take over the government. We influence the government by prayer. And that's the other thing I began to discover through the ministry of being filled with the Holy Spirit.

You know how the Bible says you're a young man to see visions and you're an old man to have clean dreams. I saw visions and I had dreams. Meaningful, I mean, we have a lot of meaningless dreams because we ate too much at night.

Crazy things we see which mean nothing. Sometimes I have things like that too. But I've had a few meaningful dreams which are really from God.

Warning me about certain things in relation to the church and the ministry. And about 37 years ago, I went down to the north of India to some ministry and about 2.30 in the morning I had a vision. I saw the face of one of India's cabinet ministers.

He was in charge of the whole ministry. And I saw a number of faces of various Indian people. And I heard a word that said the power to free these people is in the church.

That's all. 2 years old. So I didn't know what it meant.

But I knew. This face is very clear. This cabinet minister.

I had to do something about it. I didn't know what I was supposed to pray concerning him. But I mentioned his name.

And I prayed in tongues. But I didn't know what else to pray. I came back to Bangalore in the south where I live.

I shared this with the church. And I said, Brothers and sisters, I don't know what decision it is, but this is what I got. And I've been praying in tongues.

And those of you who have, you can pray with me in tongues. I don't belong to any political party. Because they're all corrupt.

One way or the other. But I said, I believe that the church must influence the government without belonging to any political party. So I said, Let's just pray.

And very soon, first of all, he became sick. And then he had to leave the party. And then a month later, he resigned from his cabinet post.

And I knew something was happening. And he was the leader of one section of that party. And so there came a division in that political party.

They were divided. It became two groups. Which were one until then.

And every now and then, people would try to unite the party together. It would be in the newspapers. And immediately a burden would come to me to pray against it.

So I prayed against it. Even though I'm not a political person. I wasn't on this side of the opposition party either.

But somehow I had this burden. It still shouldn't come together. I didn't know why.

So they never came together. About eight months later, one of the members of parliament in India, this is 1977, I think, December, raised a bill in parliament. She wanted to make an act that there should be no more conversion to Christianity in India.

We must pass a law. All conversion must be forbidden. People must stick to their religions.

And they put it to the vote. But because of this deep division in the party, it could not be passed. And it's never been passed at any time from then till today.

In one or two states they have passed it. But never in the whole country. Then I knew why God had given me that vision eight months earlier.

To influence the government to protect the possibility of converting people to Christ in India. Little things. I didn't make the headlines in the newspapers.

In fact, I didn't want to make the headlines. Because I was not on this side or that side. I was on the Lord's side.

We had another experience where in Bangalore, where all the government factories in a lot of India's factories are not privately owned. India was a socialist in those days. It's becoming a little more capitalistic now.

By the 70s India was very socialist. They had patterned themselves after Soviet Russia. And so almost all of the big factories and industries were owned by the government.

And all the factories in Bangalore went on strike. It never happened before. It never happened since.

And everybody went on strike for things that people go on strike for or moral pay or whatever it is. And it became so bad that it went on for weeks on end. People had to send their families home because they didn't have money to keep them.

And then on one day there was a police firing. And even some people were killed or something like that. Now Bangalore was like a gunpowder keg ready to be blown up.

And that happens. We called a three-day prayer meeting in our church and said, the police can round up all the gangsters and the people who create problems but they can't catch the evil spirits who are behind all these evil activities. That's our job.

We're a church in Bangalore. We've got to find the activities of these evil spirits who create this violence. So we called three evenings of prayer.

And on the third evening we thought, God had answered our prayers. And that's it. And sure enough, the strike subsided.

One of our members, when they went back to work, the factories opened. The security guard at the gate told this person, we were living in such fear after things had got so bad, but on this particular date, I don't remember what date it was, some particular date, suddenly things changed. We knew that was the last day of our three-day prayer meeting.

So like God confirming to us that we could exercise authority in the city. It's amazing, you know. Things that are written in scripture, it's a wonderful thing when you begin to experience it.

It produces faith in the younger generation. Our children grew up seeing all this when they were little boys and girls in our church. My own children saw things happening in our home.

Demons being cast out. It strengthens their faith. They realize that Christianity is not just a doctrine or a theory, but it's real.

The 1st century Christianity is the same as the 20th century, 21st century Christianity. It's the same thing. And that we can trust God just as much today as they could then.

They were persecuted then, and we will be persecuted today too. They lost their lives then. Peter was beheaded.

Paul was beheaded. We may face that in India too. We are prepared for that.

But we want to demonstrate New Testament Christianity. And it's impossible to demonstrate that in any country if you don't have the same power that the apostles had on the day of Pentecost. And that's why the devil has made the doctrine of the Holy Spirit the most controversial doctrine in Christendom.

Some are on the fanatic extreme, and some are saying, we don't want any of that. And I say, both are wrong. Let's look at Jesus and the apostles as an example.

So one of the things that the Lord gave me as a Bible teacher to give as a test to people, to find out whether something is of the Spirit. You know, some people scare you by saying, oh, don't speak against that. That is the Holy Spirit, those people being, falling down on the platform and doing all kinds of stupid things, some barking like dogs and saying it's the Holy Spirit.

Don't speak against it. The Holy Spirit works in strange, mysterious ways. And in the day of Pentecost they were like drunk people, so these people are also acting drunk.

I don't believe all that. Jesus never acted like a drunk person. Some people lying on the floor laughing saying it's the Holy Spirit.

That's not the Holy Spirit. So, I say, the way to test everything is, the Bible says, in 1 John 4 verse 1, Beloved, don't believe every spirit. It's one of the most needed words for us today.

1 John 4 verse 1, Beloved, do not believe every spirit. But test the spirits. I'm not against the Pentecostals or Charismatics.

There are some wonderful brothers among them and I love them deeply. But a lot of their teaching, I am 100% against because it's not the Holy Spirit. I don't mind saying that publicly.

There is a genuine and a counterfeit just mixed up. See, I saw this video recently of a conference of the biggest Pentecostal church in Australia, Hillsong. And I saw a 4 minute clip of the pastor, the chief pastor.

And this is what he said. I can give you the link if you like. The Muslims and us worship the same God.

We worship Abba. They worship Allah. It's enough for me.

Hillsong is the one. It's got so many songs. I presume they sing to Jesus and to Allah.

Where is Christianity going? What shall we say? Oh, don't speak against the Holy Spirit. You'll never be forgiven. No.

I say test every spirit. Beloved, do not believe every spirit. Test the spirits to see whether they are from God.

For there are many false prophets gone out into the world. And Jesus said the false prophets will cast out demons in His name, will heal the sick in His name, will prophesy in His name, and the Lord will say to them, in the final days, I never knew you. Get away from here.

That doesn't mean I'm against the gifts of the Holy Spirit. No, I'm against the counterfeit. A good seller of diamonds will reject every counterfeit.

But he'll have real diamonds in his store. So, we should be against the fake, definitely. Haven't you met people who claim to be born again who are fake? I've met lots of people who claim to be born again.

And they don't know the Lord at all. I don't let people throw out being born again. You don't throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Keep the baby and throw the bathwater out. Yes, there are lots of people who say they are born again who are not born again. But there is an experience of probably being born again.

I know it. Likewise, being filled with the Holy Spirit. So, this is the test I've given to people.

4-4 test. You must know the New Testament. Otherwise, you can't apply this 4-4 test.

You must read the New Testament carefully, study it. Then you can apply this 4-4 test to every manifestation that you see or everything that you hear preached. Number one, did Jesus do that? Did Jesus lie on the ground and laugh? Did he push people down? I find him lifting people up, not pushing people down.

When you do the opposite of what Jesus does, Jesus lifted people up and these people pushed people down. You know there is a word in the Bible for doing the opposite of what Jesus did? Antichrist, that's right. Antichrist.

Christ lifts people up and these people push people down. And things like this. So, number one, did Jesus do it? If he didn't do it, I'm not interested.

Second, did Jesus teach it? Is there any verse, anything, where Jesus taught that we should do that? Third test, did the apostles do it? Did the apostles push anybody down or did they lift them up? Did the apostles lie down on the floor and kick their legs like babies and laugh hysterically? No. Number four, did the apostles teach it? Very simple. Did Jesus do it? Did he teach it? Did the apostles do it? Did the apostles teach it? And if it fails on all four counts, I have taught people, reject it.

If it is of God, at least one of these four it should pass. And so, you know what I mean. There are mistakes that the apostles did, but they are identified as mistakes.

People can take what I said, misquote it. Paul should have his head so everybody should go and shave their head. The apostles did it.

But that is one of the stupid things Paul did. You know, I mention that because a lot of people misquote me. I remember once saying, Oh Lord, these people take some sentence of mine and go on misquoting.

The Lord said to me, don't worry, they misquoted me for 2,000 years. Then I was at rest. People will misquote Jesus and misquote you, but you know what I mean.

The way to identify is, Jesus, did he ever do it and teach it? And a spirit filled the apostle, and he was filled with the spirit. Did he write it or teach it or do it? It's the way to detect all the false things going on in the earth today. Why is God allowed so much of the contradictions? Why is he allowed so much of deception? I believe it is to make us more discerning, that our discernment doesn't come by the rule book, but by, we are more within another Holy Spirit.

See 1 John 2, it says here, verse 27, 1 John 2, 27, The anointing which you receive from him abides in you, and you don't need anyone to teach you. See that? That doesn't mean you don't need teachers. Teachers are there to explain the Bible.

But you don't need, when you see something, you don't need somebody to come and tell you that's wrong. The anointing will teach you. You know, you listen to a preacher, maybe you're not a great theologian, I've had new believers, new believers, tell me, that they listened to one of these boss teachers, using the Bible, and they said to me, Brother Zayn, when I heard him, I felt, there's something wrong about this man.

I couldn't explain it because I don't know the Bible well, he said, but I sensed there was something wrong. I said, that's right, that was the Holy Spirit in you, telling you, be careful, this guy's not genuine. So that's what this verse is about.

You don't need anybody to sit down there next to you and say, don't listen to him. The Spirit of God will tell you there's something fake about this person. Listen to that voice, and you'll never go astray.

The anointing will teach you, and you abide in Him. And particularly in relation to the last days, verse 28, little children, abide in Him like that, because He's going to appear soon. And when He appears, you must have confidence in Him, and not shrink away.

Is it possible that some little children of God are going to shrink away, because they got taken up with all these side issues, instead of being focused on the central issue of Christianity, which is to be conformed to

the image of Jesus Christ. As a young Christian, when I didn't know much, way back, more than 50 years ago, there were all these different groups I found. I came from an Orthodox church, sprinkled as a baby, praying to Mary, praying for the dead, all that kind of stuff, what I'd done in that church.

And I came out from there, and I saw all these groups in Christianity, everybody holding a Bible and saying, we've got the truth. The Jehovah's Witnesses said, we have the truth. The Methodists said, they have the truth.

The Roman Catholics said, they have the truth. The Baptists said, they have the truth. The Catechists said, they have the truth.

The Brethren said, they have the truth. Here I am, confused by all these people. I was reminded of that story where somebody, in some country in Africa, they started a church called the Church of Christ, and that had a split.

And down the street, just down the same street, they started another church called the True Church of Christ. You know the Church of Christ? And the True Church of Christ had a split. And further down the road, they started another church called the Only True Church of Christ.

The Church of Christ, the True Church of Christ, the Only True Church of Christ. The man walking down the street says, which one should I go to? It's absolutely tragic. But remember, this is what a lot of people are... I'll tell you what actually happened in one of our Hindu villages in India.

In that particular village, there was only one dead Christian church. Totally dead. You know like so many dead denomination churches.

People were always fighting with each other, and it was well known in the village. You know, in a little village, everybody knows what everybody else is doing. Some people went into that village and preached the gospel, and one Hindu man was converted.

And the next question he asked was, this person who brought him to the Lord, now that I have become a Christian, do I have to go to this church where they always fight with each other? What answer did he give? There's no other church. This is a tragedy. New Congress.

Confused. We have to repent. Say, Lord, you don't have to blame for that church.

But if God has called you to be a part of a pure church in your locality, and you're not willing to pay the price for it, you're being diplomatic and doing this, that, and the other, you're answerable to God if you assemble some young people in your area. It's not enough just to get a reputation that I've reached holiness. Jesus did not come to produce a bunch of holy people.

He came to build local expressions of His body. Of people who are totally committed to one another. 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

When we had a family, my wife and I and our four children, they were with us 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They never had any other home. That was the only home they knew.

That's the church. And we find exactly the same as the church we build today. It's a family.

We belong to one another. We're committed to one another. That's the type of body that Christ is building, and it's not Bible-studying groups.

Let me tell you that. God bless the Bible-studying groups, but that's God's second best. I can't be against it, because it's better than nothing.

But I want to tell you that's not God's highest. A lot of compromisers and diplomats forbid that. No.

Christ is building the church. And the gates of hell will never forgive against the church. He'll forgive against all Bible-studying groups, but he won't forgive against the church.

The church is the only thing I'm interested in building. I know I was only interested in building the ark. He didn't have time for anything else.

And you say, how can I do it? I'm not qualified. Well, I'll tell you what. What you need to do, you first look at God and confess every known sin in your life.

Everything that you know to be sin, that's the first step. Then forgive everybody whom you have forgiven, who has hurt you, that you remember. You don't have to pick up your memory and just work on the little or break your mind.

If you're not forgiving some parents against your parents, who didn't treat you properly, or some uncle who molested you, or some relative who took advantage of you, or some boss who fired you, or somebody cheated you. Just forgive them. Just like Jesus forgave you.

One hundred percent. And say, Lord, it's not a personal feeling. Don't live in your feeling.

Live in your will. Exercise your will and say, Lord, when it doesn't matter if I feel I've forgiven them or not, but in my will I say, I am forgiving them now. God goes by your will, not by your feelings.

Please remember that. That was a great liberation for me when I discovered that, that I don't have to live in my feeling. It's not a personal matter.

I feel something. Lord, my will is set. I have forgiven that person.

That's it. I don't want to commit that sin. Okay, I'm going to keep on being tempted, but Lord, my will is set.

I don't want to do it. Live in your will. Liberate in me.

The feelings are beset. So, that's the first thing. Confess every known sin, forgive everybody who has hurt you, and ask forgiveness.

From anyone whom you have hurt, that you can remember. Call them up, sign an email, or write a letter, or meet the person and say, I'm sorry for the way I treated you, or spoke to you, or I'm really sorry. I want to keep a clear conscience.

Give back money that you cheated other people off, like Zacchaeus, with interest. Give it back. And say, Lord, I want to be clear.

I want to give to Caesar what is Caesar's, before I give to God what is God's. I want to be clear in my heart. I want to have an absolutely clear conscience before God and before men.

Then, next step, first is clearing your conscience. Then see if you have opened up every room in your heart to God. I'm telling you, I've already filled it all this way.

First, clean up the cup. You don't pour tea into a dirty cup. That's why I say, clean your conscience first.

And then, that's why they wouldn't have the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, where his heart was dirty. But now it can be cleansed. And then, see, there are different compartments in our heart.

We love certain things. And we love certain things more than we love Jesus. But in that area, the Holy Spirit cannot come.

The Holy Spirit will come to every area of your heart where you love Jesus supremely. Lord, I love Jesus more than I love my parents. I love Jesus more than I love money.

I love Jesus more than I love my job. I love Jesus more than I love my car. I love Jesus more than I love reading novels or whatever it is.

There's nothing wrong in having a car or having a house or caring for your parents or your wife or children. But the moment you love some of those things more than Jesus Christ, that is the area of your heart that's closed. And you can pray for a hundred years to be filled with the Spirit, you'll lock the door.

How can He fill you? That's the reason so many Christians are not filled with the Holy Spirit. They'll lock the door of certain compartments of their heart and say, Oh God, fill me. Don't waste your time.

Go to sleep. Don't pray all night. It's not going to get you.

You lock the door. You open the door to the Lord come in. Oh, I love Jesus more than some of those precious TV programs that I watch.

Can you give me that for Jesus' sake? Are you willing to give up some program that's not clean, not very funny, but maybe you've watched it for years? I'm not against people having television. To me, television is like a library. I don't doubt people don't go to the library, but I say be careful what books you take out of the library.

TV is like that, and nowadays with computers, that's worse than TV. So how can I tell people to get rid of TV and have a computer? It's a question of attitude, and if you are so attached to something that you can't give it up for the sake of Jesus, it's no use asking God to fill you with the Holy Spirit. You have to.

The Spirit of God comes to exalt Jesus Christ in every area of your life. He must mean more to you than your job. More to you than... That means in your job you never compromise or tell a lie to get more business or to make more money or to get a promotion.

I say no. I have to do that in the Navy. I have to sometimes tell my senior officers no standard attention.

I say, sir, I'm a Christian. It's against my conscience to do that. Right? I don't get the promotion, but I do love God, otherwise it's fine.

I'm interested in being promoted by the Lord, not by that government. Make sure there's nothing in your life that you would compromise for the sake of Christ. Examine your life.

It's in every area. Or you can tell me what DVDs I left in my house that people have thrown into the trash. What type of music I'm listening to is not glorified by God.

Not what other Christians are doing. And I'm not here to tell you. Use sense in your spirit.

That type of thing is not helping you. I'm not against secular music, let me tell you that. Sometimes secular music can be very relaxing.

But you young people listening to a lot of these love songs is not going to edify you. It will damage your mind. Be careful.

The type of love songs I also listen to and rock music. People always ask me what do you think of Christian rock? I say that's like asking what do you think of Christian adultery? Or Christian murder? Christian rock? I mean I can see it against the rock music of the world. Christian rock? I don't understand that.

I say all our singing must be for to glorify Jesus and to worship the Father. Not to entertain people. I don't want.

Entertainment is okay in the world but Christian music is not meant to entertain. It's meant to, can we word it that, challenge people? Inviting people to come to the Savior or glorify God. So we have to be very careful about a lot of things in our home and outreach.

You have to see whether things that glorify Christ or not. I remember reading a little poem going out. What would you do if Jesus suddenly came to your house? And never forget that.

If Jesus came to your house I'm sure you'd welcome him at the door and have the best room ready and the best food and all that but would you have to hide some magazines before he came to your house? Throw away some books and decide not to watch your favorite TV program that day because Jesus is there and speak extra kindly to your wife someday. Because Jesus is around. And a few things like that.

And then after a couple of days when Jesus goes away he says, I'm going. Of course, like we would say to all guests, oh please don't go we want you to stay and all that. But he says, I'm going.

What would you say when he goes? And you say, Ah, now I've got to be myself again. You don't really want Jesus in your house. Think of it that Jesus was a busy deal in your house.

What would you have to change in your house? You might need to change it now and ask Jesus to fill you with the Holy Spirit but that isn't bringing the presence of Jesus into your home. To be filled with the Spirit is to bring the presence of Jesus into your home. It's actually Christ there.

He'll never be lonely out there as he'll be with you. It's the most wonderful thing to constantly be filled with the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit of Christ that's bringing Jesus right into you.

Give you a peaceful sleep at night, control your dreams, control your conversation, make you upright, deliver you from anxieties, fears, and sending you in children. It's the best atmosphere in which you can bring out your little children in your home. I wanted our boys, you have four boys, I wanted them to grow up to feel that the most wonderful home they could ever build when they got married would be our home by ours.

I wanted them I said, Lord, if they can feel that we've done our job. And that if they can understand the secret of that is to obey God's word, never have anything in the home that dishonors Christ. And be faithful and don't waste money.

I don't believe Jesus was extravagant with money. If you earn a little bit more one day than you're just going to spend it. If you earn a little bit more one day than you're going to spend it.

If you earn If you earn a little bit more it's not an emotional thing. The Spirit of God can blow like a whirlwind, or like a gentle whisper, the wind blows in different ways in different believers. Don't seek for the experience that you heard somebody else have.

You are unique before God and God will meet with you in your own way, in his own way for you. Let's say this, Lord, everything that I have heard today, I really want to respond to particular matter of conscience, to have a clear conscience before God and men. First opportunity I want to say, all right, and I want to yield every area of my life, that, not with you, please help me in the area where I find a reluctance to yield, please make me willing, bend my will, Lord, so that it surrenders to you.

I'm willing for you to bend my will to the will of God. Have you, if you say you're allowed to live, willing to let God bend your will to the will of God. He knows that you're weak, he knows the attractions you have, so don't try to fool him, he knows everything.

And never justify yourself before him, don't give him reasons why you do this, why you do that, forget it. Say, Lord, I want to yield it to you and I'm willing to pay the price. I want to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that I can build the only thing that's going to remain when everything is destroyed, the Church of Jesus Christ.

I want you to give me the gifts that are needed to do that. I don't want to waste my life, maybe I'm not prepared yet, maybe I need to be more broken. No, I'm willing to be broken, Lord.

Do whatever it takes and prepare me and when the time comes, please use me to build your church. I'm available. I'm not able, but I'm available.

That's all God wants to hear from you. And trust him. And as you pray those words to Jesus, quieten your heart, thank him.

That he's heard you. And say, Lord, give me an assurance that you really heard me when I said my prayer. And wait on the Lord to get that assurance and to then thank him.

Keep thanking him that he heard your prayer. He's a loving Father, he will not deny bread for those who ask for it. How much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask for it? It will change your life.

It will lift your life to an altogether higher plane. Don't look for manifestations. Look for a more fervent love for Jesus.

The Spirit of God will fill your heart with love for Jesus Christ. And love for the unlovely people around you. That's how you know the Spirit of God is coming.

It's the aroma of Christ's love that will flood your heart. That's how you know. Heavenly Father, I believe there are many sincere, really sincere brothers and sisters here who want your best.

And who you want to give your best. I pray in Jesus' name to fill them with deep assurance that you've heard their cry. Pour out your Spirit upon them, Lord.

Fill them with the Holy Spirit. And I know you're moving their heart. To the place where rivers of living water will flow from them.

Days to come. Bringing them to that deep rest in God. I pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

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