Women's Ministries: Week Seven

Lead Me, Holy Spirit by Stormie Omartian

Next Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting:

Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 5PM

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I feel very blessed to be quarantined with the ones I love, but I sure am missing spending time with so many other people I love too. I miss my church family, especially during this season of thankfulness. I want you to know that I am sending my love to you as well as keeping you in my prayers.

This week, we will have a summary of Led to Be Filled with His Power and Might in Chapter 2. Questions for this week's reading, Led to Be Filled with His Truth and Understanding, Prayer Power and Word Power will follow afterwards.

Summary

When the Holy Spirit dwells within us, we have the source of God's power within us. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead will raise us from the dead to live in heaven at the end of our life. That same power connects us to the living God and allows us to live a life that far exceeds what we could have planned for ourselves.

God wants to have a close relationship with us, one where He can work within us to make incredible things happen, create connections with people that otherwise wouldn't exist without Him. God works through people. If we allow Him full access to our hearts instead of just acknowledging Him, God will be able to help us do so much more. God wants us to look forward to being with Him every day, to depend on Him for everything we need. He wants us to be fully born again with the Holy Spirit living inside us and living a vibrant full life, instead of a muted shade of one.

When the Holy Spirit indwells in us, He begins His work of refining us. He removes all that is not of Him and replaces it with more of Himself. He gives us the strength we need to live the life He has planned for us. He helps us discern what is true and what is false. God becomes the source of our strength. So many of us don't like to show our weakness. But it is exactly that weakness and dependency on God that emphasises His strength. "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." (2 Corinthians 12:9)

When we have the power of the Holy Spirit living in us, nothing can shake or destroy us. The Holy Spirit gives us access to all that God is -- but we don't control that access. The Holy Spirit empowers us according to His will. ""Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says that Lord of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6). He empowers those who serve Him,

as He sees fit, in order to do His will. The Holy Spirit is not for us to command and use for our personal benefit even though we do benefit from His work in us.

When we stay close and humble to God, cooperating with the Holy Spirit and obeying God's laws and commandments, God will lead us to accomplish amazing things on His behalf. Things we would never have seen done had we not truly given over all of ourselves.

This week, read Led to Be Filled with His Truth and Understanding in Chapter 2, Prayer Power and Word Power. The questions from the study guide for this week are posted afterwards.

Prayer Power

Lord, thank You that I have the mind of Christ, and because of that I can know things I need to understand. Thank You, Holy Spirit of truth, that You have filled me with Your truth and understanding. I know I cannot begin to see the truth without Your Spirit filling me with that knowledge. Keep me undeceived. Help me to never be influenced by a lying spirit -- even in the mouth of someone who is supposed to be Your messenger. I want to be influenced only by people in my life who I know are determined to hear from only You. Keep me from being misled. Enable me to hear Your voice above all others so that I can always distinguish the truth from a lie.

Lord, give me the ability to understand Your counsel to me. Instruct me by the power of Your Spirit of counsel within me. Give me counsel about everything I do and every decision I make. Thank You that "You will guide me with Your counsel, and afterward receive me to glory" (Psalm 73:24). Give me the truth, knowledge, and understanding I need in order to make right choices and decisions about every person and every situation. Lead me always in the way of truth.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Word Power

We have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. -- 1

Corinthians 2:12

When the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. -- John 15:26

Study Guide Questions

6. Read John 14:16-17. Who is the Helper Jesus promised to send? What will he do for you?

Why can't the world receive the Holy Spirit? Who knows the Holy Spirit and why?

- 7. Read John 16:13-14. What will the Spirit of truth do for you? Why do you need that? What will the Holy Spirit do for Jesus?
- 8. I have decided to omit question 8. All scripture is relevant for today according to 2 Timothy 3:16-17. "**16** All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; **17** so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work."

I pray you have a wonderful week of Thanksgiving, giving praise and honor to God. Enjoy the ones you can be with and pray for those you can't. Blessings to all during this time of joy.

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