Women's Ministries: Week Six

Lead Me, Holy Spirit by Stormie Omartian

Next Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting:

This Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 5PM Click this link to join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83357222185?pwd=ZkdTSFJDUEVDZzFjMIRIe XcwK3JIQT

Blessings to you this week! I hope you all are doing well and you have been able to enjoy being outdoors to see the fall colors before they go. The sound of the crunching leaves and the brisk gusts of wind are refreshing! A new season is upon us and I hope that you are as refreshed in the Lord.

This week we will have a summary of the intro to Chapter 2, Led to Be Filled. Questions for this week's reading, Led To Be Filled With His Power and Might, along with Prayer Power and Word Power, will follow below.

Summary

We learned in the summary that we must not only look at Jesus as our Savior, but also see Him as the One who empowers us to live the life God has for us. His gift of the Holy Spirit is what enables us to do that. In John 4:13-14, Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit when He said, "Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life." Not only is the Holy Spirit a constant source of these living waters, He is an endless supply that will refresh our souls.

Our brains are wired to know limits in this world. Everything we know has one, from the limited hours in a day to knowing how far you can go in sharing a friendship. It is hard to imagine that the Holy Spirit has no limits when it comes to being our source of refreshment and strength. But every time you seek God's face and a fresh flow of the Holy Spirit in you, you will be filled. Every time. God waits for you to come to Him. He will not force Himself on you. But He does want you to be a willing participant of the relationship with Him.

His Holy Spirit is a gift that does not need to be earned. God gives it freely and abundantly. It is our choice whether to receive it or reject it, but why not receive the whole gift that God wants us to have? Some of the many gifts God wants to give include His power and might, truth and understanding, wisdom and revelation, love and hope. There are many more He wants to share through His Holy Spirit, but will we receive it?

This week, read *Led to Be Filled with His Power and Might,* Prayer Power and Word Power (written below) in Chapter 2 and answer the following questions.

3. Read 2 Timothy 3:2-5. Because you have the Holy Spirit in you, you have access to God's power. What do the "lovers of pleasure rather than the lovers of God" have?

Those who want to appear religious but reveal their ungodliness by the way they act are impostors. They profess to be a believer but do not change their sinful behavior. We who welcome the Holy Spirit's work in our lives are to do what with regard to them?

4. The Holy Spirit in you allows the power of God to flow through you. That's how God empowers you to do things you could not do on your own. What are some things that you want God to empower you to do at this time in your life that you know you cannot do on your own? Write out your answer as a prayer to God.

Read Zechariah 4:6-7. The angel speaking a word from the Lord to Zerubbabel told him he wasn't going to be able to build the temple by human power, but by the power of the Holy Spirit. The obstacles and problems would be removed by the power of God, and He would enable Zerubbabel to build it. What was the Word of the Lord to the mountain?

What would people shout when the capstone was set in place?

Do you have a mountain in your life that you need the Spirit of God to flatten? What is that and what would you like the Holy Spirit to do? Write out your answer as a prayer.

Prayer Power

Lord, I thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit in me. Help me to never restrict the Spirit's flow moving in and through me, changing me into Your likeness and touching others for Your kingdom. I pray for a fresh filling of Your Spirit right now -- greater than I have known before. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for Your power and might on my behalf. Thank You that You give me access to Your power for Your purposes. I know that it is not by my strength or power, but by the power of Your Spirit that I can do great things for You (Zechariah 4:6).

Thank You that rivers of your living water flowing in me will keep me from ever thirsting again. Thank You for Your dynamite-level power that can change the course of anything in my life that is headed in the wrong direction. Thank You that Your Spirit in me is "a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life" (John 4:14) and is a source of power beyond anything I can imagine. I don't ever want to even attempt to misuse Your power in any selfish way for my own personal gain. Keep my heart pure before You at all times. Help me to be a vessel through which Your power can manifest itself to serve Your purposes.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Word Power

Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. -- Ephesians 6:10

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. --1 Corinthians 1:18

I encourage you to continue to fervently seek the face of God and pray that you receive a fresh infilling of the Holy Spirit after the study this week.

Love in Christ,

Lesley Lint

Bristol First Assembly

Women's Ministry

270-983-1985

lesleyjamesstudios@gmail.com