

Women's Ministries: Week Thirteen.

Lead Me, Holy Spirit by Stormie Omartian

Next Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting:

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This week, we will have a summary of *Led to Hear God's Will for Your Life* in Chapter 3. Questions for this week's reading, intro to *Led to Worship Him in Chapter 4* and *Led to Worship Him with Your Whole Heart*, Prayer Power and Word Power will follow.

Knowing the will of God can be challenging. Especially when you are searching for an answer on which way to go. But the author tells us that it is always the will of God to worship Him, to pray without ceasing, to be in His Word, and to give thanks. It is always God's will to walk "in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 9:31).

We learned that by doing these things listed above, we will be able to learn to recognize the promptings of the Holy Spirit guiding us in God's will. When you say yes to the Holy Spirit, you are declaring that you want His will over your own. God has given us free will to choose His path or choose our own. The Holy Spirit will not stop us from choosing our own will, but He will also not give us something outside of His will, no matter how hard we pray for it.

Learning to hear the voice of God is crucial to staying in the will of God. And don't think for a moment that it's not possible to hear God. If the devil can tell you to do something wrong, God can certainly tell you to do something right. And the Holy Spirit will give you the ability to know the difference. It is not enough to know Him, we must also live according to His will.

As we follow God and live in His will, we find the provision, victory, blessings, and rest we need. The more mature we grow in the Lord, the more dependent we are on Him. When you seek His will above all else, He will close the door on anything that is not His will for you. So how do you know if you are living in His will? You will feel uneasy, troubled, or heavy in your heart. If a decision you are about to make is God's will, you will have peace and joy concerning it, even though it may be scary if He is leading you to step out in faith.

There were many times when I was not living in God's will. I was living uneasy, troubled and heavy hearted, often having panic attacks. It was not until I began to seek His face and His will for my life that my circumstances began to change for the better. I remember specifically asking God to close the doors on the situations in my life that were not His will for me and to open the doors that He wanted me to walk through. And to help me see it plainly. It was hard to get over my pride and let go of control, giving it to someone I could not see. It required me to put my trust and faith in the Lord to take care of me, to lead me. One by one, I began to lose everything that

was important to me. My job, my family, my close friends, my home. God opened one door for me. I could definitely see it all right! It was the only way available to me.

That was eight years ago. During that time, I can say without a doubt that I earnestly sought His face and His will for my life. It has all led to this place. God has blessed me with a godly husband and a daughter that also seeks His will for her own life, a job as an art teacher where God is present and His Word is taught in the classroom, a wonderful church family and a position as servant in Women's Ministries, and the peace and knowledge that God is behind it all. My hope is truly in Him and He continues to bless, protect and guide our family through every single day. God is a redeemer of time and he makes His will for our lives known to us through the prompting of His Holy Spirit.

Questions for this week's reading, *Led to Worship Him With Your Whole Heart*, Prayer Power and Word Power follows.

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2. Read Hebrews 6:4-6.
4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, **5** and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, **6** and *then* have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God and put Him to open shame.
Once you have the Holy Spirit, what should you not do and why?
3. Read Ephesians 4:30.
30 Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.
What should you never do with regard to the Holy Spirit? How do you think you could do that?
4. Read the following Scriptures. Beside each one write a brief summary of what those verses say about what the condition of your heart should be when you communicate with God.
Psalm 111:1
Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with all *my* heart,
In the company of the upright and in the assembly.

Psalm 119:10,
With all my heart I have sought You;

Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

Psalm 119:58

I sought Your favor with all *my* heart;
Be gracious to me according to Your word.

Jeremiah 24:7

7 I will also give them a heart to know Me, for I am the Lord; and they will be My people, and I will be their God, for they will return to Me wholeheartedly.

Jeremiah 29:12-13

12 Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you.
13 And you will seek Me and find *Me* when you search for Me with all your heart.

5. Read the following Scriptures regarding the Holy Spirit. Write out a short prayer of praise after each one using the information in those verses as your inspiration.

Psalm 119:2-3

Blessed are those who comply with His testimonies,
And seek Him with all *their* heart.
They also do no injustice;
They walk in His ways.

John 16:7-8

7 But I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I am leaving; for if I do not leave, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **8** And He, when He comes, will convict the world regarding sin, and righteousness, and judgment.

Romans 7:6

6 But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.

Ephesians 3:16

16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner self

Prayer Power

Lord, I don't ever want to be a weak, ineffective, or half-hearted worshipper of You. You are everything to me. I don't want to be like the people in Your Word who had it

all--Your presence and Your Holy Spirit with them--and they lost it. They had the most valuable and precious gift in life, and they wasted it because their hearts were far from You. They started out as grateful worshippers and ended up being ravaged without Your presence to protect them. Keep me far from that. Teach me to worship You with my whole heart. Remind me to combat the difficulties in my life with worship because You are far greater than anything I face.

I don't want my worship to ever reflect anything but total and true reverence for You. Forgive me for any time I have not given thanks to You as I should have. Teach me how to worship You with my whole heart--with everything that is in me. "My soul follows close behind You" (Psalm 63:8). Reveal to me anything in my heart that holds back from giving You all the praise and worship You deserve. Help me to make worship of You the first place I run to when I have concerns. Enable me to make it a way of life.

In Jesus' name I pray.

Word Power

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

--Psalm 34:1

Now we know that God does not hear sinners, but if anyone is a worshipper of God and does His will, He hears him.

--John 9:31

I pray you will be close to God this week, understanding His will for your life and know what it is to worship Him with your whole heart. Blessings to you.

Love in Christ,

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