

Women's Ministries: Week Three

Lead Me, Holy Spirit by Stormie Omartian

Next Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting:

Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 5PM

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In this study session, we will cover a summary of *Led to Receive the Promise of God's Spirit in You* in Chapter 1 and follow with questions for next week's reading, *Led to Receive the Freedom and Wholeness God Has for You*.

When we receive Jesus, He gives us the Holy Spirit of God to dwell in us. We don't have Jesus living with us in the flesh, but we do have His Spirit living in us now. The Spirit of God was present at the creation of the earth and is present throughout the Bible. Jesus knew he had to have the empowerment of the Holy Spirit in order to move into His coming ministry and as Jesus was baptized, the heavens opened up and the Spirit of God descended upon Him like a dove.

So, if Jesus needed to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to do what He had to do, how much more do we?

But the Holy Spirit cannot dwell in an un sanctified place. We are made pure by the righteousness of Jesus when we receive Him. Therefore, the Holy Spirit can dwell in us. Even though the Holy Spirit is in us and never leaves us, we are able to grieve Him and quench His work in us. We grieve Him by our sin and by ignoring, neglecting to acknowledge His presence in us, refusing to follow His leading or blaspheming Him.

God *wants* you to have a deeper outpouring of His Spirit and He wants you to ask Him for it. Not only does He want to give you this initial outpouring, He wants to *keep* refreshing you with His spirit. That is how He does His work through you on this earth. The more of Him you have in you, the more effective you will be.

If you have never taken the time to ask the Holy Spirit to live inside you, you won't have access to all God has for you. Being a good person is not enough. Having the Holy Spirit living inside you is the only way to fulfill your highest purpose and receive all God has for you. He works through you in ways that make it possible for you to do things you could not do on your own.

You need Jesus in order to have a deep relationship with God. You need the Holy Spirit to become all you were created to be and do all you were called to do. It's a decision you must make to receive all that the Holy Spirit has for you. He is a gentleman. He will never impose Himself on you. He never violates your will. He waits to be invited to work Powerfully in your life.

PRAYER POWER

Lord, I ask You for a great outpouring of Your Holy Spirit in me. Enable me "to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge" so that I "may be filled with all the fullness" of You (Ephesians 3:19). I don't ever want to take lightly the fact that You have sent Your Spirit to dwell in me, to guide and help me live the life You have for me. Teach me the deep things You want me to know from Your Word. Help me to hear the leading of Your Spirit telling me the way to walk. Give me understanding about all You want to do in and through me.

Thank You, God, that You are always with me. I long to know You better every day, so I ask for a fresh and ever-increasing flow of Your Spirit. I pray that You, Holy Spirit, will be at home in my heart. Keep me from allowing anything into it that would quench or grieve You. I don't ever want to hinder Your work in my life. I invite You to move powerfully through me, for I know that Your Spirit in me is how You touch the world around me. Keep me ever mindful of that as I go about my day and I am around other people. I want to always be sensitive to Your leading.

In Jesus' name I pray.

WORD POWER

By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. -1 John 4:13

Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. -Acts 2:38

The following questions are for the next reading, *Led to Receive the Freedom and Wholeness God Has for You*.

12. Read Ephesians 3:20. What is God able to do in our lives and why?
13. Read 2 Corinthians 3:17. What is the most important thing you need in your life in order to find the freedom and wholeness God has for you?
14. Read John 10:10. What do the enemy want to do in your life?

What do Jesus want to do?

With regard to finding the freedom and wholeness God has for you, what would you like to see the Holy Spirit work specifically in your life now?