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**Boot Camp
Discipleship
A Path to Spiritual Maturity
Part 1 - Building your Spirit**



***Daily you need to spend time alone with the Lord.
Read the Bible and pray! Then follow Jesus!***

*Philippians 1:6 He who has begun a good work in you will
complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.*



*I pray that everyone reading this will have a personal revelation of
the Ancient of Days, Jesus, by getting to know the Holy Spirit!*

*Revelation 1:14-15 His head and hair were white like wool, as
white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like
fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of
many waters.*

**Revelation 22:17—“And the Spirit and the bride say,
‘Come!’...”**

Our mission must be how to help everyone learn to interact with God for themselves... for the primary purpose of incredible blessing for both God and us as His family! Then we can share God's blessing with others in this world, believers and pre-believers. We can all labor together for our love of the Lamb.

Although it is true that we receive salvation freely, we have to fight to gain breakthroughs and take ground in the Kingdom.

John 15:1-11(PT)

“I am a true sprouting vine, and the farmer who tends the vine is my Father. He cares for the branches connected to me by lifting and propping up the fruitless branches and pruning every fruitful branch to yield a greater harvest. The words I have spoken over you have already cleansed you. So you must remain in life-union with me, for I remain in life-union with you. For as a branch severed from the vine will not bear fruit, so your life will be fruitless unless you live your life intimately joined to mine. “I am the sprouting vine and you’re my branches. As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless. If a person is separated from me, he is discarded; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire to be burned. But if you live in life-union with me and if my words live powerfully within you—then you can ask whatever you desire and it will be done. When your lives bear abundant fruit, you demonstrate that you are my mature disciples who glorify my Father! “I love each of you with the same love that the Father loves me. You must continually let my love nourish your hearts. If you keep my commands, you will live in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands, for I continually live nourished and empowered by his love. My purpose for telling you these things is so that the joy that I experience will fill your hearts with overflowing gladness!”

Lord, I thank you for the work that you are doing in me. I thank you that you created me to be someone wonderful, to be fruitful, and to live forever. Thank you for Holy Spirit! Thank you for your LOVE!!! Holy Spirit walk with me today!



Our life here on earth, and forever, was created by God to be lived in union with Him! All the time, forever. It's living daily with Holy Spirit! God, worship YOU! We love you!

Revelation 22:17—"And the Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!'..."

Abiding

Confidence is a consequence of abiding. Confidence is part of our inheritance with the Father. He is our inheritance. He is our peace.

1 Cor 1:30 (PT) For it is not from man that we draw our life but from God as we are being joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. And now he is our God-given wisdom, our virtue, our holiness, and our redemption.

2 Peter 1:2-4 May grace and perfect peace cascade over you as you live in the rich knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. God's Generous Grace. Everything we could ever need for life and godliness has already been deposited in us by his divine power. For all this was lavished upon us through the rich experience of knowing him who has called us by name and invited us to come to him through a glorious manifestation of his goodness. As a result of this, he has given you magnificent promises that are beyond all price, so that through the power of these tremendous promises you can experience partnership with the divine nature, by which you have escaped the corrupt desires that are of the world.

Our inheritance and guidance are tied to our relationship with God. Running and not being weary, boundless energy only comes from spending time with God. We are born of God. We are children of God. God is here, with us now, every minute by the Holy Spirit.

Why would anyone not desire to develop such a relationship with our Lord?

"We can't receive it through the laying on of hands or some other form of ministry - it only flows from resting in the Lord."

"Should we pray for people? Of course. But we shouldn't develop a culture that says a person needs prayer to survive another week spiritually. Every Christian needs to learn how to wait on the Lord, how to bring themselves to rest in Him, and how to simply be still. We need to know how the Holy Spirit ministers in every life.... We

don't come to church for a spiritual top-up; we come to church to top someone else up. We live our lives in the real world with a desire to encourage, bless, and spiritually attract someone who has never experienced God." Graham Cooke

Ephesians 6:18: "With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints."

"I want to clearly state that if you will begin to pray in the Spirit for extended periods of time, you will see the power of the enemy broken in your life, you will find your resolve divinely strengthened, and you will see your appetites alter and the desire for holiness increase. Break through into your spirit and live from there because if you don't, you will be in trouble." -Corey Russell*

Read Psalm 149 - It's a vision of end time church operating in the army of God. As we each abide in Christ, we then will also war as part of God's army. Singing and declaring the Word of God with the Holy Spirit will break the power of every enemy!

Praying in the Spirit

While you may not all personally have a tongue for a prayer language, be open to it and please do not mock tongues. Pray for revelation about tongues. Perhaps you pray in the spirit without words. Praying in tongues in our personal lives builds up our own spirit. Just go with it. God is sovereign and He will guide you as you submit to Him. His ways are not always our ways!

Spend time praying for extended, undistracted periods of time, in tongues. This will often lead to releasing the Word of God in power through song and proclamation. This gift can be the doorway into the realm of revelation. It unlocks the mysteries of God; it strengthens our spirits, builds us up personally and corporately, and is a vital weapon in the arena of spiritual warfare.

Holiness - Sanctification

The Holy Spirit's first name is Holy. He is the Spirit of Holiness. His primary job is to transform us into the image of Christ. Be Holy as He is Holy!



*All following quotes following from "The Glory Within", by Corey Russell, unless noted otherwise.

"Praying in the Spirit is one of the means by which abide in God and He conforms us to the image of His Son."
- Corey Russell

1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Galatians 5:16-18 This is the new law: if you walk in the Spirit, you will not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

Paul says that we will NOT fulfill the lusts of the flesh, if we walk in the Spirit. So, pray in the Spirit!

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like.

We don't want the above list, but this:

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Law of sowing and reaping

Galatians 6:7-8 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

When we pray in the spirit, we are engaging Holy Spirit who empowers us to live above the law of sin and death. We are sowing into God's kingdom.

Gal. 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Tongues - A Gateway Gift

The following testimonies are from “The Glory Within” by Corey Russell. "Jackie Pullinger is a missionary and evangelist who has been ministering in Hong Kong since 1966. In the early days of her ministry, she specifically worked with the gang members, prostitutes, and drug addicts who lived in the portion of Hong Kong known as the Walled City.

It was during that period of her life that she discovered the power of tongues to free men and women from their dependence on heroin and opium. In her book, “Chasing the Dragon”, she shares many stories of addicts who were miraculously delivered through praying in the Spirit."

"Jackie Pullinger says this: If he experienced any twinge of pain, we would quickly urge him to pray in tongues, and the pain would miraculously disappear. Now we knew without a shadow of doubt that praying in the Spirit was the answer for painless withdrawal from heroin." A little later she writes, "Word quickly spread along the addict grapevine that if they were willing to believe in Jesus, they would receive some kind of power that enabled them to kick drugs painlessly....As each boy arrived, the miracle was repeated: He came to Christ and came off drugs painlessly when he prayed in the language of the Spirit."

The way to access the life of God is simple, but it requires us to do something. We must read and meditate on, ponder, understand, the Word of God, the Bible. We must follow Jesus and obey the Word of God. We must spend time talking with Holy Spirit, praying. We must pray in the spirit. We must gather together with others who also love the Lord. We will worship and love Him! Praying in the spirit is a gift we need to learn to steward well.

1 Corinthians 14:18 I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.

Praying in tongues is a key that we need today to unlock the fullness of the Spirit!

At the end of 1 Thessalonians, Paul exhorts the believers to pray without ceasing... (That whole section is so good, I am quoting it here.)

1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.

It's the wisdom of God to confound the natural mind. The gift of tongues does not make sense to our natural mind. Yet, it was given on the day of Pentecost with the fire and power of the Holy Spirit. We must understand that God's wisdom is different from the wisdom of the world. We are told to become like little children. Only one way provides access to the Kingdom of God, humility.

1 Corinthians 1:27-29 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, that no flesh should glory in His presence.

We are called to follow Jesus. Jesus is holy. We are called to also be holy and to shine with Him, here on earth. Holy Spirit is our companion forever. We were created to be one with God and to live Him forever. Every morning, wake up and say “Good morning Holy Spirit!” and invite Holy Spirit to spend the day with you. He will always show you Jesus and the Father. God, I thank you for Jesus and for creating all of us. We love You and praise You!

We, as disciples, are called to reign as Kings and Priests now, in this life. We are part of the army of God, destroying the works of the devil. We will go into this in the next chapter!



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