

OBEY THE PROMPTINGS. SPEAK HIS WORDS. BUILD HIS CHURCH. GLORIFY JESUS.

LED BY THE SPIRIT

THE DEEP WORK AND PROMPTINGS OF THE HOLY GHOST

SCRIPTURE FOUNDATION

- EPHESIANS 3:20
- ROMANS 8:26–27
- 1 CORINTHIANS 14:1–5, 39–40
- 1 SAMUEL 16:1–13
- ACTS 2:1–4; 8:26–40; 10:1–48; 16:6–10
- JOHN 14:16–18, 20, 26; JOHN 4:23–24; 2 CORINTHIANS 3:17; EPHESIANS 4:4–7



THE SPIRIT OF JESUS WITHIN YOU



SPEAKING IN TONGUES: THE EVIDENCE AND PRAYER OF THE SPIRIT



PROMPTINGS THAT LEAD: OBEDIENCE OVER OBSERVATION



PROPHECY THAT BUILDS: LOVE, ORDER, AND SCRIPTURE



CULTIVATE SENSITIVITY: PRAYER, WORD, YIELD, WORSHIP, AND GIFTS

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“NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY ABOVE ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER THAT WORKS IN US.” — EPHESIANS 3:20



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EQUIPPED TO BUILD UP THE BODY OF CHRIST



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Opening Scripture (for reading)

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Purpose

To stir the church to seek the deep work of the Holy Ghost: to recognize His promptings, to value the initial evidence of speaking in tongues as the Spirit of Jesus working within our person, to obey the Spirit rather than mere human observation, and to prophesy as He gives utterance — all to build up the Body and glorify Jesus.

Opening Prayer (Leader)

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Spirit. Open our ears to hear His promptings, our mouths to receive His utterance, our hearts to obey, and our lives to bear fruit for Jesus' name. Baptize us afresh

in the Holy Ghost and fire. In Jesus' name, amen.

Introduction (Testimony-style lead-in)

Tonight, in my chair, I've been thinking about the deep well of the Spirit — that place where the Holy Ghost brings us so deep into fellowship that groans and utterances rise from within, as the Spirit gives the words. The Spirit doesn't merely nudge; He immerses. He does not leave us as spectators but makes us participants in the speaking, the seeking, and the prophesying. Like Samuel who was told to go to Jesse's house, we must learn to go where the Spirit leads, not where our eyes tell us to go.

Sermon Outline and Text

Change #1 — The Holy Ghost: The Spirit of Jesus Working Within Our Person

- The Holy Ghost is not a separate “third person” of a triune being. Rather, the Holy Ghost is God's Spirit — the Spirit of Jesus Himself — working within believers. Scripture supports this understanding:
- Ephesians 4:4–7 stresses one Spirit (there is one body and one Spirit).
- John 4:23–24 teaches God is Spirit and worship

must be in spirit and truth.

- John 14:16–17, 18, 20, 26: Jesus promised another Comforter/Helper, yet also said He would not leave us and that He (Christ) would be in us. The Helper is of the same nature as Jesus — the Spirit of Jesus in the believer.

- 2 Corinthians 3:17: “Now the Lord is that Spirit.” This verse identifies the Lord with the Spirit.

- Romans 8:26–27: The Spirit helps our infirmities and prays through us — the Spirit of the Lord active in our person.

- From this perspective, when we are filled with the Holy Ghost, we are filled with the Spirit of Jesus. The evidence of that infilling is speaking in tongues (Acts 2; Acts 10; Acts 19), the Spirit giving utterance and interceding through our spirit.

- Practical implication: When we speak of being “baptized in the Holy Ghost,” we are acknowledging Jesus dwelling in us by His Spirit, empowering us to pray, prophesy, and witness.

Illustration: The lamp is not a separate entity from the light’s source; the Spirit of Jesus is the very power and presence that fills and moves the believer.

The Evidence: Speaking in Tongues and the Groanings of the Spirit

- The Book of Acts shows tongues as the initial evidence of the Spirit's coming (Acts 2:1–4; Acts 10:44–48).
- Romans 8:26–27 shows the Spirit's role in praying through us — groanings and tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.
- 1 Corinthians 14 teaches order and edification. Tongues are a gift to be used in love and, in the assembly, with interpretation.
- Practical point: Speaking in tongues is the heavenly language of prayer and praise, and a tangible evidence that Jesus' Spirit is working within us.

The Promptings of the Holy Ghost: Obedience Over Observation

- God directed Samuel to Jesse's house — not the obvious choice (1 Samuel 16:1–13). Obedience to the Spirit overrode outward appearances.
- Philip was directed to the desert road to meet the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26–40). Peter was led to Cornelius (Acts 10). Paul was redirected to Macedonia (Acts 16:6–10).
- The Spirit's promptings often call us into places and people that our human sight would have missed.
- Application: Learn to obey the immediate nudge of the Spirit. Do not always wait for full human confirmation. Spiritual obedience travels where

visible wisdom cannot.

The Spirit of Prophecy: Responsibility and Safeguards

- Revelation 19:10 calls the testimony of Jesus the spirit of prophecy. Prophetic ministry must point to Jesus and align with Scripture.
- 1 Corinthians 14 instructs love, order, and accountability in prophecy. Prophecy should build up, encourage, and comfort (1 Cor 14:3).
- Test prophecies (1 Thess 5:20–21). Submit prophetic words to church leadership and Scripture.
- Guidelines:
 - Is it Scriptural and Christ-centered?
 - Is it given in love and for edification?
 - Is there accountability and confirmation?

How to Cultivate Sensitivity to the Holy Ghost (the Spirit of Jesus)

- Prayer and fasting: withdraw, seek, and expect the Spirit to move.
- Study the Word: the Spirit works through and in conformity with Scripture.
- Yieldedness and humility: surrender removes hindrances.

- Worship and expectant praise: corporate worship invites His presence.
- Practice spiritual gifts: pray in the Spirit, listen for prophetic promptings.
- Stay connected to a local assembly and submit prophecy to leaders for testing.

Altar Call and Invitation

- Invite people forward for prayer, baptism in the Holy Ghost, and to seek the initial evidence of tongues.
- Encourage those sensing promptings to step out: pray, sing, and share one God-given word with a trusted leader.
- Remind the congregation to test prophecy and accept words in love.

Practical Altar Ministry Steps for Ministers

- Welcome the seeker and ask what God is saying to them.
- Pray for the infilling in Jesus' name; ask the Spirit (the Spirit of Jesus) to give utterance.
- Encourage speaking in tongues; affirm and instruct briefly on its personal use.
- If a prophetic word comes, present it gently and

confirm with Scripture and leadership.

- Offer follow-up: discipleship, water baptism in Jesus' name (if needed), Bible study on Spirit baptism.

Closing Exhortation

The Holy Ghost is not a theoretical doctrine — He is the Spirit of Jesus dwelling in us, praying through us, guiding us, and empowering us to speak words that do not fall to the ground. Be brave to obey. Be humble to submit. Be expectant to receive. The deep well of His Spirit is open — drink.

Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; may the Spirit of Jesus come upon you and give utterance; and may every prompting lead you into greater obedience and fruitfulness for Jesus' name. Amen.

Appendix A — Biblical Examples Where the Spirit Prompted or Acted (with references)

- John the Baptist filled in the womb (Luke 1:15, 41,

67).

- Mary overshadowed by the Spirit (Luke 1:35).
- Simeon prompted by the Spirit to go to the temple (Luke 2:25–32).
- Anna filled with the Spirit declaring the Redeemer (Luke 2:36–38).
- Samuel sent to anoint David (1 Samuel 16:1–13).
- Saul/Paul’s conversion and Spirit-led ministry (Acts 9; Acts 13).
- Pentecost — tongues as Spirit-baptism evidence (Acts 2:1–4).
- Philip and the Ethiopian (Acts 8:26–40).
- Peter and Cornelius (Acts 10:19–48).
- Acts 11–16 examples of the Spirit directing mission and ministry.
- Romans 8:26 — Spirit helps our weakness with groanings.
- 1 Corinthians 12–14 — gifts, prophecy, tongues instructions.
- Revelation 19:10 — testimony of Jesus as spirit of prophecy.
- 2 Corinthians 3:17 — “Now the Lord is that Spirit” (identifying the Lord with the Spirit).
- John 14:16–18, 20, 26 — Jesus’ promise that He and His Spirit will be with and in believers.
- Ephesians 4:4–7 — one Spirit.

Appendix B — Suggested Worship Set and Songs

- Praise for the presence of the Holy Ghost/Spirit of Jesus
- Hymn or contemporary song about the Spirit's power
- Testimony special about tongues/power
- Invitation song for altar time (slow, expectant)

Small Group / Follow-up Questions for Discipleship

- What does it mean to you that the Holy Ghost is the Spirit of Jesus dwelling in you?
- When have you felt a prompting of the Spirit? How did you respond?
- Do you have a disciplined time of prayer where you expect the Spirit to speak?
- What hindrances might block you from hearing or obeying the Spirit?
- How does your understanding of tongues and prophecy align with Scripture?

Final Practical Encouragement

Start tonight: find a quiet place, surrender your will, open your mouth and pray in the Spirit. If led to speak

a prophetic word, share it with a trusted leader for confirmation. Expect Ephesians 3:20 — the Spirit of Jesus within you is able to do exceeding abundantly above all you ask or think.