

BEYOND SUNDAY



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This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

MESSAGE THEME

RECHARGE YOUR BATTERY | THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRAYER FOCUS

"Father God, thank you for promising to send me your Holy Spirit, and for following through according to your Word. Holy Spirit, lead and guide me into all truth. I can't rightly live this life without your leading, your equipping, and your power, so fill me to overflowing with your presence. Show me what you have for me, and grow the things in me that you see fit. I love you, Lord, and I submit to your influence over my life so that I might know you more as I help others to do the same. Amen."

KEY TRUTHS

Entering the Kingdom of Heaven is not about where we're going when we die, it's about getting Heaven's culture into us here and now on earth. Jesus' business was the good news of the Kingdom, and His disciples preached Jesus' name and the Kingdom.

Part of Jesus' present day ministry is that He is the baptizer in the Holy Spirit. Even when He was with us in the flesh, He was the one who laid His hands on His disciples, breathed on them, and told them to receive the Holy Spirit.

When we get saved, the Holy Spirit comes into us for our benefit. He is there to lead, guide, and teach us, while reminding us that God is our Father. When we get baptized in the Holy Spirit, He comes upon us in power to be a witness and a benefit for others. It's about us being an extension of the Kingdom of God into this world to bring the world into alignment with our Father's perfect love, plan, and domain.

Being baptized in the Holy Spirit is what gives us power today to walk as Jesus walked, with all of His miracle-working ability, and to be witnesses for Him in this world. It's something that is God's desire for everybody, not just Jesus' disciples in the past. Just because we've confessed Jesus as our Lord and been water baptized, it doesn't mean we've received everything that the Father has for us.

One benefit of being baptized in the Holy Spirit is receiving a new spiritual language in which we can speak to God through, spirit to spirit. English works fine to communicate our known needs with God, but there are many things we either don't know, or don't know how to pray for, that praying in the spirit—praying in tongues—accomplishes for us.

Why would anyone want to speak in tongues? Some people think it's just for the super spiritual, or that it's some spooky thing to do. In reality, the Bible says that when we do, we speak mysteries that we don't know directly with God Himself. It is our mouth moving, but the Spirit is speaking through us. Other people won't understand what we're saying, but that isn't the point. We speak to God, He hears, and He knows.

Praying in tongues brings supernatural revelation to us. The mysteries that we speak take root in our heart and God makes them grow. Praying this way gives us the rest that we need to be able to walk in all that God has for us and grows in us.

Praying in tongues builds up our spirit, because it is our spirit that is bypassing our physical mind to speak with God the things that we need to by the power of His Holy Spirit. Doing so gives us peace because we know that everything we need to pray is being covered, even the things we aren't aware of. We may not know where we need to be built up spiritually, but God does. Just like the charging of a battery, there needs to be another source of power that we are being filled up by and praying in tongues is a way that we can make sure our spiritual battery gets what it needs from our Father.

Which one truth is the most challenging or least existing in your life today? Why do you think this is? Ask the Lord if there are any beliefs or barriers that are keeping you from believing that particular truth. Write it down here:

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Imagine your closest relationship with your best friend. Imagine spending time with them, having conversation, and getting to know each other even better, past the point of being able to finish each other's sentences. You'd talk in person and on the phone, go places together, hang out, celebrate life, and even cry together sometimes.

Now imagine one day that suddenly the only way for you two to communicate was through mailing letters. You never picked up the phone, you've stopped meeting up in person to talk and be together. How much would that relationship diminish? How much would you be able to say that you both were getting the most out of that relationship, and allowing it to be all that it can be?

When we sacrifice things in our relationship with God, things that He has freely given us to strengthen that relationship, it's like us putting down the phone to never call our friend again or setting our car keys on the counter and forgetting where that friend lives. That relationship with our friend can't possibly be what it could be if we engaged with them through every means available to us. Likewise, our relationship with our Heavenly Father can't be all that it was destined to be if we neglect the ways of engaging with Him that are freely available to us. These things are provided for us in order to connect, relate, and strengthen our relationship with Him all while growing in the identity that He created.

Stop what you're doing, if you're able to, and take a moment to pick that phone back up, grab those car keys, and visit your Heavenly Father—your friend. Speak to Him in a language that He hears, knows, and understands, which builds up and strengthens you. Begin to speak, and watch as His Holy Spirit gives your mouth the words to say in other tongues—your prayer language.

REFERENCE VERSES

- Matthew 3:11
- Acts 1:2-6, 2:1-4, 8:14-17, 19:1-6
- John 20:21-22
- Mark 16:16
- 1 Corinthians 14:2-5,14
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Jude 1:20-22
- Romans 8:26-27
- Isaiah 28:9-13

DECLARATIONS

"I accept the free gift from God of the Holy Spirit, and I give way to His power working in my life. I take up everything that God has for me to engage in a relationship with Him so that I might be the person that He created and destined me to be. Praying in tongues is not simply for the super spiritual, it's for me and for my edification. As I step out and speak, I do so in faith that the Spirit speaks through me to build my faith, bring revelation, and to make me a witness in this world for Christ."

WHAT'S NEXT?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.



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