

TALKING POINTS

RESET - THE SOURCE OF YOUR POWER

LEANING IN

Often as Christians, we say we don't want to live in our own strength - but we *do*. When we rely on ourselves as our source of strength, we miss the CORE TRUTH - as a follower of Jesus, we have the power of the Holy Spirit within *US*. Most believers never tap into the resource of the power of the Holy Spirit and when there is no power of the Spirit in our lives, we're left to our own devices.

The moment you say yes to Jesus, the spirit of God seals you with the power of the Holy Spirit. This is an incredible spiritual blessing - God's Spirit now dwells in you, and His power for living is available to you. You just need to *choose* to access it. The power of the Holy Spirit brings *joy* when we yield our lives to it.

Every day we can choose *WHERE* we get our Power, from ourselves or from the Spirit of the living God. The thing is, God will not share His power with *our agenda*. God isn't interested in our plans - He's interested in *His* plan *IN* us. We need to say, "God, here's my plan - not my will, but *YOUR* will be done."

Read Ephesians 1:13-14, Acts 1:8, Romans 8:1-2

In all honesty, what is the primary source of *your* power today?

LIVING IT OUT

In the end, it boils down to two choices - one, live in the power of your own strength (as fragile as that may be), or live in the power and joy of the Spirit of God. Here are three powerful reasons to submit to God and let the power of His Holy Spirit guide you in life:

The Holy Spirit Produces A Supernatural Security In Our Lives - Often what governs our lives is a spirit of shame - shame over what we've done or what someone has done to us. The gospel tells us we belong to Jesus - no condemnation, no shame.

Read John 10:27-29, John 14:16-17

Have you ever felt insecure in your walk with God? Why?

The Holy Spirit gives us freedom from the power of sin - we know we're spirit-filled because we are no longer *controlled* by the power of sin. The "still, small voice" which leads us in the power of the Holy Spirit is *victory over sin*.

Read Romans 8:11, 14

How do we live in the victory the Spirit gives us over sin?

The Holy Spirit strengthens us in all our weaknesses - as followers of Jesus, we can have confidence we have someone always in our corner. When we live in the strength of the Holy Spirit, even our weaknesses can walk in God's power.

Read Romans 8:26, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

What would it look like if you had the power of the Spirit guiding every thing you did - if you let the Spirit of God have full control over *every* area of your life?