



Yield To the Holy Spirit

A pastor of a great church was attending a meeting where the Holy Spirit was moving and people around him were responding with laughter, shouting and praising. He was just standing there observing and analyzing everything when the minister walked up to him and said, "Why don't you yield to the Holy Spirit?"

He thought, "Yield. Hmmm, that's an interesting concept." He pulled out his Greek Lexicon from his pocket and looked up the word. In the Greek the word yield refers to "when a soldier presents himself to his commanding officer for orders." After seeing this, he realized that he needed to respond to the Person of the Holy Spirit and follow the impulses He was giving to laugh, dance, and shout for joy. The Holy Spirit will prompt you to rejoice at the most unusual times. He takes what Christ has done **FOR** us and makes it real **IN** us!

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As we yield to the Holy Spirit, we will become familiar with the "way of the spirit" which brings the power of joy to any situation. In John 14:16-17, Jesus introduced the Holy Spirit to His disciples as the Comforter. I like to read these verses in the Amplified Bible to give the

Greek meaning of Who the Holy Spirit is and what He does in us.

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Intercessor, Advocate, Strengthener, and Standby), that He may remain with you forever -- The Spirit of Truth, Whom the world cannot receive (welcome, take to its heart), because it does not see Him or know and recognize Him. But you know and recognize Him, for He lives with you [constantly] and will be in you.

John 14:16 - 17 (AMP)

Notice verse 17 says He will be in you. Who is this Holy Spirit who lives in you? What is He doing? The Greek word for Comforter here is "Parakletos." Dr. P.C. Nelson, A Greek and Hebrew scholar who was fluent in 32 different languages and who wrote a book of fundamental Bible doctrines; said the Greek word Parakletos actually means: Advocate, Counselor, and Intercessor. He went on to say that the "Advocate/Counselor" is called in for His excellence in three areas: **1.) His exceptional knowledge; 2.) His expertise in protocol and procedure; 3.) His persuasive speaking ability.** When the Holy Spirit is working on your case, you have a tremendous advantage because He has a reputation for winning cases.

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He may prompt you to praise, laugh, shout, sing, or speak a scripture. He can come gushing out of your belly like a mighty river of joy and shouting. He'll remind you of the victory won in redemption and that if God is for you, then who can be against you (Rom. 8:31)! It may be proper protocol and procedure to apply the blood of Jesus and then dance in the Presence of Jehovah Rapha until healing is manifested in your body. No matter what He prompts you to do, listen to the Comforter – the Counselor – within. He will fill you with joy that not only gives you strength but brings in the glory of God!

Uncommon Strength

William Barclay, another Bible scholar, describes the work of the "Parakletos" this way: "The kind of comfort and consolation in distress which keeps a man on his feet, when, left to himself, he would collapse. It is the comfort, which enables a man or woman to pass the breaking point and not to break. He is one who is called in to help in a situation with which a man by himself cannot cope. He exhorts men to high deeds and noble thoughts."

The prayer of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 3:14-21 describes the kind of strength the Holy Spirit supplies in the inner man of every believer.

May He grant you out of the rich treasury of His glory to be strengthened and reinforced with mighty power in the inner man by the [Holy] Spirit [Himself indwelling your innermost being and personality].

Ephesians 3:16 (AMP)

The Holy Spirit strengthens us with mighty power, fills us with the fullness of God, and opens up the supernatural exceedingly, abundantly above all we can ask or think.

What To Do When You Mess Up

One of my grandsons, Jude, was in the middle of being potty trained and was getting ready to start preschool. In preschool, the children all have to be able to take care of themselves in the area of going to the bathroom. That's when their parents start getting really serious about this stage of development! Jude was having some challenges in this area and I noticed one day when he was playing at my house that he had gotten real quiet. I've learned when children get quiet you'd better look for them.

I noticed Jude was standing over in the drapes, real still. I said, "Jude, what are you doing? Did you mess in your britches?" He didn't say anything. "Jude, come here. Come to Poppy." He walked to me, his legs stretched out, awkwardly walking to me. I then called for some

assistance from his mother, because taking care of that kind of business is definitely out of my department!

I got to thinking that this is how Christians act when they've "messed" up in some area of their Christian life. Maybe they quit tithing or got into sin and they're out somewhere – "hiding in the drapes!" You call them and ask if something is wrong. Of course, they deny it or make some excuses. When after some coaxing, they open up and start coming to talk to you. They are walking like Jude walked when he messed his britches! They repent and the Lord cleans them up and soon they are happy again, right in the middle of church with all the rest of the believers.

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"Where the blood flows, the Holy Spirit goes!"

(Mark Hankins)

The power of the blood of Jesus continually cleanses us from all unrighteousness. Even the smell of sin is gone and there is a refreshing of the Holy Spirit! We cannot enjoy life when we know we've sinned and missed the mark. God doesn't leave us in a hopeless condition, but has made a way for us to be restored. We can come boldly to the throne of grace to find mercy for our failures and grace to meet our needs.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

Hebrews 10:19

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:7, 9

Today, the blood of Jesus completely cleanses from sin and all unrighteousness. It restores fellowship with God and brings joy in the Holy Ghost. As Smith Wigglesworth said, "There is not one thing in me the blood does not cleanse." I like to say, "Where the blood flows, the Holy Ghost goes!" Instead of having a nervous breakdown, get up - shout, dance and rejoice and give the devil a nervous breakdown!

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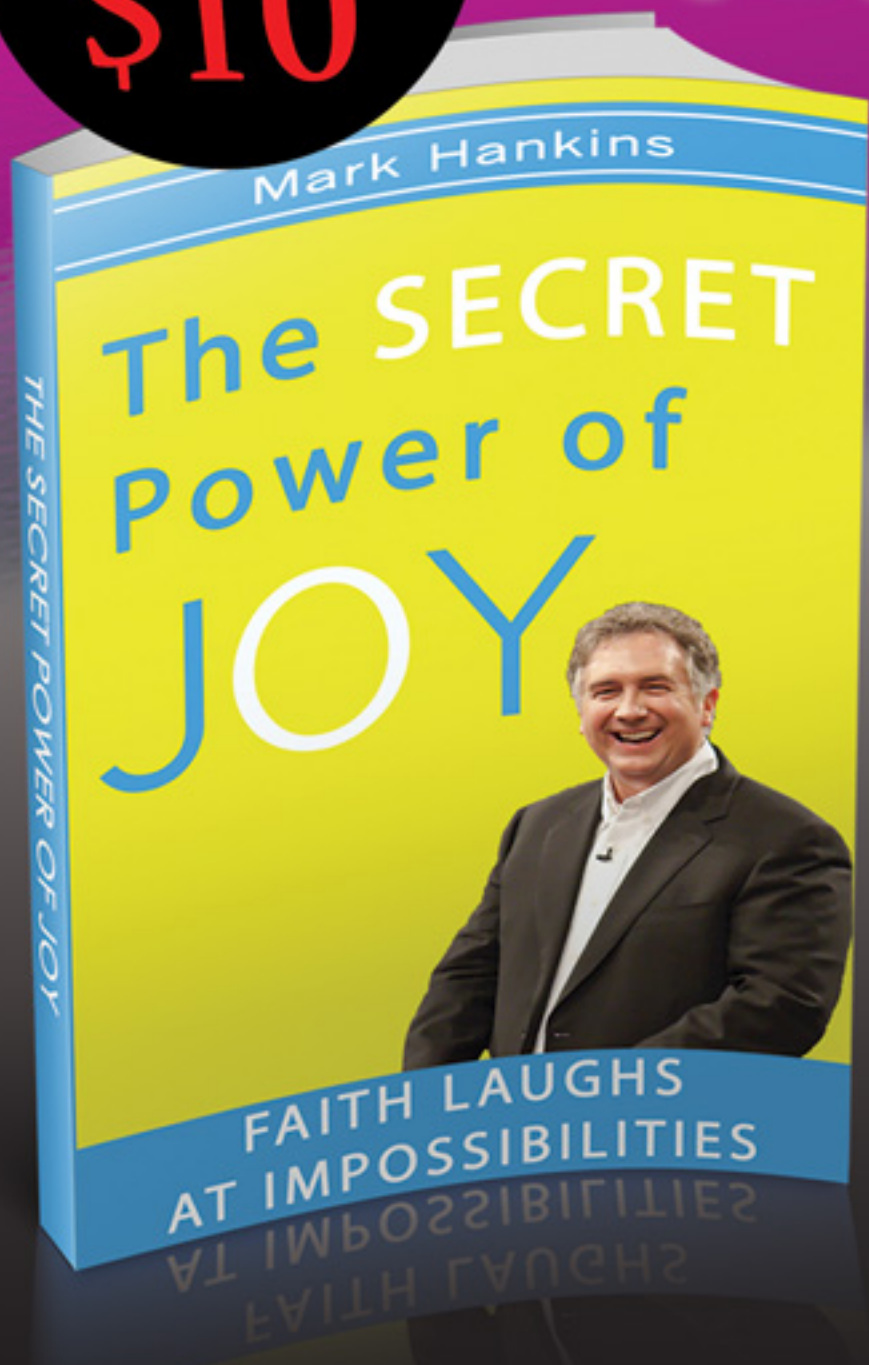
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