

LIFE IS SPIRITUAL

*The Faithfulness of the Holy Spirit in Our
Day*

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*“According as His divine power hath given unto us all
things that pertain unto life and godliness, through
the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and
virtue.”*

— 2 Peter 1:3

Dedication

Dedicated to the Holy Spirit—my Comforter, Teacher, Guide, Helper, and Constant Companion.

Thank You for Your unfailing faithfulness through every season of my life.

Thank You for walking with me when I did not understand Your ways, for comforting me in difficult seasons, for correcting me when I needed direction, for strengthening me when I felt weak, and for revealing Jesus Christ more deeply to me through the years.

This book is my expression of gratitude to You.

To You alone be all the glory.

Author's Note

This book began long before I ever sat down to write these words.

It began with a relationship.

For many years I have enjoyed a personal walk with the Holy Spirit. Looking back over the seasons of my life, I can see His hand guiding me with remarkable faithfulness. He has been my Comforter, my Teacher, my Guide, my Helper, and my Constant Companion.

In the early years of my walk with God, while I was a full-time wife and mother, I heard a simple instruction within my spirit.

"Write Me a book."

At the time I questioned whether I was qualified.

Although I later earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and eventually a master's degree in theology and Christian Counseling, none of those accomplishments convinced me that I could author a book that would bless God's people.

Yet the Holy Spirit remained faithful.

Step by step He continued teaching me.

Eventually I began writing what became my first manuscript, *Have You Met the Holy Spirit?* Later that work developed into my published book, *Supernatural Companion*.

Looking back now, I realize that the Holy Spirit was preparing me for much more than publishing books.

He was teaching me to preserve His faithfulness.

Years later He opened doors for mission work in Uganda, Kenya, and Nigeria. He continued His work through the

birth of Christ Life Church and eventually through the Life Is Spiritual teaching ministry.

Each season revealed another aspect of His goodness.

As I reflected upon all He had done throughout my life, one truth continued to rise within my heart.

Life is spiritual.

This statement is not simply the title of a ministry.

It is the testimony of my life.

Everything that has shaped me has been influenced by the faithful work of the Holy Spirit.

This book is not intended to draw attention to me.

It is my testimony of His faithfulness.

Every experience recorded within these pages points to the goodness of God and the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit.

My prayer is that as you read this book, you will discover that the Holy Spirit is not merely someone to study.

He is Someone to know.

He wants to walk with you.

He wishes to teach you.

He wants to comfort you.

He wants to reveal Jesus Christ to you in ways that will transform your daily life.

If this book encourages you to know Him more personally, then it has fulfilled its purpose.

Introduction

Why Life Is Spiritual

One of the greatest discoveries of my Christian life has been the realization that life is spiritual.

This truth has shaped the way I understand God, His Word, and my daily walk with Him.

Many people separate the natural from the spiritual.

They believe that ordinary life belongs in one category while spiritual matters belong in another.

The Bible presents a different picture.

The very first verse of Scripture declares,

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”
(Genesis 1:1)

God created both the visible and the invisible.

He created heaven.

He created earth.

He rules over both.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we live in two worlds.

We live in the natural world where we work, raise families, make decisions, overcome challenges, and fulfill our daily responsibilities.

At the same time, we belong to the Kingdom of God.

Jesus said that although we live in this world, we are not of this world.

The Holy Spirit enables believers to live successfully in both.

He teaches us how to live from the inside out.

His wisdom reaches beyond natural understanding.

His peace steadies us during uncertainty.

His direction often prepares us for situations long before they unfold.

Over the years I have discovered that walking with the Holy Spirit is never boring.

There is always something fresh to learn because He continually reveals Jesus Christ.

There is no dull moment in relationship with the Holy Spirit.

With Him, we go forward ever and backward never.

My own journey has been filled with moments that only the Holy Spirit could have orchestrated.

Sometimes He spoke through Scripture.

Sometimes He spoke through dreams.

Sometimes through a quiet inward witness.

Sometimes through peace that could not be explained naturally.

Other times He protected me before I even realized I needed protection.

There were seasons when I did not understand what He was doing.

Looking back now, I can see that His faithfulness never changed.

He stayed present through every victory.

He stayed present through every disappointment.

He stayed present through every transition.

The greatest miracle in my life has not been spectacular events.

The greatest miracle has been His constant presence.

For me, the Holy Spirit is not merely a subject to teach.

He is the One who has faithfully walked beside me through every chapter of my life.

Because of Him, I have learned that our lives are influenced by realities beyond what our natural eyes can see.

This does not make us fearful.

It makes us confident.

The God who created both heaven and earth has given His Spirit to live within every believer.

What an incredible privilege.

As you journey through these pages, my prayer is that you will not merely gain information about the Holy Spirit.

I pray that you will want a deeper relationship with Him.

For it is through that relationship that we discover the greatest truth I have learned over many years of walking with Him.

Life Is Spiritual.

CHAPTER ONE

Who Is the Holy Spirit?

The most important relationship a believer can have after receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is a growing relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Many people know about Him.

Some acknowledge His existence.

Others recognize His power.

Yet far fewer have come to know Him personally.

Throughout my years of walking with God, I have discovered that the Holy Spirit is not merely Someone to study. He is Someone to know.

He is not an influence.

He is not a feeling.

He is not simply a power that occasionally visits believers.

He is the third Person of the Godhead—the eternal Spirit of God.

He has intelligence.

He speaks.

He teaches.

He leads.

He comforts.

He loves.

He can be grieved.

He can be obeyed.

He glorifies Jesus Christ and faithfully carries out the Father's purpose in the lives of believers.

Jesus never referred to the Holy Spirit as an "it."

He always referred to Him as a Person.

Before Jesus returned to the Father, He gave His disciples one of the greatest promises recorded in Scripture.

"But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you." (John 14:26)

That promise did not end with the first disciples.

It belongs to every believer today.

The Holy Spirit continues to teach.

He continues to remind.

He continues to comfort.

He continues to reveal Jesus Christ.

My own understanding of the Holy Spirit was not developed merely through study. It grew through relationship.

In the early years of my walk with God, I was a wife, a mother, and devoted to serving the Lord. I loved God deeply, but I never imagined that one day I would author books, travel on mission trips, pastor a church, or teach people around the world.

Yet the Holy Spirit already knew the plans God had prepared for my life.

One day, during those early years, I heard a simple instruction within my spirit:

"Write Me a book."

The instruction surprised me.

At the time, I did not consider myself a writer. I was simply trying to be faithful in the season God had given me.

My immediate thoughts were filled with questions.

How could I write a book?

What did I have to say?

Who would read it?

Yet the Holy Spirit was patient.

Years later, what began as a simple manuscript called Have You Met the Holy Spirit? eventually became part of what would later be published as Supernatural Companion.

Looking back now, I realize that the Holy Spirit was doing far more than helping me write.

He was introducing Himself to me as a faithful Companion.

That is one of the reasons I often describe Him as my Supernatural Companion.

He has never been merely a doctrine to me.

He has been a Person.

A faithful Person.

A constant Companion.

A loving Guide.

As the years passed, I discovered that the Holy Spirit desired much more than occasional visits during prayer meetings or church services.

He desired fellowship.

He desired relationship.

He wished to walk with me every day.

One of the most beautiful realities of my journey has been discovering that the Holy Spirit patiently teaches us as we grow.

He does not condemn us for what we do not yet understand.

Instead, He gently leads us into truth.

The more I walked with Him, the more I began to appreciate His character.

He is faithful.

He is holy.

He is wise.

He is compassionate.

He is truthful.

Everything He does reflects the nature of God.

Everything He does points us toward Jesus Christ.

One of the greatest misunderstandings in the Church today is reducing the Holy Spirit to His manifestations while overlooking His Person.

His power is real.

His gifts are wonderful.

His miracles glorify God.

Yet before He does anything through us, He wants to walk with us.

Relationship comes before ministry.

Fellowship comes before service.

Character comes before gifting.

Jesus Himself proved this truth.

Every miracle He performed and every word He spoke flowed from His relationship with the Father through the Holy Spirit.

The same Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus now lives within every believer.

What a remarkable privilege.

As I look back over the years, I can honestly say that one of the greatest blessings of my life has not been ministry opportunities, mission trips, books, or accomplishments.

The greatest blessing has been knowing the Holy Spirit personally.

He has walked with me through every season.

He has still been faithful when I did not understand what He was doing.

He has gently guided me step by step.

Knowing about Him enriches our understanding.

Knowing Him personally transforms our lives.

My prayer is that every reader will move beyond information and into relationship.

For the Holy Spirit is not merely Someone to learn about.

He is Someone to know.

CHAPTER TWO

The Promise of the Father

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He gave His disciples an instruction that continues to speak powerfully to believers today.

He told them to wait.

This instruction seems unusual.

The disciples had walked with Jesus.

They had heard His teaching.

They had seen miracles.

They had seen His death and resurrection.

Surely, they were ready to continue His ministry.

Yet Jesus told them not to leave Jerusalem until they received the Promise of the Father.

I have always understood this instruction in a very practical way.

Jesus was teaching His disciples not to run ahead in the flesh without the power of the Holy Spirit.

Good intentions would not be enough.

Natural ability would not be enough.

Human wisdom would not be enough.

They needed divine empowerment.

They needed the Holy Spirit.

Jesus said:

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...” (Acts 1:8)

The word that has always stood out to me in this verse is power.

Not power to impress people.

Not power to promote ourselves.

But power to stand for Jesus Christ faithfully.

Power to fulfill God's purpose.

Power to overcome obstacles.

Power to minister effectively.

Power to live the Christian life.

The Holy Spirit is God's answer to human weakness.

As I have reflected upon my own journey, I have often thanked God for the reality of this promise.

Everything God has called me to do has needed the help of the Holy Spirit.

In 2015, God opened a door for me to travel to Uganda on a ten-day mission trip.

At the time, I simply desired to serve the Lord and be a blessing to His people.

I did not realize that this would become the beginning of a larger missionary journey.

After Uganda came opportunities to minister in Kenya.

Later came opportunities to minister in Nigeria.

Year after year, I watched God confirm His Word and show His faithfulness.

Throughout those mission trips, one message remained close to my heart.

I often taught what I called the three dimensions of the supernatural:

Faith.

The Anointing.

The Glory.

These teachings were never intended to draw attention to people.

Their purpose was to teach believers how to depend completely upon the Holy Spirit.

Repeatedly, I saw the faithfulness of God as people responded to His Word.

The Holy Spirit confirmed His truth in ways that brought glory to Jesus Christ.

Looking back now, I realize that none of those opportunities could have been done through human effort alone.

Everything flowed from the help and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

The Promise of the Father was never intended to remain a historical event recorded in the book of Acts.

It is a present reality for believers today.

The Holy Spirit continues to empower ordinary people to do extraordinary purposes.

One of the greatest advantages believers have today is the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

Under the Old Covenant, God's presence came upon individuals for specific assignments.

Today, under the New Covenant, His presence lives within every believer.

What a remarkable privilege.

We do not simply experience God's presence occasionally.

We carry His presence daily.

This truth has become precious to me over the years.

The Holy Spirit is not someone I visit from time to time.

He is my constant Companion.

He is present when I pray.

He is present when I worship.

He is present when I minister.

He is present during ordinary moments when no one else is around.

His presence is not dependent upon my feelings.

His presence is proven by God's promise.

As I reflect upon the faithfulness of God throughout my life, I am continually reminded that everything He has carried out has been through the help of the Holy Spirit.

The same promise Jesus gave His disciples is still available today.

The same Holy Spirit who empowered the early Church still empowers believers.

The same Spirit who worked through the apostles still works through God's people today.

The Promise of the Father is still being fulfilled.

And every believer has been invited to live in the reality of that promise through a daily relationship with the Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER THREE

The Holy Spirit Within Us—Our Greatest Advantage

One of the greatest truths that has transformed my walk with God is the realization that the Holy Spirit no longer merely comes upon believers—He lives within us.

This is the believer's greatest advantage.

Under the Old Covenant, God's Spirit came upon prophets, priests, judges, and kings for specific assignments. His presence was real, His power undeniable, yet his indwelling presence had not yet been given as the permanent inheritance of every believer.

Everything changed after the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

When the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost, He came not merely to visit God's people but to dwell within them.

What an extraordinary gift.

The Apostle Paul wrote:

"Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you..." (1 Corinthians 6:19)

Those words have become deeply personal to me.

The Holy Spirit is not somewhere far away waiting for me to find Him.

He lives within me.

That truth has changed the way I pray.

It has changed the way I worship.

It has changed the way I live.

Early in my walk with God, especially during the 1990s, I spent many hours in prayer and praying in the Spirit. Those seasons became precious to me because I was learning to practice the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Something interesting began to happen.

Whenever I had been away from home for lengthy periods of time, surrounded by the busyness of people and daily activities, I would return home with an overwhelming feeling that I had missed Him.

Many times, I would quietly say,

“Holy Spirit, I missed You.”

It was as real to me as missing someone I loved dearly.

His presence had become so precious that I longed for those quiet moments of fellowship again.

As the years passed, however, the Holy Spirit gently matured my understanding.

He reminded me of the promise of Jesus—that He would never leave us nor forsake us.

I began to understand that He had never been absent.

The difference was not His presence.

The difference was my awareness.

I discovered that fellowship is not decided by location.

It is cultivated through awareness.

That realization brought tremendous freedom to my life.

Today I no longer think of the Holy Spirit as Someone waiting for me at home.

I rejoice in knowing that wherever I go, He is already there because He lives within me.

His presence is my constant companion.

That is one of the greatest advantages believers have today.

We never walk alone.

This indwelling presence also explains why Jesus could say that it was to our advantage that He returned to the Father.

The Holy Spirit within us carries out what no amount of human effort ever could.

He comforts us from within.

He teaches us from within.

He strengthens us from within.

He transforms us from within.

Everything begins on the inside before it is manifested on the outside.

This is why I often say that the Christian life is lived from the inside out.

The world teaches people to change circumstances first.

God changes the heart.

From that transformed heart flows a transformed life.

The Holy Spirit is continually working within us, shaping our thoughts, renewing our minds, strengthening our faith, and producing the character of Christ.

That inward work is often quiet.

It is not always dramatic.

Yet it is one of the greatest miracles God performs.

As I have reflected upon the ministry of Jesus, I have often noticed that what distinguished Him from the religious leaders of His day was not merely His knowledge of Scripture.

The Pharisees knew the Scriptures.

Jesus lived in perfect fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

Everything He said and everything He did flowed from that relationship.

That same Holy Spirit now lives within every believer.

What an incredible privilege.

This truth reminds me continually that believers today have an advantage that even many Old Testament saints longed to experience.

The presence of God is no longer confined to a tabernacle.

He has chosen to make His home within His people.

That reality should fill every believer with gratitude.

It certainly fills mine.

When I look back over my life, I realize that every season has been shaped by His faithful presence within me.

He has still been with me during seasons of joy.

He has still been with me during seasons of uncertainty.

He has still been with me during victories and disappointments alike.

Never once has He abandoned me.

Never once has He failed me.

His faithfulness has become the steady foundation of my life.

Knowing this has changed the way I see every day.

No matter where I am...

No matter what I face...

No matter what season I enter...

The Holy Spirit is already there.

Because He is within me.

That is the believer's greatest advantage.

It is also one of the greatest reasons I can say with complete confidence:

Life Is Spiritual.

CHAPTER FOUR

Learning to Hear His Voice

One of the greatest joys of walking with the Holy Spirit is learning to recognize His voice.

Jesus said,

“My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.” (John 10:27)

Those words have become increasingly precious to me over the years.

Hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit is not reserved for a few spiritually gifted believers.

It is part of a growing relationship with Him.

Like any relationship, familiarity grows with time.

The more we walk with Him, the more recognizable His voice becomes.

For me, hearing His voice has always been deeply personal.

I have often believed that your relationship with God is always between you and God.

From that sacred place of fellowship, His voice becomes intimate.

There is a confidence that develops over time—not confidence in ourselves, but confidence in recognizing the One who has faithfully spoken to us repeatedly.

One lesson the Holy Spirit has taught me is the importance of becoming quiet on the inside.

Life can be noisy.

Responsibilities compete for our attention.

People's opinions can become loud.

Circumstances can demand immediate answers.

Yet beneath all the outward activity is a place of quietness where the Holy Spirit speaks to the heart.

When we become still inwardly, His voice often becomes clearer.

He does not usually compete with the noise around us.

He gently draws our attention inward.

Many of the ways He has spoken to me have been through what believers often call the inward witness.

Sometimes I simply know something without knowing how I know it.

Other times He places an impression upon my heart that later proves to be His guidance.

On one occasion, I clearly heard within my spirit,

"There will be an announcement...let it be."

Immediately I answered,

"Okay."

At the time, I had no idea what the announcement would be.

Days later, something occurred that would normally have offended me.

Yet because the Holy Spirit had prepared my heart beforehand, I found myself completely at peace.

His instruction had not changed the circumstance.

It had changed me.

That is often how He works.

Another morning, I awoke with a single phrase filling my mind:

"Glycemic Index."

I had not been studying nutrition before going to bed.

Yet the phrase remained with me.

Curious, I searched for its meaning and discovered valuable information that later helped me make healthier choices.

Moments like these remind me that the Holy Spirit is interested in every part of our lives.

He is concerned with spiritual growth.

He also cares about the practical details of everyday living.

As my relationship with Him deepened, I discovered another important principle.

His voice always agrees with Scripture.

He never contradicts the written Word of God.

Sometimes He has spoken to my heart by bringing specific passages of Scripture to life in very personal ways.

At different seasons, the account of Saul's jealousy toward David has reminded me to guard my heart against comparison.

At other times, the prophet's question to Ahab,

"Have you killed, and also taken possession?"

has searched my own heart with holy conviction.

There have also been moments when the warning,

"Sin is crouching at your door,"

has at once captured my attention.

The Holy Spirit faithfully uses God's Word to protect, correct, and strengthen those who are willing to listen.

Through the years I have learned that His voice is always consistent.

His ways are always trustworthy.

His guidance is always motivated by love.

As our relationship with Him grows, His voice becomes one of the greatest assurances that we never walk through life alone.

For the One who speaks to us also walks with us.

And the One who walks with us is always faithful.

CHAPTER FIVE

Following the Inward Witness

One of the safest ways the Holy Spirit leads believers is through what the Bible calls the inward witness.

It is not usually dramatic.

It is not loud.

It is often quiet, gentle, and peaceful.

Yet it is one of the strongest ways the Holy Spirit has guided my life.

As I have walked with Him through the years, I have learned that His leading is not based on fear or pressure. He leads with peace.

Sometimes His leading does not make sense to our natural minds.

Sometimes it even challenges the most reasonable decision.

Yet whenever I have followed His peace instead of my own understanding, I have never regretted it.

One of the most unforgettable examples occurred during one of the most difficult financial seasons of my life.

Years ago, while living in Atlanta, Georgia, I was losing my home.

From every natural perspective, the situation appeared hopeless.

Before everything unfolded, however, I had a dream in which I heard these words:

“You will come out better than you went in.”

At the time, I thought I understood what those words meant.

I assumed that “coming out better” meant filing bankruptcy so that I could have a fresh financial beginning.

That seemed logical.

So, I visited a bankruptcy office in downtown Atlanta.

The attorney explained the process, told me how much money I would need, and scheduled another appointment for four weeks later.

Yet something within me was unsettled.

I had information.

I had professional advice.

But I did not have peace.

Rather than moving forward at once, I decided to seek the Lord.

For four weeks I prayed.

I listened.

I waited.

I heard nothing.

When the day of my appointment arrived, the lady looked at me and asked,

“Do you have the money to begin the bankruptcy?”

I answered,

“No.”

She looked at me kindly and said,

“Don’t come back until you have the money.”

I quietly thanked her, walked to my car, closed the door, and before I could even start the engine, I heard the Holy

Spirit clearly say,

"You will not file bankruptcy."

The words were unmistakable.

Immediately I knew I had heard from God.

I cried all the way home.

Not because I doubted Him.

But because I had no idea what He was going to do.

As I drove, I simply said,

*"Holy Spirit, if You don't want me to file bankruptcy,
what do You want me to do?"*

I did not yet have the answer.

But I had His Word.

That was enough.

Today, many years later, I look back with overwhelming gratitude.

His Word proved true.

Not only did I avoid bankruptcy, but the Lord faithfully led me into a life of financial freedom.

Today I live debt free.

When I remember that season, I realize that His promise had been true from the very beginning.

I simply misunderstood how He intended to fulfill it.

The Holy Spirit was never asking me to trust my understanding.

He was asking me to trust His.

There are times when His direction will not make sense until years later.

But His faithfulness is never dependent upon our understanding.

It is rooted in His character.

His inward witness has also protected me in ways I could never have expected.

Years ago, while living in Georgia, I had a neighbor who occasionally knocked on my door to borrow small household items.

Sometimes it was a can opener.

Sometimes something else from the kitchen.

I gladly helped him whenever I could.

He had never done anything to offend me.

One day my doorbell rang.

When I opened the door, there he stood.

Before he could say a single word, something unexpected happened.

The words came out of my mouth without thinking.

I said,

"Please don't come back here again."

Then I quickly added,

"It's not you, and it's not anything you've done."

The expression on his face revealed complete surprise.

He quietly turned around and walked away.

I closed the door, leaned against it, and at once asked the Holy Spirit,

"Holy Spirit, why did I do that?"

There was no answer.

The next day another neighbor called me outside.

She asked whether I had heard what had happened.

I said,

"No."

She explained that the same neighbor had been helping her with some work around her house.

While she was in another room, he entered her purse, stole her checkbook, wrote himself a check, and tried to cash it.

The bank became suspicious of the signature.

The police were called.

He was arrested that very day.

As I listened, I stood there in quiet amazement.

Only then did I understand why the Holy Spirit had prompted me to speak as I did.

He had protected me before I even knew I needed protection.

That experience left a permanent impression upon my heart.

The inward witness is one of God's greatest gifts to His children.

We may not always understand His instructions right away when He gives them.

Sometimes He explains later.

Sometimes He never explains.

Our responsibility is not to understand everything.

Our responsibility is to trust the One who does.

The Holy Spirit sees what we cannot see.

He knows what we do not know.

He lovingly guides those who are willing to follow Him.

As I look back over my life, I realize that many of God's greatest blessings came because I trusted His inward witness even when I could not explain it.

His peace became my guide.

His presence became my confidence.

His faithfulness became my testimony.

That is why I have learned never to ignore His gentle leading.

The One who knows tomorrow is more than capable of directing today.

CHAPTER SIX

Walking Daily with the Holy Spirit

Walking with the Holy Spirit is not an occasional spiritual experience.

It is a daily relationship.

Some people think of fellowship with the Holy Spirit as something reserved for church services, conferences, or special seasons of revival.

My experience has been hugely different.

The Holy Spirit wants to walk with us every day.

He is present in our ordinary moments as well as our extraordinary ones.

One of the greatest lessons I have learned is that there is truly no dull moment in relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Every season becomes another opportunity to know Him more deeply.

With Him, we go forward ever and backward never.

As I have continued walking with Him through the years, I have noticed that He often speaks through things that are already familiar to me.

Sometimes He brings Scriptures to my remembrance.

Other times He uses songs.

This has happened many times in my own life.

There are seasons when I become occupied with responsibilities and unintentionally allow my attention to drift.

It is never that I have stopped loving God.

Life simply becomes busy.

During those moments, a familiar song will suddenly rise within my heart.

Sometimes it is the words,

“Don’t let me down.”

Other times it is another familiar song that simply says,

“Don’t you forget about me...”

Whenever those songs begin to play within my heart, I at once understand what the Holy Spirit is lovingly saying.

He is reminding me to return my full attention to Him.

Not because He has left me.

But because He wishes my fellowship.

His correction is always gentle.

His reminders are always filled with love.

Over the years I have also discovered that the Holy Spirit faithfully brings Scriptures to my remembrance at exactly the right moment.

Sometimes it is the account of Saul’s jealousy toward David.

Sometimes it is the prophet’s words to King Ahab,

“Have you killed and taken possession?”

At other times, the warning concerning sin waiting at the door at once captures my attention.

These Scriptures have become more than Bible stories.

They have become the living voice of God applying His Word personally to my life.

One of the beautiful characteristics of the Holy Spirit is that He works with what He has already placed within us.

He uses His Word.

He uses experiences.

He even uses familiar songs to redirect our attention toward Jesus.

Nothing is wasted in His hands.

Everything becomes another opportunity for Him to reveal Christ.

As I reflect upon the years I have walked with Him, I am continually amazed by His patience.

He has never forced Himself upon me.

He has never abandoned me because of my weaknesses.

He has simply still been faithful.

Day after day.

Year after year.

Season after season.

That faithfulness has become one of the strongest pieces of evidence in my own life that the Holy Spirit is truly our Helper.

Jesus said,

“But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things...”
(John 14:26)

How grateful I am for that promise.

He has taught me.

He has corrected me.

He has comforted me.

He has strengthened me.

He has faithfully still been beside me through every season.

He enables us to navigate both the visible and the invisible realities of life.

This is where life truly is spiritual.

As believers, we live in this world, but we are not of this world.

We carry within us the very Spirit of the living God.

He enables us to live with wisdom in the natural while staying sensitive to the realities of the Kingdom of God.

Walking daily with the Holy Spirit is not about becoming mysterious.

It is about becoming increasingly aware of His constant presence.

The more aware we become of Him, the more naturally we learn to depend upon Him.

That dependence is not weakness.

It is the strength of every believer.

For apart from Him we can do nothing.

With Him, we can fulfill everything God has prepared for us.

And after all these years, I can still say with complete confidence:

There is no dull moment in relationship with the Holy Spirit.

We go forward ever and backward never.

CHAPTER SEVEN

The Holy Spirit—Our Helper Through Every Season

One of the greatest names Jesus gave the Holy Spirit is Helper.

That one word has become one of the defining realities of my life.

Jesus said,

“But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor, Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and He will help you remember everything that I have told you.” (John 14:26, AMP)

The Holy Spirit has been my Helper through every season of life.

He has helped me when I understood what He was doing.

He has helped me when I had no understanding at all.

Looking back, I realize that many of the greatest miracles in my life were not dramatic miracles that everyone could see.

They were quiet miracles of His faithful help.

One of the seasons that forever changed my understanding of His faithfulness came after my divorce.

Like many people who have experienced major life transitions, I found myself asking questions I had never asked before.

How do I move from being a married woman to raising four children as a single mother?

How will I provide for my family?

What does the future look like?

I remember lying quietly one day, overwhelmed by the uncertainty of what lay ahead.

Then I heard the Holy Spirit speak clearly within me.

Twice He asked,

“You still don’t believe I can take care of you?”

Those words awakened something deep within my heart.

I knew it was the Holy Spirit.

I believed He could take care of me.

I simply did not know how He was going to do it.

That became the beginning of another journey of trust.

Looking back from where I stand today, I can only say that He has been faithful.

He helped me raise our four children.

He strengthened me when I felt weak.

He provided when I could not see the provision.

He comforted me when no one else knew what I was carrying.

Today, He continues to help me as I enjoy the blessing of grandchildren.

Every season has revealed another dimension of His faithfulness.

When I think about those years, my heart overflows with gratitude.

His presence has never failed me.

His help has never been absent.

His faithfulness has never changed.

That is one of the reasons I often describe myself as a mobile sanctuary.

The Holy Spirit does not simply meet me at church.

He lives within me wherever I go.

Whether I am ministering in another nation...

Serving at my local church...

Greeting people during my volunteer work at the hospital...

Or simply spending quiet time alone with God...

His presence goes with me.

He has become my constant Companion.

One of the beautiful lessons the Holy Spirit has taught me is that His help often comes before we recognize our need.

Many times, He has strengthened me before difficult seasons arrived.

Other times He has given peace long before circumstances changed.

His help is never limited by time.

He already knows tomorrow while faithfully walking with us today.

As I reflect upon my life, I also realize that His faithfulness has become the foundation of my worship.

My gratitude does not come merely from what He has done.

It comes from knowing who He is.

He is faithful.

That faithfulness has sustained me through every chapter of my journey.

Whether the season was joyful or painful...

Whether I understood His ways or not...

Whether I saw immediate answers or had to wait...

He stayed faithful.

That realization has changed the way I pray.

Instead of asking,

"Holy Spirit, where are You?"

I now find myself saying,

"Thank You for never leaving me."

The promise Jesus made has proven true.

He is our Helper.

He is our Comforter.

He is our teacher.

He is our Strengtheners.

He is our Standby.

He enables us to navigate both the visible and invisible realities of life.

This is where life truly is spiritual.

As believers, we live in two worlds.

We live in the natural world where we work, serve, raise families, and fulfill our daily responsibilities.

At the same time, we belong to the Kingdom of God.

The Holy Spirit enables us to live successfully in both.

He teaches us how to walk in wisdom on earth while staying sensitive to the realities of heaven.

The more I have learned to depend upon Him, the more I have discovered that He truly is everything Jesus said He

would be.

He is our Helper.

And because He is our Helper, we are never alone.

CHAPTER EIGHT

The Holy Spirit and Our Calling

One of the most wonderful discoveries I have made is that the Holy Spirit not only comforts us—He prepares us for God’s purpose.

Many people spend years searching for their calling.

Yet I have learned that our calling is not something we manufacture.

It is something God reveals as we walk faithfully with Him.

For me, that revelation came in a most unexpected way.

At the time, I had no plans of entering ministry.

I loved God.

I served Him faithfully.

But preaching the Gospel was not something I was pursuing.

Then one night I had a dream that changed the course of my life.

In the dream, I arrived home and at once noticed that the entire house was filled with brilliant light.

Thinking one of my daughters had forgotten to turn off the lights, I called out,

“Why didn’t you turn off the lights?”

I reached toward the light switch to turn it off.

Immediately I heard a sharp voice say,

“Do not cut off the lights.”

Startled, I turned around.

There sat an older woman with a man beside her.

I looked at them and said,

“I didn’t know you lived here.”

As I turned to leave the room, the voice spoke again.

Twice it said,

“Patience, go and preach the Gospel.”

“Patience, go and preach the Gospel.”

Then I woke up.

There was no doubt in my heart that God had spoken.

Yet even then, I did not know how those words would happen.

Years later, the Holy Spirit began opening doors one step at a time.

In 2015, I traveled to Uganda for a ten-day mission trip.

That single journey became the beginning of years of ministry in Africa.

The Lord later opened doors in Kenya.

Then in Nigeria.

Each mission trip became another testimony of His faithfulness.

Everywhere I traveled, my desire stayed the same.

To teach God’s people to depend completely upon the Holy Spirit.

Then came 2020.

Like much of the world, my plans suddenly changed.

My mission trip to Uganda was canceled because of the COVID pandemic.

My airline ticket was refunded.

I remember crying out to the Lord.

“Holy Spirit, if I cannot go to the nations, give me a church here in America.”

The answer came in God’s perfect timing.

In 2021, Christ Life Church was born.

Looking back now, I realize that what was an interruption was a divine redirection.

God had not canceled His purpose.

He had expanded it.

Today I smile when I think about how the Holy Spirit has patiently unfolded His plan.

He never revealed everything at once.

He simply asked me to trust Him one step at a time.

That has become one of the greatest lessons of my life.

God’s calling is not something we carry out by our own ability.

It is something we walk into by following the Holy Spirit.

Every step of my journey has confirmed one truth.

The Holy Spirit always knows where He is leading us.

Our responsibility is simply to keep saying yes.

And when we do, we discover that His plans are always greater than anything we could have imagined for ourselves.

CHAPTER NINE

Life Is Spiritual

When I look back over the years, there is one truth that rises above every experience, every testimony, every victory, and every challenge.

Life is spiritual.

This is more than the title of a ministry.

It is the way I have come to understand life itself.

The Bible begins by saying,

“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.”
(Genesis 1:1)

God created both worlds.

The visible world that we see.

And the invisible world that we cannot see.

As believers, we live in both.

We live here on earth.

We work.

We raise families.

We make decisions.

We face disappointments.

We celebrate victories.

Yet at the same time, we belong to another Kingdom.

Jesus reminded His disciples that although they were in the world, they were not of the world.

That truth has become increasingly real to me as I have walked with the Holy Spirit.

The longer I have known Him, the more I have realized that He is constantly helping us navigate both worlds.

He gives wisdom for natural decisions.

He gives discernment concerning spiritual realities.

He prepares us for tomorrow while helping us live faithfully today.

As I reflect on my own journey, I see His fingerprints everywhere.

I see Him in the dream that called me to preach the Gospel.

I see Him in the instruction to write my first book.

I see Him in the mission fields of Uganda, Kenya, and Nigeria.

I see Him in the birth of Christ Life Church.

I see Him in the difficult seasons that taught me to trust Him.

I see Him in His protection.

I see Him in His provision.

I see Him in His correction.

I see Him in His comfort.

Most of all, I see Him in His unwavering faithfulness.

There have been seasons when I did not understand His ways.

There have been moments when I had questions that remained unanswered.

There were days when faith required simply trusting His character.

Yet through every chapter of my life, one truth has still been unchanged.

The Holy Spirit has been faithful.

If someone were to ask me today what I have learned after all these years, my answer would be simple.

The Holy Spirit is real.

He still speaks.

He still leads.

He still comforts.

He still teaches.

He still empowers.

He still reveals Jesus Christ.

And He is just as faithful today as He has always been.

One of my favorite questions to people sitting across the table from me is not,

“How are you doing?”

Instead, I often ask,

“How is your relationship with the Holy Spirit?”

I ask that question because every lasting transformation begins there.

Ministry begins there.

Wisdom begins there.

Peace begins there.

Strength begins there.

Our greatest advantage as believers is not found in our education, our experience, or our abilities.

Our greatest advantage is the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit.

Everything I have shared in this book points to that reality.

I have not written these pages because my life has been perfect.

I have written them because God has been faithful.

My prayer is that after reading these pages, you will not simply know more about the Holy Spirit.

I pray that you will want to know Him more personally.

Walk with Him.

Listen for His voice.

Trust His leading.

Depend upon His strength.

Enjoy His fellowship.

Allow Him to reveal Jesus Christ more fully in your life every day.

As you grow in fellowship with Him, you too will discover what I have learned through the years:

Life Is Spiritual.

A Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the precious gift of the Holy Spirit.

Thank You for sending Him to dwell within every believer as our Comforter, Teacher, Helper, Counselor, Guide, Strengthener, and Constant Companion.

Thank You for His faithfulness through every season of our lives.

Teach us to become increasingly aware of His presence.

Help us to recognize His voice above every other voice.

Give us hearts that are quick to obey His leading and minds that are renewed by Your Word.

May our lives continually reflect the character of Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit works within us.

Strengthen us to walk by faith and not by sight.

Help us to trust You when we do not understand and to rest in Your peace when answers seem delayed.

Thank You that through Christ You have already provided everything we need to live a life that honors You.

“According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.”

— 2 Peter 1:3

May our lives bring glory to Jesus Christ until the day we see Him face to face.

In Jesus' Name,

Amen.

A Final Invitation

If I could sit across the table from you today with a cup of tea or coffee, there is one question I would lovingly ask:

How is your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Not your church attendance.

Not your title.

Not your accomplishments.

Not even your ministry.

Simply...

How is your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

That question has shaped my own life for many years.

The greatest joy of my Christian journey has not been traveling to different nations, preaching the Gospel, or authoring books.

The greatest joy has been knowing Him.

He has become my Comforter.

My teacher.

My Guide.

My Helper.

My Supernatural Companion.

If you wish to know Him more deeply, begin where every relationship begins.

Spend time with Him.

Read His Word.

Pray.

Listen.

Obey what He shows you.

The Holy Spirit delights in revealing Jesus Christ.

And as you grow in fellowship with Him, you will discover what I have learned through the years:

That Life Is Spiritual.

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Her ministry journey began in response to a divine call from the Lord and has taken her to Uganda, Kenya, and Nigeria, where she has taught believers to depend wholeheartedly on the Holy Spirit and to walk in the realities of God's Kingdom.

Her teaching ministry has consistently emphasized what she calls the three dimensions of the supernatural—Faith, the Anointing, and the Glory—always pointing believers back to complete dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

She is also the host of the teaching series Life Is Spiritual, where biblical teaching and personal testimony come together to encourage believers to recognize the activity of God in everyday life and to cultivate an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit.

She has previously authored Supernatural Companion and other Christian books centered on the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Her passion continues to be helping believers discover the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit in everyday life.

Above every title, degree, and accomplishment, however, Patience considers her greatest privilege to be her personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Her life's message is still beautifully simple:

The Holy Spirit is faithful.

Closing Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Holy Spirit continually reveal Jesus Christ to your heart.

May His peace guard your mind.

May His wisdom direct your steps.

May His presence become more real to you each day.

May you walk confidently in the visible and the invisible realities of God's Kingdom.

May your life continually testify to the goodness and faithfulness of God.

And may you always remember—

Life Is Spiritual.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always. Amen.