

Success is a destination that requires direction, a vehicle, and fuel. In this series we have already discussed identifying your direction (by worship/fasting/prayer) and the customized vehicle (you). Now we will talk about the fuel needed. You just won't get too far if you try to push the car by itself! The fuel is needed to generate the power and force necessary to propel the vehicle further than it can go alone. This fuel is the Holy Spirit.

What Do You Think?

- Do you tend to be more emotional or more logical? How do you think this affects the way you understand the nature of the Holy Spirit?
- Have you ever experienced something that could only be explained by Holy Spirit power?

“And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all.” John 4:14-15 (ESV)

What Does God Say?

- What do the following scriptures say about the role of the Holy Spirit before Jesus returned to heaven?
 - King David – **1 Samuel 16:13**
 - Samson - **Judges 14:5-6**
 - Jesus – **Luke 4:1-2, 14-15** and **Matthew 12:22-28**
- **Read Romans 8:11.** Where does the Holy Spirit live now and how does this change the way you view your life?

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.”

John 14:12 (ESV)

- Although the Spirit indwells us at the moment of salvation and “seals” us (2 Cor. 1:21-22), we must daily choose to be led by Him. **Read Ephesians 5:15-20.** How do we do this, and what difference does it make?
- **Read John 14:11-12, 25-27 and John 16:7, 12-15.** Discuss the following questions:
 - Jesus says we will do greater things than He did *because* He is going to the Father and sending the Spirit. Why would the presence of the Holy Spirit in us be better than Jesus standing next to us?
 - How does the presence of the Holy Spirit relate to Jesus’ peace?
 - Do you see greater things happen than what Jesus did? Why or why not?

What Will You Do?

- What can you do to more tangibly see the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? Do you need to ask Him to work or make some changes that will allow Him to?
- Identify something in your life that you have no control over. Pray together specifically for the Holy Spirit to do something that you cannot. Pray with faith and confidence that God’s power would be seen.

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