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## ***Transformational Change: The Transforming Spirit***

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Our Inseparable Companion: The Spirit of God

“Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God... So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” **John 3:3,8 ESV**

God Wants You to Experience the Presence of the Holy Spirit

“For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit ... You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit.” **Romans 8:5, 9, ESV**

We Must Now Train Our Minds to Focus  
on The Spirit and Not the Flesh

“Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit” **Ephesians 5:18, NLT**

God Wants You to Experience the Power of the Holy Spirit

Prior To Acts 2 The Spirit Never Lived in Any Person

“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.” **Galatians 5:16–17, ESV**

To Experience the Power of God I Must Embrace the  
Presence and Leadership of The Spirit

**What Would This Look Like?**

## Spiritual Dependency

I Confess That I'm Powerless to Change

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." *John 15:5, ESV*

God Does Not Say, Be Spiritual.

He says, "Walk By"

1. I Recognize That I Can't Live Like I Did Before

"Then he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts." *Zechariah 4:6, ESV*

2. I Learn Everything I Can About Living and Walking in The Spirit

"The Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have told you." *John 14:26, TEV*

3. I Practice the Presence of God

4. I Practice the Power of God

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do, and he will show you the right way." *Proverbs 3:5-6, TEV*

*What Am I Going to do About What I Heard This Morning?*

Transformational Change Is Empowered by The Spirit in Those Who  
Choose to Pay the Price to Be Different

