

PASTOR RON CARPENTER JR | PT. 9

## **OPEN IN PRAYER**

## **HOLY SPIRIT - KNOWING HIS VOICE & LEADING**

Pastor Ron presents a deep dive into the Holy Spirit's role as a leader, comforter, and revealer of God's will. He emphasizes that being led by the Holy Spirit is a mark of spiritual maturity. We have so many voices, things, people competing for our mind and attention, we as Christians must move from simply being saved to truly walking in step with the Holy Spirit and discerning His voice. The Holy Spirit brings comfort and conviction, and through Him. We can learn to walk in peace, make godly decisions, and access the power of revelation!

# **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

## THE PERSONHOOD AND PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is not a force or an 'it,' but a person who desires relationship with believers. He comforts, teaches, convicts, and gives peace. Many misunderstand or avoid the Holy Spirit due to fear or confusion but knowing Him personally brings spiritual clarity. [1 Corinthians 2:10-11, John 14:26, Romans 8:6-9]

- How have you personally understood or misunderstood the Holy Spirit?
- In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit as a comforter?
- In what ways have you hindered yourself from developing a relationship with the Holy Spirit?

# DISCERNING THE SPIRIT'S VOICE

Believers receive signals from the flesh and the Spirit, both influencing the mind. Maturity comes when we can discern which voice is speaking and make choices aligned with the Spirit. This discernment leads to breakthrough, protection, and God's blessing. [Romans 8:14, Romans 7:23-25, 1 Corinthians 2:13-16]

- How can you tell when the Holy Spirit is speaking versus your own thoughts or feelings?
- What are signs that you may be following the voice of the flesh?
- How can regular time with God help sharpen your spiritual discernment?





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## BEING LED BY THE SPIRIT IN DAILY LIFE

Those who are led by the Spirit—step by step, day by day—are described as mature sons and daughters of God. Pastor Ron stresses that we must develop a lifestyle of being Spirit-led, especially in decisions, relationships, and purpose. The more we are led, the more God can build our lives and reveal our assignment. [Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:16-17, John 10:27]

- What does being 'Spirit-led' look like in everyday life?
- Why is consistency more important than spiritual moments?
- How can we better position ourselves to be led daily by the Holy Spirit?

# **GROUP CHALLENGE**

As a group, discuss one major decision each person is currently facing. Then, pray and listen together for the Holy Spirit's leading in that area. Encourage each person to journal what they sense God is saying and follow up next week to share outcomes or confirmations.

# PERSONAL CHALLENGE

Spend 10 minutes each day this week in stillness, asking the Holy Spirit to speak clearly. Write down any thoughts, scriptures, or impressions. Then act on one instruction you believe came from the Holy Spirit.

**CLOSE IN PRAYER** 

