

Shh.... Listen!

Recently my little grandson Jaxton has learned a new game. It's hide and seek. When he hides, he puts his finger up to his mouth and says, "Shh". It's amazing to me that for a few minutes this noisy little guy will get incredibly quite as he 'listens' and 'hides'.

I wonder what it would be like to play hide and seek with God on your side. Remember when we were kids and we played this and you sometimes had someone on your side? You both had to pick the best place to hide and you relied on each other to be very quiet.

Jesus is speaking before his crucifixion at the last supper.

John 14:26 KJV

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, (Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit = same thing) whom the Father will send in my name (In My Place) , he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

Jesus tells his disciples that they are about to receive the Holy Ghost.

- What a promise!
- You have that same promise today.

John 7:³⁷⁻³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive:

David said...

- Psalm 51:11 KJV Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.
- Tehillim 51:11 Orthodox Jewish Bible (OJB). Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Ruach Hakodesh from me.

- In Judaism, Holy Spirit (Hebrew: רוח הקודש, **ruach** ha-**kodesh**) refers to the divine force, quality, and influence of God over the universe or over God's creatures, in given contexts.

David did not want to lose 2 things...

1. Presence – Friendship, Fellowship
2. God's Divine Force or Influence in his life.

- His decisions
- His attitude
- How he lived his life
- How he conducted his affairs
- Were all determined by Gods presence and God's influence.
- And He didn't want to lose that.

- 2 Peter 1:21 KJV. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were **moved** (Influenced) by the **Holy Ghost** (Spirit).

- Luke 4:1 KJV. And Jesus being **full** of the Holy Ghost returned from Jordan, and **was led by the Spirit into the wilderness.**
- A wilderness is a dark place
- Very Solitary place
- Most people don't want to go in there.
- You can get turned around or lost.
- Something could harm you.

If we are to be like Christ – Christians, we need to ask ourselves, are we led by the Spirit?

And if we are led by the Holy Spirit are we willing to allow the Spirit to lead you into the wilderness as Jesus was?

- That place of uncertainty.
- That place where most people don't go?
- That place some fear to go?

- That place that is outside your comfort Zone?

Some will let Him lead them as long as it is to a place of comfort,

- But what about a wilderness where it's just you and God ...
- and you have to pray in order to find your way through it?

Following Jesus means allowing the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you in all things.

1 Corinthians 2:13 New Living Translation (NLT)

13 When we tell you these things, we do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak words given to us by the Spirit, using the Spirit's words to explain spiritual truths.

There are times that I will admit, I don't understand everything about God with my natural mind.

- I have to allow His spirit to speak to me and give me understanding.
- Do you ever slow down and pray about something to get an answer for your situation?
- Do you ever find a scripture that sounds confusing and pray for God to speak to you about it?
- Have you ever found yourself in a situation that is uncomfortable and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you about what He is teaching you at that moment?
- Is this a wilderness that He's led you to to teach you something?
 - If He led you into it, He will lead you out of it.
 - "He will always make a way of escape."

1 Corinthians 6:19 New Living Translation (NLT)

19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was **given to you by God**? You do not belong to yourself,

Sometimes we view God as this far away God.

- We say - "Where are you God?"
- We say - "I feel so far from God!"
 - Realize, that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit,
 - If you will let Him, He will not only come near to you, but He will reside in you.

- This is why you need to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost today.
- Why wonder where God is. Let Him fill you with His Spirit so 1 Cor 6:19 can be your answer every time you are looking for God.

2 Corinthians 13:14 KJV

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen.

- Communion here is speaking about relationship
- Closeness
- Intimacy
- When God fills you with His Holy Spirit, that same Spirit then remains in you and you have communion with God every day for the rest of your life.

Titus 3:5 New Living Translation (NLT)

5 he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth (salvation) and new life (Physical and spiritual) **through the Holy Spirit.**

Romans 14:17 New Living Translation (NLT)

17 For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of what we eat or drink, but of living a life of goodness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

We can allow His Holy Spirit to speak to us and guide our lives to a place of goodness and peace and Joy!

Romans 15:13 KJV Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the **power of the Holy Ghost.**

Hope!

- Sometimes that is all you have.

Of yourself it is futile.

- But we can have hope through the Power of the Holy Spirit.
- If we will slow down and listen to what the Holy Spirit is saying...
- And how He is guiding our lives.