

Holy Spirit Academy Ministry Training

Session Two

Lesson Three “Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit”

Opening Prayer

Required Reading

Good Morning Holy Spirit – by Benny Hinn

Required Paper

The Person of the Holy Spirit
Servant hood

Suggested Reading

The Life and Sermons of John G. Lake

Good mentor (we need mentors) on healing and much of what we are going to be doing is related to healing spirit, soul and body.

He trained healing technicians. (Unlike any other great evangelist/healer of the past, he focused on training others to do what he had learned to do.)

Spokane successes 100,000 documented healings over 5 years and most were incurable and many were done by others.

John 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater {works} than these shall he do; because I go to the Father. (NAS)

Revelations of truth from his writings of the Word.

Acts 10:38 "{You know of} Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and {how} He went about doing good, and healing all who were oppressed by the devil; for God was with Him. (NAS)

I John 4:17 By this, love is perfected with us, that we may have confidence in the day of judgment; because as He is, so also are we in this world. (NAS)

Rom 5:17 For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. (NAS)

Sensitivity (key 1 of the 5 keys)

Topic today is on Sensitivity but something you will here over and over throughout these classes is going to be related commitment and dedication. Numerous altar calls to commit and recommit your life.

Communion today

So much of what we are going to do in the ministry and specifically in the altar ministry is related to hearing the voice of God.

Can't confuse commitment and dedication with works. We need to have the right attitude of heart.

Many things that we will be looking at in the future sessions

One of our future sessions is going to be on understanding our authority as a believer (John G Lake).

Besides all of the important aspects of altar techniques and courtesies, we will also be looking closely at faith and healing.

Obedience (key 2 of the 5 keys) as it relates to Sensitivity

Even though we effectively hear the voice of God we have to be obedient to the voice of the spirit.

Were going to see in a Biblical account of a man of God that is led astray by another man of God that was a seasoned prophet.

We have to be sensitive an obedient to the voice or Word of God no matter what even if it goes against a well respected individual.

I Kings 13:1-26

1 Now behold, there came a man of God from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, while Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense.

2 And he cried against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, "O altar, altar, thus says the LORD, 'Behold, a son shall be born to the house of David, Josiah by name; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and human bones shall be burned on you.'"

3 Then he gave a sign the same day, saying, "This is the sign which the LORD has spoken, 'Behold, the altar shall be split apart and the ashes which are on it shall be poured out.'"

4 Now it came about when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Bethel, that Jeroboam stretched out his hand from the altar, saying, "Seize him." But his hand, which he stretched out against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself.

5 The altar also was split apart and the ashes were poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

6 And the king answered and said to the man of God, "Please entreat the LORD your God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored to me." So the man of God entreated the LORD, and the king's hand was restored to him, and it became as it was before.

7 Then the king said to the man of God, "Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward."

8 But the man of God said to the king, "If you were to give me half your house I would not go with you, nor would I eat bread or drink water in this place.

9 "For so it was commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way which you came.'"

10 So he went another way, and did not return by the way which he came to Bethel.

11 Now an old prophet was living in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the deeds which the man of God had done that day in Bethel; the words which he had spoken to the king, these also they related to their father.

12 And their father said to them, "Which way did he go?" Now his sons had seen the way which the man of God who came from Judah had gone.

13 Then he said to his sons, "Saddle the donkey for me." So they saddled the donkey for him and he rode away on it.

14 So he went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak; and he said to him, "Are you the man of God who came from Judah?" And he said, "I am."

15 Then he said to him, "Come home with me and eat bread."

16 And he said, "I cannot return with you, nor go with you, nor will I eat bread or drink water with you in this place.

17 "For a command {came} to me by the word of the LORD, 'You shall eat no bread, nor drink water there; do not return by going the way which you came.'"

18 And he said to him, "I also am a prophet like you, and an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, 'Bring him back with you to your house, that he may eat bread and drink water.'" **{But} he lied to him.**

19 So he went back with him, and ate bread in his house and drank water.

20 Now it came about, as they were sitting down at the table, that the word of the LORD came to the prophet who had brought him back;

21 and he cried to the man of God who came from Judah, saying, "Thus says the LORD, 'Because **you have disobeyed the command of the LORD, and have not observed the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, 22 but have returned and eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which He said to you, "Eat no bread and drink no water"; your body shall not come to the grave of your fathers.**"

23 And it came about after he had eaten bread and after he had drunk, that he saddled the donkey for him, for the prophet whom he had brought back.

24 Now when he had gone, a lion met him on the way and killed him, and his body was thrown on the road, with the donkey standing beside it; the lion also was standing beside the body.

25 And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown on the road, and the lion standing beside the body; so they came and told {it} in the city where the old prophet lived.

26 Now when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard {it,} he said, "**It is the man of God, who disobeyed the command of the LORD;** therefore the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him." (NAS)

We need spiritual authorities and obey them but when it comes to choosing between God and man we need to obey the Word that God has spoken to us over what any many says.

Two life changing visions given to Dave Martin

First one relates to Humility and Worship (will cover that in another session)

Second one relates to Sensitivity

Spiritual Breakthrough

A move of My spirit beyond anything you ever thought possible. More miracles, healings and demonstrations of My Spirit that you ever even imagined possible.

As much as I want to use you I can't, because your flesh is not ready.

Get ready the same way Jesus did, Prayer, Fasting and Self Denial

God wants more than busyness; He wants Godliness

By product of prayer, fasting and self denial and that is sensitivity

The real world is spirit and God is a Spirit and we are made in His image

We are aliens in this life and are from another planet called heaven

We have a body, which is our earth suit, and it is born with a sin nature based on the curse that is on the earth.

Romans 8:5-16

5 For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

6 For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

7 because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able {to do so}

8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.

10 And if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

12 So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh--

13 for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14 For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (NAS)

Hearing the Voice of God is simple

2 Cor 11:3 But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity {of devotion} to Christ. (NAS)

Illustration of a child in a group of other kids

You could find your child blindfolded if you have spent time with your child.

Not a 90's family that spends only ½ hour or less per day with their child. And unfortunately this is not quality time but rather yelling or some other negative communication.

But a Godly family that spends time with a child.

Relationships are built with time not money, no matter how much stuff you may buy your children that does not make a quality relationship. Love is spelled "TIME"

From first vision learned how worship is going to cost you something.

Abraham knew this when he went up on the mountain to worship with Isaac.

Romans 12:1-2

1 I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, {which is} your spiritual service of worship.

2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. (NAS)

Back to the "Spiritual Breakthrough Vision"

The spiritual barrier is not spiritual but intellectual.

Think too much like people

Sensitivity is not received by laying on of hands

It is learned like contentment.

Ps 23:4 Even though **I walk through the valley of the shadow of death**, I fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me. (NAS)

We don't camp in the valley, we walk through it but one key to success and victory is contentment in the valley.

It is something that you develop. In our next session we will learn how to develop it from a practical perspective in hearing the voice of God and the casting of the lots.

Gods' ways are different than our ways and we need to learn His ways.

Isa 55:8-9

8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways," declares the LORD.

9 "For {as} the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. (NAS)

Binaca story illustration

Altar techniques

Close eyes (they need to avoid being distracted and focus on the spirit not the natural).

Close mouth (it is quite natural to want to praise or pray but they are not there for giving but receiving).

Do Not Copy other peoples techniques, you need to do what God tells you. Many miss the fullness of what God is doing by trying to do what God is telling someone else to do.

Just because God tells you to do one thing one time, like the Binaca, doesn't mean that you should do it again or develop a doctrine out of it.

God's ways often will not make sense but when you look at the ministry of Jesus some of what He did made no sense either like spitting in one persons eyes or spitting on the ground to make some mud and then put the mud in his eyes.

We need to learn the value of obedience and even though we are sensitive without the obedience we will miss what God has for us.

Isa 1:19 If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:

(KJV)

Life changing illustration from Jim Spillman of man on the beach with the grain of sand and the mountain.

Brining it to where you live and as it relates to altar ministry, illustration of two individuals that need prayer one is dying an the other has a head ache.

As you believe

To the degree you believe the power/anointing will move though you is the degree that it will flow through you.

God can always do acts of mercy and kindness and move beyond our level of faith but for the most part He responds to our faith not the need that is present.

Many limit God by their belief system.

We have to remove ourselves from the picture and recognize that Jesus is the healer giving Him free reign to move.

But even when we do right it is not up to us alone as the person we are praying for has a lot to do with the flow of the anointing.

In Mark 5 we see that the power of the God was present but not one of the multitude that was there got a healing but a person that came later and was lowered down on a mat.

In Mark 6 Jesus came into His own home town and He Himself could do no miracles there.

You can't get any more anointed than Jesus, but He Himself was limited by the faith of those He was praying for.

Examples in the Ministry of Jesus in how He did some things that made no sense to the natural mind and where most of us would probably have missed the directive of the Spirit.

Mark 1:32-38

32 And when evening had come, after the sun had set, they {began} bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed.

33 And the whole city had gathered at the door.

34 And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was.

35 And in the early morning, while it was still dark, He arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there.

36 And Simon and his companions hunted for Him;

37 and they found Him, and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You."

38 And He said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, in order that I may preach there also; for that is what I came out for." (NAS)

If you want to have the same kind of results that Jesus had then you are going to have to do what He did.

So much of today's society wants all the benefits of the kingdom without paying the price the dues of the ministry.

He had to be tired from ministering all night, but even though He was tired, He denied Himself the sleep His body was wanting to get up early and pray.

It was in that time of self denial and seeking the face of God that the battle strategy was given and even though it went against everything that people wanted Him to do He obeyed the voice of God.