

# Holy Spirit Academy Ministry Training

## Session Two

### Lesson Four “Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit continued”

Examples from the life of Jesus in how He did things outside the natural order of things and was led by the Spirit not by the need.

Many miss the calling with the need and this keeps them outside of the fullness of what God has for them.

Example of how business people miss God by answering the call to the mission field.

Altar ministry example of getting outside of the flow of the anointing and although you look like a bad guy by turning someone away who needs prayer.

John 11:1-7

1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 And it was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 The sisters therefore sent to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick."

4 But when Jesus heard it, He said, "This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified by it."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus.

6 When therefore He heard that he was sick, He stayed then two days {longer} in the place where He was.

7 Then after this He said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." (NAS)

### Example of fine tuning of an old TV set

The networks are all broadcasting, but until the TV is turned on, it will not hear anything.

Once turned on it has to be tuned in to get a clear picture.

Then you have to pick the channel that you want to play

Modern TV's do it automatically.

Doing supernaturally should be natural

Next session we will look at the developing of the automation process so that we get better at the automatically tuning in to the Spirit.

John 5:1-9

1 After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep {gate} a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethesda, having five porticoes.

3 In these lay a multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, and withered, [waiting for the moving of the waters;

4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred up the water; whoever then first, after the stirring up of the water, stepped in was made well from whatever disease with which he was afflicted.]

5 And a certain man was there, who had been thirty-eight years in his sickness.

6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he had already been a long time {in that condition,} He said to him, "Do you wish to get well?"

7 The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I am coming, another steps down before me."

8 Jesus said to him, "Arise, take up your pallet, and walk."

9 And immediately the man became well, and took up his pallet and {began} to walk. Now it was the Sabbath on that day. (NAS)

### **Being a Friend of God – God shares His secrets with His friends**

Psalm 25:1-14

1 To Thee, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in Thee I trust, do not let me be ashamed; do not let my enemies exult over me.

3 Indeed, none of those who **wait** for Thee will be ashamed; those who deal treacherously without cause will be ashamed.

**wait** qavah (kaw-vaw'); a primitive root; to bind together (perhaps by twisting),:

4 Make me know Thy **ways**, O LORD; teach me Thy **paths**.

**way** derek (deh'-rek); a road (as trodden); figuratively, a course of life or mode of action, often adverb:

In another emphasis this word connotes how and what one does, a "manner, custom, behavior, mode of life": (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words)

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way {which seems} right to a man, but its end is the way of death. (NAS)

Death is much more than spiritual death in not going to heaven. It is missing the plan of God.

David's example in getting onto a plane that was destined for a crash.

Altar ministry is highly dependent on your ability to know the way of the Spirit.

**path** 'orach (o'-rakh); a well-trodden road (literally or figuratively); also a caravan:

Caravan illustrations of how they blaze a trail and carry the weight of the load

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy **ways** acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy **paths**.  
(KJV)

- 5 Lead me in Thy truth and teach me, for Thou art the God of my salvation; for Thee I wait all the day.

In altar ministry, we need to constantly be asking God to teach us how to best meet the need of the one that we are praying for. We can only go so far with what we know, but He is all knowing.

- 6 Remember, O LORD, Thy compassion and Thy loving kindness, for they have been from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to Thy loving kindness remember Thou me, for Thy goodness' sake, O LORD.
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way.

Ps 25:8 The Lord is good and glad to teach the proper path to all who go astray; (TLB)

- 8 He leads the **humble** in justice, and He teaches the **humble** His way.

Humility is the 3<sup>rd</sup> key to the supernatural

- 10 All the paths of the LORD are loving kindness and truth to those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.

- 11 For Thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.
- 12 Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose.
- 13 His soul will abide in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land.

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers. (NAS)

- 14 The **secret** of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His **covenant**. (NAS)

Psalm 25:14 Friendship with God is reserved for those who reverence Him. With them alone he shares the secrets of his promises. (TLB)

Psalm 25:14 The LORD confides in those who fear him; he makes his covenant known to them. (NIV)

**secret** cōwd (sode); a session, i.e. company of persons (in close deliberation); by implication, intimacy, consultation, a secret:

sod ^5475^, "secret or confidential plan (s); secret or confidential talk; secret; council; gathering; circle." This noun occurs 21 times in biblical Hebrew. Sod means, first, "confidential talk": "Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked..." <Ps. 64:2>. In <Prov. 15:22> the word refers to plans which one makes on one's own and before they are shared by others: "Without counsel [self-made] purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counselors they [succeed]." Sometimes the word signifies simply a talk about something that should be kept confidential: "Debate thy cause with thy neighbor himself; and discover not a secret to another" <Prov. 25:9>. (from Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words) (Copyright (C) 1985, Thomas Nelson Publishers)

**covenant** (ber-eeth'); (in the sense of cutting [like 1254]); a compact (because made by passing between pieces of flesh): -confederacy, [con-] feder [-ate], covenant, league.

You share secrets with people you can trust

God is the same way; He is not going to share intimate secrets with those whom He can not trust.

John 15:12-15

12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

13 **"Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends."**

14 "You are My friends, if you do what I command you.

15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. (NAS)

Are you willing to lay down your life for your greatest friend?

So many say, "yes Lord" and they mean it until the fire gets hot, then as a living sacrifice they crawl off the altar.

### **Israel knew about His acts, but Moses knew His ways!**

Ps 103:7 He made known His ways to Moses, His acts to the sons of Israel.  
(NAS)

Moses was a friend of God that knew Him face to face.

### **Covenant Friendship**

It used to be that our word meant something.

It is not uncommon to hear a person/Christian say "I gave my word but I didn't sign anything."

In ancient days the one who was the "friend of the king" was allowed in when no others could enter, they had special privileges.

### **Covenants of Old**

A sharing of goods and services (what's mine is yours and what's yours is mine).

A pledge to protect in case of danger.

A sharing of vows

A cutting of the wrist or hand with the clasping of the hands

A memorial, a planting of a tree or a heap of rocks

A covenant meal, usually a celebration with bread and wine

**Closest thing to the covenants of old is the marriage covenant**

An exchange of memorials (rings)

A communion service and also the sharing of the cake

A sharing of vows

Unfortunately most marriage vows now are not the same in that many have agreements that say “IF” this does not work out then what is yours is yours and what mine is mine.

It used to be until death do us part, but now it is until I no longer am satisfied with you or become more interested in someone else.

Unfortunately 50% of marriages end up in divorce

### **God is looking for covenant friends that are committed and faithful**

Zach’s testimony of not being faithful

Jesus set the stage for us the night before His betrayal and crucifixion in sharing in the “Lord’s Supper” and tells us to do the same in remembrance of Him.

This time as you participate in communion decide to do it with the purpose of heart in determining that you want to be a friend of God. In that you are saying “Lord I will lay my life down for you just as you did for me.”

**Ps 119:11 Thy word I have treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee. (NAS)**