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SEVEN STEPS TO THE HIGHEST KIND OF FAITH PART 4**

**STEP NUMBER FIVE CONTINUED**

**KNOW THE REALITY OF THE INDWELLING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Let us continue where we left off in our last session where we discussed step five which is to know the reality of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Believers need to be “God-inside minded.” We need to be assured and always be aware that **“...greater is He who is in us than he who is in the world.”** (1 John 4:4.)

Knowing this, we can then go out and face life’s problems with the sense of being a conqueror. We can know that we are fortified from within with God’s strength, and that no matter what comes our way, the Greater One is with us.

If we know that the Greater One is in us, we will not be moved by tests or trials. We will not be perturbed about anything that happens because we know the Greater One is in us and that He will put us over in every circumstance as we lean on Him.

Even though the church hasn’t taught this, we need to daily say, “I am more than a conqueror. I am a victor because the Creator dwells in me. He will bring me victory. He will bring me success. Because he dwells in me, I cannot fail.” This should be the confession daily of every believer. We should continually make these faith confessions because it is based on God’s word.

**THE HOLY SPIRIT: OUR INTERCESSOR AND GUIDE**

As the Holy Spirit dwells within believers, He fulfills two other important roles. He is our Intercessor and our Guide (John 16:13; Romans 8:26). The believer who has also experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit has the added benefit of being able to pray out the perfect will of God in any situation by praying in other tongues (Romans 8:26, 27; 1 Cor. 14:2).

When you do not know what to pray then ask the Holy Spirit to help you. Lift up your voice and start praying in tongues.

I have prayed this way many times and the Holy Spirit has given me wisdom and shown me what would happen concerning certain situations. (John 16:13) and the answer comes just as God said it would.

It isn't necessary to see the answer right then when you pray because the bible says when you pray in the Spirit, your understanding is unfruitful (1 Cor. 14:14). And the bible also says you are to believe you have received your answer when you pray (Mark 11:24).

But sometimes God will let you know exactly the answer and what is to come. The Apostle Paul said in 1 Corinthians 14:13, ***"Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret."***

Paul was not just referring to the fact that you might be an interpreter of tongues in the church. He was talking about your own personal praying, so that sometimes as the Holy Spirit wills, you can interpret what you prayed in tongues. When you interpret what you are praying in tongues, you will know in your own language what you prayed for. This gift belongs to every Spirit-filled believer. Paul plainly stated in 1 Corinthians 14:13, ***"...let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret."***

This scripture in 1 Corinthians 14:13 is as much instruction to the believer as any other instruction in the bible. It belongs to you just as much as any other verse of scripture belongs to you. The Holy Spirit wants to show you what you have prayed about when it is important and necessary to have such knowledge. In times when you do not receive the interpretation, you can rest in the knowledge that you have prayed according to God's perfect will.

Now let's tie together these verses in 1 Corinthians 14 just as they are recorded in the bible, so we are not taking one or two verses out of context.

#### 1 Corinthians 14:13-15

***"<sup>13</sup> Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also."***

Now what are these verses saying to you? They are simply saying this: When you pray in an unknown tongue, your spirit by the Holy Spirit prays. When you pray in the Spirit, your understanding is unfruitful. You need to pray that you may also interpret so your understanding may be fruitful; then you can understand what you are praying about.

Many may pray in tongues and interpret their prayers for a long time before they publicly interpret a message in tongues.

Sometimes by praying in tongues the Lord may lead you to certain portions of the bible. The Holy Spirit is our teacher (**John 14:26** *Amp*). He may have you read several chapters in the bible and then see things in the Word that you never saw before.

Praying in the Spirit in this manner and interpreting what is prayed in tongues does not belong just to me. It belongs to every Spirit-filled believer. Because of the ability to pray in tongues and to be conscious and aware of the indwelling presence of the Spirit of truth, there is nothing that happens in your family but what you will know about it. Sometimes several years ahead of when it takes place. For many this is how God shows them things rather than through other spiritual gifts or spiritual gifts that may operate in one's life.

The Holy Spirit will show us things to come. The Holy Spirit knows the future. The Word says in **John 16:13** *"...he ([the Holy Spirit] will shew you things to come."* You must remember that this blessing isn't promised just to a preacher or a few believers. *The Holy Ghost will show the believer things to come!*

I am convinced that if Spirit-filled people would learn to listen to the Holy Spirit, nothing would ever happen in their lives to confound them. No accident or tragedy or anything would ever slip up on them. In other words, they would know ahead of time about what was going to happen, and they could avert many things by responding to the Holy Spirit.

### **PRAYING IN TONGUES HELPS MAKE THE SPIRITUAL REALM MORE DISTINCT**

Spiritual things are not as distinct to us as they ought to be because we are walking too much in the natural (flesh or the ways of the world) and that is where praying in tongues helps us.

**1 Corinthians 14:14**

***"<sup>14</sup> For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth..."***

When you are praying in tongues, your spirit is active but not the mind and not the body. When you are speaking with tongues, the tongues are coming out of your spirit, so your spirit is active, and your spirit is in contact with God. Your spirit can begin to pick up things from God.

I don't know about you, but I appreciate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the ability to pray in other tongues. Besides the new birth, being baptized in the Holy Ghost and being able to pray in tongues is one of the greatest blessings that can ever happen in the life of the believer. Being filled with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues (languages you have never learned in the natural) is one of the greatest blessings you can ever receive.

A preacher received the Holy Spirit many years ago and learned he could pray in tongues and receive revelations from the Word of God. No one told him that it was possible to receive these revelations by praying in tongues and meditating on the word. At first, he would accept it, and then he would draw back from it. He wasn't as knowledgeable in the Word as he should have been, and wasn't sure if he was being scriptural, even though he derived great blessings from praying in the Spirit.

It would often take him at least an hour of praying in other tongues for him to get his mind quiet. You will learn when you begin to pray in tongues that your mind will want to continue to be active, but if you pray in tongues long enough, your mind will become quiet and under the influence of your spirit. After you practice doing this for a while you will learn how to get your mind quiet much quicker.

### **YOUR EMOTIONS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH SPEAKING IN TONGUES**

One preacher recalls how the devil would try to torment him about praying in other tongues. He didn't recognize at first that it was Satan. Then his own natural mind, which was not as thoroughly educated in the Word as it should have been, would side with the devil and say, "You're wasting your time."

Finally, he recognized that those thoughts were coming from the enemy so he would say, "Well, I am going to get down here and pray for an hour in tongues."

You see, many people think they must feel some kind of an ecstasy or emotion in order to believe they are being effective in their praying. Feelings do not have a thing in the world to do with praying in tongues.

So, the preacher got down on his knees and deliberately started praying in tongues. He remembered that Paul said, in **1 Corinthians 14:18** *"I thank my God, I speak with tongues..."*

You do not have to work yourself up emotionally or feel like you are up on cloud nine or anything else to pray in tongues or be effective in tongues. That is unnecessary. If people do get emotional when they are praying in tongues, it is probably just something they are doing, not something the Holy Ghost is doing.

You don't have to speak in a loud voice or some falsetto voice when you speak in tongues. Just speak like you ordinarily do. Many think they must do something to try to make others believe that the power of God is really on them. But the Holy Ghost is in us all the time, so just hook up with Him and flow with him.

## **MAKE YOUR FLESH SUBMIT**

You see, you must make your flesh do some things because the flesh and your unrenewed mind will try to fight you. (Romans 8:7.) The flesh does not know what you are doing when you are in the spirit realm, and the flesh does not want to pray in other tongues. The flesh cannot enter into the spirit realm.

If your mind or your understanding has not been renewed with the Word of God, your mind will try to keep being active and will not want to meditate on the Word of God and the things of God. After all, your mind does not know what you are saying in tongues and since the mind has been used to running things, it does not want to submit to the Spirit. Everything about you physically and mentally will cry out, "This isn't right, I don't want to do this," because the flesh and mind do not want to pray in other tongues. But God's Word says *it is right*.

Back to the preacher. After he prayed for tongues for an hour the devil said, "Well, you have wasted an hour now. You could have been visiting folks."

He said to the devil, "Just for that Mr. Devil, I am going to get down and pray another hour in tongues." So, the preacher did. After that hour was up the Devil said, "Well, now, you have wasted two hours."

The preacher said to the devil, "I am going to pray for another hour." The preacher continued with this conversation until he had prayed in tongues for almost six hours. He broke into a realm in the Spirit that he had never seen before. It was a changing point in his ministry. It took praying in tongues for almost six hours to bring that breakthrough. He then began to interpret what God had said and wrote it down. God showed him what was to come.

The Church is not progressing as it should because one person alone cannot carry this kind of prayer, but all of us need to participate in praying out the plan of God for our lives and for God's will to be done in earth. This really solves the prayer problem.

As you start practicing praying in tongues you will get your mind to be quiet as fast as you can snap your fingers. You will step out of the natural and into the spiritual realm. The Holy Spirit is in you to help you pray. (Romans 8:26.)

## **STEP NUMBER SIX**

### **KNOW THE REALITY OF OUR FELLOWSHIP WITH THE FATHER**

Step number six in knowing the highest kind of faith is the reality of our fellowship with Father God. The very heart reason for redemption is fellowship.

1 Corinthians 1:9

***“9 God is faithful, by whom ye were called UNTO THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD.”***

Notice, you were called unto fellowship with God’s Son, Jesus Christ.

1 John 1:3, 4, 7

***“3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 and these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full... 7 But if walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”***

The highest honor that the Father has ever conferred upon us is to be “joint-fellowshippers” with Himself, with his Son, and with the Holy Spirit in carrying out His dream for the redemption of the human race. But relationship without fellowship is an insipid thing. It is like the marriage relationship without love or fellowship.

*Fellowship is the very mother of faith.* And fellowship is the parent of joy. It is the source of victory. God has called us individually into fellowship with His Son. If you have fellowship with God, and you are walking in the light as He is in the light, then prayer becomes one of the sweetest and one of the greatest assets which we have as heirs in Christ.

**PRAYER SHOULD BE A REST AND NOT A STRUGGLE**

You can listen to some people talk and they will tell you they are fighting and struggling and trying to believe God’s Word. But if they are struggling to believe, then their praying is all wrong and so is their believing. You hear some people say that prayer takes so much out of them.

It should never be a problem or a struggle to pray. It should be a joy and not take anything out of you. Prayer should always put something into you! The trouble is, instead of letting the Holy Ghost help them, too many people are praying in their own energy, and they wear out.

One visiting evangelist holding a tent meeting would turn the speakers up so loud that it was running people off instead of bringing them in. The host Pastor asked him why he wanted the speakers so loud.

His response was, "Well, I will tell you. When I turn it up loud it gives me a feeling that I am getting my message across to the people."

The pastor said to him, "YOU don't have to get your message across, anyhow. You ought to be depending on the Holy Ghost to do that for you, not the microphone or the speakers."

So often people are depending on something natural to put them over in life. For example, when this evangelist could sound really loud over the speakers, that gave him the "feeling" and the "sense" that he was really getting his message across. People wear themselves out because they are trying to carry the load themselves without God's help.

There is such a thing as resting in the Lord. In **Isaiah 28:11, 12**, Isaiah prophesied that speaking in tongues is the rest wherewith the weary shall rest. Praying in tongues should refresh people!

## STEP NUMBER SEVEN

### KNOW THE AUTHORITY IN THE NAME OF JESUS

Step number seven to obtaining the highest kind of faith is to know the authority in the Name of Jesus. We should know that authority as a reality in our own lives.

The authority you have in Jesus' Name is just as though some wealthy man gave you the power to use his name in an unlimited capacity. What effect would it have on you if he gave you a legal document? What if he said to use this legal document in order to supply every one of your needs? What if you could do anything you wanted to do in that man's name?

Well, God has given us the power of attorney to use the Name of Jesus. This means we have power in that Name over Satanic forces. Jesus said in **Mark 16:17, 18**, "**...In my name...they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.**" Then in **John 15:16** Jesus said, "**...whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.**"

We have authority to use the name of Jesus. His name carries authority on this earth. It is not a matter of faith; it is a matter of knowing your legal rights in Christ and taking your rightful place as a son or daughter. It is a matter of taking your place in carrying out God's will in the earth. Getting us to cooperate with God is the biggest problem.

## WE HAVE THE POWER OF ATTORNEY IN JESUS' NAME

A full gospel minister once told a man about his brother who went out as a missionary to Africa for the Assemblies of God years ago in the days of the Great Depression. He went by boat. This missionary brother had a piece of property his wife had inherited which a certain company wanted to buy to use as a plant site. The company bought it before the brother went to Africa, though they had not completed the transaction. A few days before this missionary sailed, he went to his brother's house and asked him to sign legal papers for him in his place because he would be gone to Africa and would be unable to sign the transaction.

The missionary brother had it arranged so that his brother, this Full Gospel Minister, would have the power of attorney to complete the transaction. The missionary told his brother to take part of the money from the sale of the property and build a house for their parents. The brother said, "I can't do that." The missionary brother assured him that he could sign the papers and it would be legal.

The minister said his missionary brother went on to Africa and the day came for the lawyers to come to finish the legal transaction on the sale of the property. This minister still didn't believe the power of attorney would work, but he went ahead and signed his brother's name, and the lawyers gave him the check for the property.

The minister then deposited the check in his brother's account and went home and told his wife he still didn't think it would work. He said that he sat on pins and needles for several days just wondering what would happen. But the transaction went through, and the minister was able to build the house for their parents as they had planned.

This minister explained that it wasn't his faith that made everything work out all right, because he wasn't even sure it would work! It worked because it was legally right.

What we are trying to say is that using the power of attorney – Jesus' Name – is not a matter of faith. It is a matter of knowing what belongs to you and just doing what the Word says. You only need to exercise the authority in that Name! You have that legal right!

If you do not use the authority vested in the name of Jesus, the authority that is already legally yours in the His name, it will not work for you. If you can just understand that the Name of Jesus belongs to you, and you start using the authority of that Name, you will find that it does work, because it is in the Word. You can be guaranteed that God's word works all the time.