

# THE HOLY SPIRIT WORKBOOK

The November Bible Reading Plan

---

Get to know all about the Person of the Holy Spirit, and  
His role in your life in as a believer.

UNSCRIPTED.CO.KE



# Welcome!

Hey There!

Welcome and Thank you so much for signing up for the November Bible Reading Plan. I am happy that you have taken the initiative to learn more about the Holy Spirit.



No believer doubts the existence of God the Father, and no believer doubts the existence of Jesus Christ, but when it comes to the Holy Spirit, many believers raise questions about His existence, doubting and limiting Him.

The Holy Spirit is the key to an empowered Christian life and we cannot walk this walk of faith without His power, guidance and strength. But how can we do so if we don't even know Him?

This is what we will be doing for the next 4 weeks: learning about the Holy Spirit, His role in our lives and developing an intimate relationship with Him, so we can live out and have an empowered faith based life!

*Let's Begin, Shall we?*





## 05 Introduction

A quick introduction into the Holy Spirit and the plan.

## 07 The Person & Nature of the Holy Spirit

Learn about who the Holy Spirit is: His divinity and distinction from the other 2 persons of the Godhead, His nature and beautiful attributes.

## 17 The Power of the Holy Spirit

Explore the Power of the Holy Spirit and how we have access to this power for an empowered Christian life.

## 25 The Voice of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has a voice, but many at times we miss it. Learn how to hear, recognize and obey His Voice.

## 34 The Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Learn about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, an overflow of the Holy Spirit from within us and manifesting in our lives through various ways, one of them being speaking in tongues, and unleash the fullness of the Holy Spirit's power in your life.



# Start Here

## *How to use the Workbook...*

Alongside this workbook, you have been provided with a bible reading plan that contains the scripture readings for each week.

For a wholesome learning experience as you go through the plan, follow the steps below:



At the beginning of the week, set aside time and go through the topic of the week.

Since the topic is to be covered in a week, you may cover the subtopics in a span of 2 to 3 days: feel free to study it as per your schedule.



Read the Scriptures of the week: Each week, you are provided with scriptures in line with the topic of the week.

Every day, read the scripture of the day and meditate on it, alongside the workbook content and comparing it the topic of the week.



After reading the content for the week, take time to reflect in your journal or in the worksheets provided for you at the end of each topic.

# The Holy Spirit

Many believers don't know who the Holy Spirit is, and if they do, they only know about Him, but don't truly know Him.

Many, when they hear the mention of His name, cringe and don't want to talk about it, or know more about Him.

Others, even deny that the Holy Spirit is God!

Yet the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, the spirit that was hovering over the surface of the waters before creation, and the one which was present during creation.

He is the Spirit that parted the red sea, empowered Samson and gave David the boldness to stand before Goliath.

He was the one who spoke to the prophets and conceived Jesus in the womb of Mary, and He is the promised gift that Jesus said He would send after he ascended into heaven.

## Acts 1:4-5 AMP

4 "While being together and eating with them, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Of which," He said, "you have heard Me speak. 5 For John baptized with water, but you will be baptized and empowered and united with the Holy Spirit, not long from now."

The Holy Spirit is also the one who enables us to confess that Jesus is Lord.

# The Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:3 NLT

So I want you to know that no one speaking by the Spirit of God will curse Jesus, and **no one can say Jesus is Lord, except by the Holy Spirit.**

So, then, how can you shun the Holy Spirit and refuse to acknowledge Him, yet He is the one who convicts you and enables you to confess 'Jesus is Lord!'?

It is an error.

And that's why, for the next 30 days, we are going to spend time in the Word learning about who the Holy Spirit, His power and His role in our lives.

We will no longer be ignorant and perish as a result.

We will no longer set Him aside, but acknowledge Him and step into the fullness of His power!

So, get ready!

Prepare your heart, mind and spirit, and let us pursue after the Holy Spirit together!

Renee Tikof

~Founder of UnScripted

# 1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

## The Person & Nature of The Holy Spirit

### The Person of The Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is a person.

Many of us confuse the Holy Spirit to be an 'it,' yet He is not, He is a person.

Neither is He a wind '[though represented using the wind (Acts 2:2), as many people refer to Him as, nor a force, an energy or an influence - He is a person.

Throughout scripture, He is referred to as '*who*' - see below:

John 15:26 NLT

"But I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me."

John 16:13-14 NLT

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you."

1 John 5:6-8 NLT

"And Jesus Christ was revealed as God's Son by his baptism in water and by shedding his blood on the cross—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms it with his testimony. So we have these three witnesses— the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and all three agree."

## 1. He is Distinct from God the Father and God the Son.

The Holy Spirit is not the Father, neither is He the Son - He is distinct and separate from the two.

### Matthew 3:16 NLT

"After his baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him."

### Matthew 28:19 NLT

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit."

### 2 Corinthians 13:14 NLT

"May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.."

## 2. He is Divine

2 Corinthians 3:17, The Holy Spirit is referred to as "The Lord:

*"Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."*

And in Genesis 1:2, He is referred to as the 'Spirit of God', meaning He is God (not like God, but God, and therefore divine).

We also see in scripture the description of the traits of the Holy Spirit, and from this we see His divine nature.

- He is Omniscient

~1 Corinthians 2:10-12: *"But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets. 11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit. 12 And we have received God's Spirit (not the world's spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us."*

~The Holy Spirit knows the mind of God; His nature and His intentions,



meaning that everything God knows, the Holy Spirit knows.

- He is Omnipotent , meaning, He is all powerful.

~Luke 1:35: "When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, the power of God will overshadow you."

- He is Omnipresent

Psalm 139:7 NLT: "I can never escape from your spirit. I can never get away from your presence."

### Psalm 139:8-10 NLT

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

10 even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

From the scriptures above, we see that the Holy Spirit is indeed

God, He is divine and He is distinct from God the Father and God the Son.

They are all distinct persons yet they are equally God - this is the trinity.

*‘The truth that each are distinct from one another yet equally divine and one God, is the basis of The Trinity.’*

~David Diga Hernandez

So, then, what is the Nature of the Holy Spirit?

What is He like as a person??



# The Nature of The Holy Spirit

We have seen from scripture that the Holy Spirit is a person, and that He is distinct from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, but what is the Holy Spirit, as a person, like?

## Galatians 5:22-23 AMP

22 "But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others], joy, [inner] peace, patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting], kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law. "

These are the fruit of the Spirit; of the Holy Spirit, meaning that He gives us these fruit.

Therefore, if the Holy Spirit gives these fruit, it means that every fruit of the Spirit comes from Him; that it is an attribute/characteristic of the Holy Spirit - it is who He is!!

### 1. He is Loving

*'But the fruit of the Spirit [the result of His presence within us] is love [unselfish concern for others].'*

The Holy Spirit is Love and He is Loving.

He Loves You! He cares about you and He is concerned about you.

## REMEMBER:

The fruit of the Spirit show us who the Holy Spirit is - He gives us these fruit that come from Him. It is who He is.

Want to know what the Holy Spirit is like? Look to the fruit of the Spirit.

# The Nature of the Holy Spirit

David in Psalm 8:4 says, *'Who is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?'*

You are ever on the mind of God.

He is constantly thinking about you because He loves and cares about you.

His thoughts concerning you are more than the grains of sand on the seashore (Psalm 139:17-18).

And because He is love, the Holy Spirit is the one who produces the love of God and people in our hearts - Romans 5:5 AMP: *'Such hope [in God's promises] never disappoints us, because God's love has been abundantly poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.'*

2. He is Joy

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is joy...'*

The Holy Spirit is a joyful person - He himself is Joy!

Many of us think and view Him as being stoic, rigid and strict, but that's not who He is.

He is joy, and He gives us Joy.

3. He is Peaceful

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is peace...'*

In Philippians 4:6, Paul reminds us not to be anxious for anything, but in every circumstance, we are to offer our petitions unto God, and the Peace of God; peace that surpasses understanding, will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

The peace of God.

This peace that no man can fathom or explain.

It comes from the Holy Spirit, and if it comes from Him, it shows us that He Himself is

peace.

And we can have divine confidence in God because He is Peace.

#### 4. He is Patient

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is patience [not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting]...'*

The Holy Spirit is patient.  
The AMP defines patience as 'not the ability to wait, but how we act while waiting'.

How does the Holy Spirit act while waiting for us?

He patiently abides with us.

He doesn't abandon us when we fail or when we make a mistake.

We imagine that He is waiting to cut us off, yet He is not!

He won't abandon you because you made a mistake, He will convict you, but He won't abandon or condemn you.

#### 5. He is Kind

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is kindness..'*

The Holy Spirit is kind.  
He is gentle and kind.

He doesn't tear us down, neither does He speak down on us.

We often confuse our own voice and even that of the enemy, the accuser of brethren with that of the Holy Spirit.

Don't mistake your self-hatred for the Holy Spirit.

Yes, He calls us out on our sin and convict us, but does so with kindness.

#### 6. He is good

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is goodness..'*

The Holy Spirit is good; He is goodness itself!

**Nehemiah 9:20 AMP**



"You [also] gave Your good Spirit to instruct them,  
You did not withhold Your manna from their mouth,  
And You gave them water for their thirst."

#### 7. He is Faithful

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is faithfulness...'*

John 14:26 AMP

"But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you."

John 14:26 tells us that the Holy Spirit reminds us of the things of God.

He is Faithful.

He can be counted on! He will

never let you down! You can count on Him to do that which He said He will do in His word.

#### 8. He is Gentle

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is gentleness...'*

The Holy Spirit is a gentle spirit; He is a gentleman; He doesn't shout often.

1 Kings 19:11-12: '...And as Elijah stood there, the Lord passed by, and a mighty windstorm hit the mountain...but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. 12..And after the fire, *there was the sound of a gentle whisper.*'

#### 9. He is in control

*'But the fruit of the Spirit is self-control...'*

The Holy Spirit is in Control - we need self control but He is in control.

# Summary

## The Person & Nature of The Holy Spirit

Main points of summary from Chapter 1:

- The Spirit of God is a person.

The Holy Spirit is a person - not a wind, a force of energy or an influence, but a person.

~John 15:26, John 16:13-14

- The Spirit of God is divine.

The Holy Spirit is divine and his traits show He is: He is omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent.

- The Fruit of the Holy Spirit reveals His Nature

The Holy Spirit gives the fruit of the Holy Spirit, meaning that every fruit of the Spirit is an attribute of the Holy Spirit - it is who He is!!

### TO REMEMBER:

---

*The truth that each - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit - are distinct from one another yet equally divine and one God.*

*This the basis of The Trinity*



# Reflection time!

## PART ONE

*The Person and Nature of the Holy Spirit*



# Reflection Worksheet

Reflect upon what you've read and learnt this week using the prompts below. Take your time, meditate and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and convict you.



What about the Holy Spirit did you not know before, that you know now?

How has this changed your view of the Holy Spirit, and how you will interact with Him?



## 2. The Power of the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is our source of power as believers.

The Power of the Holy Spirit is the key to the empowered Christian life, and it is the foundation of the church.

So, then, how can we access this power?

The Key to the Power of the Holy Spirit is the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Let us have a look at an example of one who walked in the power of the Holy Spirit: Jesus

- Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 1:18 NLT: 'This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.'

The Holy Spirit is the one who caused the conception of Christ.

Now we know how a child comes about: a seed of a woman and a seed of a man. But in this case, it is the Holy Spirit that brought about that conception.

This is the mystery of the incarnation.

That God, an infinite and incomprehensible God became a human being.

# The Power of the Holy Spirit

and that Jesus was fully man and was fully God.

So, then, how did Jesus work?  
How did He carry out His ministry?

1. Jesus received His power from the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit rested on Jesus at the beginning of His ministry.

Matthew 3:16 (NLT): *'After His baptism, as Jesus came up out of the water, the heavens were opened and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on Him.'*

The Holy Spirit empowered Jesus to do that which He did, and we see this Isaiah 61:1-2.

Isaiah 61:1-2 AMP

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is upon me, for the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to comfort the

the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed.

2 He has sent me to tell those who mourn that the time of the Lord's favor has come, and with it, the day of God's anger against their enemies."

The Holy Spirit is the one who empowered Jesus to heal the sick, to cast out demons, raise the dead and to preach and teach about the Kingdom of God.

But how is it, that Jesus needed the Holy Spirit, yet He was fully God (He was both fully God and fully man while He was on earth)?

The answer to this is found in Philippians 2:6-8

Philippians 2:6-8 AMP

6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

When he appeared in human form,

8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Jesus, being fully God, chose to give up his divine privileges and took up the position of a slave and was born as a human being.

He CHOSE to give up his divine privileges, meaning?

He limited His power.

He, God himself, humbled himself and was born as a man.

Can you imagine that? God becoming a man and limiting His power?

And that's why He needed the Holy Spirit; that's why He relied on Him: *the Holy Spirit was His source of power and He did nothing without the Holy Spirit* (what complete trust and reliance on the Holy Spirit!)

And we further see this trust when Jesus died on the cross.

*What does that mean?*

We have seen that Jesus gave up His divine privileges, became a mere man and that he had complete trust and reliance on the Holy Spirit, to do anything and everything and He had to have the same trust when He died.

Now, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit had never been apart until the time Jesus died. We see in scripture that when Jesus was on the cross, both the Father and the Holy Spirit left Him (Mat. 27:46).

He was alone, and He was alone when He died.

Scripture says that as He died, He committed His Spirit unto God (Mat. 27:50). Jesus took a backward fall into the grave, as He gave up His Spirit.

Now, it's not that Jesus couldn't raise Himself. He could do it - he was God.

But we saw in Philippians 2 that He limited His power and CHOSE to completely and fully rely on the Spirit, even in death.

As He gave up His Spirit and went into the grave, He trusted that the Holy Spirit will raise Him - and He did!

Romans 1:4 NLT

"...and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit is the one who raised Christ from the dead!

It was by the power of the Holy Spirit that Christ arose from the grave, and we have been given that power!

2. We have been given that power

Jesus has given us the very same power - the power that raised Christ from the dead rests on you.

Romans 8:11 NLT

"The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you."

The Holy Spirit is not a reward for the 'super spiritual' - He has been given to EVERY believer, and He lives in each of us.

We all of need the Holy Spirit; we cannot walk this walk of faith without Him.

Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot:

1. Live this Christian life

It is ONLY through the power of the Holy Spirit that we live out the Christian life.

- The Holy Spirit is the one who reminds us of and reveals to us truth - the revelator -



John 14:26: He brings revelation from the word (meaning you need to be in the word).

- He convinces us of our sonship

~Romans 8:15-16 NLT

'So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.'

- He convinces, assures and reminds us that we are saved and we belong to God.
- He gives us faith

~2 Corinthians 4:13

~Romans 10:17: Faith comes by hearing the word of God and what is in the word is revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

- He gives you boldness, just like Peter who received boldness to speak in front of a crowd (Acts 2), the same Peter who denied Jesus as a result of fear.

2. do what Jesus did

~Mark 16:17-18: "These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages..."

**How can you receive and walk in the Power of the Holy Spirit?**

- The KEY to receive and walk in the Power of the Holy Spirit is to surrender - You can't do anything without the Holy Spirit. You cannot live this Christian life without the Holy Spirit.
- The next thing is to believe: In Mark 16:17-18, Jesus said that the miraculous signs will follow those who believe, meaning that the power of the Holy Ghost will be demonstrated through those who believe.

# Summary

## The Power of The Holy Spirit

Main points of summary from Chapter 2:

- Key to the Power of the Holy Spirit.  
The Key to the Power of the Holy Spirit is the presence of the Holy Spirit.  
~See the life of Jesus: Isaiah 61:1-2
- We as believers have been given that power  
Jesus has given us the very same power - that same power rests on you, and it rests on me.  
~Romans 8:11
- Surrender is the Key  
The key to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit is surrender:  
a life spent in the presence of the Holy Spirit

### TO REMEMBER:

Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot live this Christian life; we cannot do anything without the Holy Spirit

It is ONLY through the power of the Holy Spirit



# Reflection time!

## PART TWO

*The Power of the Holy Spirit*



# Reflection Worksheet

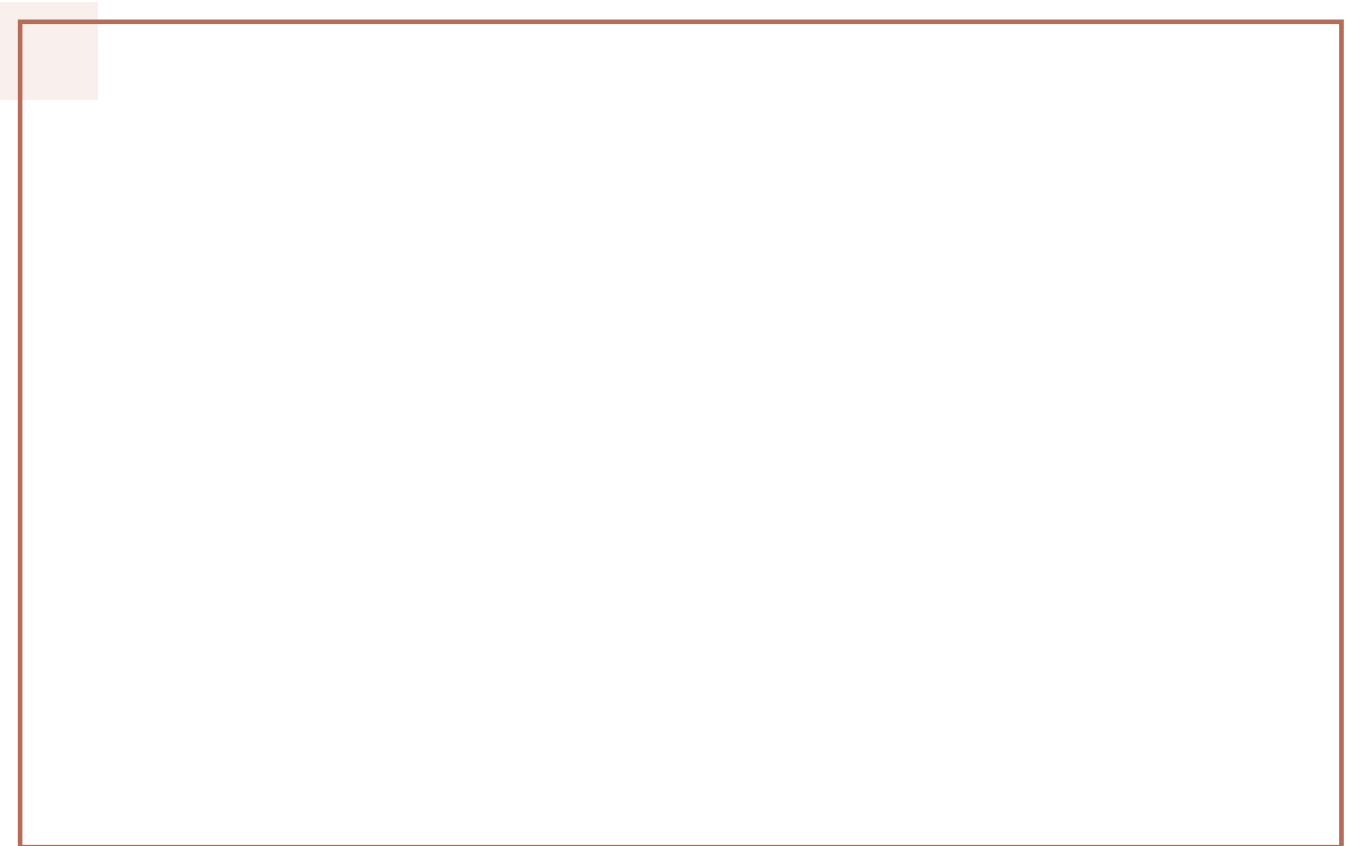
Reflect upon what you've read and learnt this week using the prompts below.  
Take your time, meditate and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and convict you.

The Key to the Power of the Holy Spirit is the **presence of the Holy Spirit**.  
And the only way we can walk in and experience the Holy Spirit is by surrendering to Him and have a relationship with Him.

Today, are you in relationship with Him??

Have been you walking with him or without the Holy Spirit? Trying to do everything on your own? Living your life without Him? Building a ministry, your career without Him?

Take time to be still and reflect, and open your heart to the Holy Spirit.  
Surrender to Him and tell Him you want to be in relationship with Him.





# 3. The Voice of the Holy Spirit

Many believers desire to hear the voice of God and to have this experience in their everyday life, but many doubt that they actually can hear Him or they believe that it is difficult

Yet, the truth of the matter is that we can hear the voice of God, particularly the Holy Spirit, and be equipped with the practical keys to do so.

We have to realize that there are a number of things that can hinder us from hearing God's Voice, which lead to dire consequences.

One of these things is Noise - the voices of other people all around us: family, friends, culture and society, emotions, the enemy etc.

If we are not careful, we will follow these voices instead of the Voice of God, and they will lead us astray.

## **Consequences of Not Hearing His Voice.**

### **1. Spiritual Deafness**

When you're unable to hear the voice of God, you walk in spiritual deafness. Why?

Because the Holy Spirit is our Helper; He guides us, leads us and tells us what way we should go.

He convicts us when we are about to sin or when we sin, leading us back to Him.

He gives us the grace and strength to obey God and walk in His ways.

# The Voice of the Holy Spirit

Sadly, many of us walk in spiritual deafness.

We can't hear the Holy Spirit, neither can we hear the people whom the Holy Spirit uses to speak to us, and this leads to destruction.

Judges 16:20

"Then she cried out, "Samson! The Philistines have come to capture you!" When he woke up, he thought, "I will do as before and shake myself free." **But he didn't realize the Lord had left him.**"

## 2. The Sin of Presumption

2 Samuel 7:1-5 NLT

"When King David was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all the surrounding enemies, the king summoned Nathan the prophet. "Look," David said, "I am living in a beautiful cedar palace, but the Ark of God is out there in a tent!" Nathan replied to the king, "Go ahead and do whatever you have

in mind, for the Lord is with you."

**But that same night the Lord said to Nathan,** "Go and tell my servant David, 'This is what the Lord has declared: Are you the one to build a house for me to live in?'"

Nathan, the Prophet presumed that because David was a man after God's own heart and God loved Him, his request would automatically be granted.

But that was not what God wanted.

God didn't allow David to build Him a temple, but Nathan couldn't know that because He didn't take time to hear what the Spirit of God had to say.

Many of us have fallen into the sin of presumption: we presume by doing the bare minimum, we are 'okay'. We presume that because there is grace, we can sin Monday

to Saturday and 'be holy' on Sunday.

We presume that because we of the love and grace of the Holy Spirit, we can do whatever we want to do - we can disobey Him, forgetting that disobedience is equivalent to the sin of divination (1 Samuel 15:23).

Let us not get familiar with God.

Let us not presume that the bare minimum is okay.

Let us cast aside every single thing that holds us back.

Let us crucify our flesh every single day and walk in the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

## Three Keys to Hear the Voice of the Holy Spirit

### 1. Silence and Stillness

Psalm 46:10a AMP

"Be still and know (recognize, understand) that I am God..."

Many times, this verse has been interpreted to mean a form of calm or stillness we experience within, yet, the phrase 'be still' when translated from Hebrew means '*Shut up*' or '*be quiet*'. So, the Bible is telling us, 'Shut up! Be quiet!'

In order to hear God, you need to be silent. You need to be still.

Quiet your thoughts; quiet your mind.

Quiet your external environment by getting rid of distractions, go into your room, close the door and focus your attention on God (Matthew 6:6).

## 2. The Word

The Word of God is key to hearing the Voice of God.

- It is one of the main ways that God speaks to His children
- The Word of God communicates who God is: His essence, His nature, personality and activities.

When you familiarize yourself with the Word, you familiarize yourself with who God is and you can hear Him and know when it is Him speaking, or the enemy speaking.

For example, the temptations of Jesus in Luke 4:1-13: Jesus used scripture to counter every temptation.

However, the enemy did the same thing, but what he did was that he twisted the scripture. But because Jesus knew the Word of God, He was able to recognize that the enemy had twisted the word in order to deceive Him.

When you know the word of God, you are able to recognize when it is the Holy Spirit or the enemy speaking: *the enemy will twist to back up wrong and sinful desires, but the Holy Spirit will always confirm what He says with the word.*

## 3. Obedience to The Voice of God

**Proverbs 3:6**

**"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."**

It is one thing to hear God's voice, and it is another to receive it and walk in obedience.

Many of us hear God's voice, but because we don't like what we hear, we don't obey, forgetting that 'rebellion is as [serious as] the sin of divination (fortune-telling) and disobedience is as [serious as] false religion and idolatry.' (1 Samuel 15:23).

In order to grow in hearing God's voice and in your walk of faith in general, it is key that we practice obedience.

This practice of obedience will lead to *Faithfulness; you being faithful to God.*

God will speak and not speak again until you've obeyed what He's already spoken - that's why some believers can't pray anymore—they are uncomfortable with what they know God is saying (*see the story of Jonah*).

## Hearing God's Voice, but do you recognize it?

### John 10:27 NLT

"The sheep that are My own hear My voice and listen to Me; I know them, and they follow Me."

The sheep that are Jesus hear His voice (and listen to Him).

This verse shows us that as believers; as His sheep we already hear Him, but the question is, do you recognize His voice?

### 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Samuel was called by God 4 times - He could Hear the voice of God, but he couldn't recognize it, only till Eli told him that it was the Voice of God.

The question is, are you His sheep?

Jesus said that MY sheep hear MY voice (Key word: MY).

Are you Jesus' sheep?

Can Jesus confidently say you are His?

Friend, it is one thing to say that you are of God, yet God says you are not.

### Matthew 7:21-23 NLT

"Not everyone who calls out to me, 'Lord! Lord!' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter. 22 ... many will say to me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name...cast out demons in your name...' 23 **But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me...'**"

Today, fully surrender and abandon yourself to God, and become His.



# Summary

## The Voice of The Holy Spirit

Main points of summary from Chapter 3:

- As believers, we can hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.
  - 3 Keys:
    - ~Silence and Stillness
    - ~The Word of God
    - ~Obedience to the Voice
- Consequences of not Hearing the Holy Spirit
  - ~Spiritual Deafness - Judges 16:20
  - ~The Sin of Presumption - 2 Samuel 7:1-5
- Hearing and Recognizing the Voice of the Holy Spirit.
  - ~1 Samuel 3:1-10
  - ~How to recognize the voice of God: [read this](#)

### TO REMEMBER:

---

*In order to grow in hearing God's voice and in your walk of faith in general, it is key that we practice obedience.*



# Reflection time!

PART THREE

*The Voice of the Holy Spirit*



# Reflection Worksheet

Reflect upon what you've read and learnt this week using the prompts below.  
Take your time, meditate and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and convict  
you.

What Misconceptions did you have when it came to the ability to hear the  
voice of God?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Jesus said in John 10:27 that '*My sheep hear my voice.*'

Take time to reflect over your relationship with God: where are you at?  
Where do you need to go back and surrender? What do you need to let go  
of? What do you need to abandon to draw closer to God?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

# Reflection Worksheet

Now that you know that as a believer that you are able to hear the Voice of God, what active steps will you take to follow the Voice of God?

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

Write down in the space below the active steps you will take to practice stillness as well as develop the discipline of being in the word.

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

---

# 4. Baptism with the Holy Spirit

Baptism with the Holy Spirit is quite a controversial topic within the body of Christ; a highly debated and discussed one which has often brought controversy and division within the body of Christ.

Yet, Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a biblical principle that the Holy Spirit ought to reveal to us (remember John 14:26? The Holy Spirit is the revelator -He brings revelation from the word), and once He does, we follow His revelation above every doctrine.

It is with humility and reverence of the Spirit of God that I submit to you that everything that I will share with you with regards to this particular topic is directly from the word of God, which has been revealed and confirmed by the Holy Spirit.

That being said, I still urge you to search the scriptures and study the word of God for yourself so as to gain a deeper understanding and revelation of this topic.

2 Timothy 2:15 KJV

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. "

Now, before you can understand how the baptism with the Spirit works, you must understand the nature of man.

# Baptism with the Holy Spirit

## I. The Nature of mankind

Mankind consists in three parts:  
The body (flesh), Soul and Spirit.

- The Body - your “earth suit.”

~Your body is the one that interacts with the world around you.

~It is not inherently evil – I Corinthians 6:19 (KJV): *'What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?'*

~We need to distinguish between our flesh (body) vs. flesh (sin nature) as in scripture, the same word is used to describe the two.

- The Soul - consists of the mind, will, emotions, and personality.

~It is the realm of decision.

~• When you try to connect with God from this realm, it's emotional.

- The spirit - This is who you are —the very depth of your being.

This is where fellowship with the Holy Spirit occurs.

~The depths of God are known by the Spirit.

### 1 Corinthians 2:10-11NLT

"But it was to us that God revealed these things by his Spirit. **For his Spirit searches out everything and shows us God's deep secrets.** 11 No one can know a person's thoughts except that person's own spirit, and no one can know God's thoughts except God's own Spirit."

All that may be known of God, the Holy Spirit knows, and we too can know the wonderful things God has freely given us (1 Cor. 2:12)

So, then, how do we receive the Holy Spirit?

When do we receive Him and when does He begin to start dwelling in us?



2. The Holy Spirit is received at Salvation.

Because salvation is a work of the Spirit, He must be received at Salvation.

Romans 8:10 and 15-16 NLT

10 And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.

15 So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." 16 For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God.

But what about this 'second experience'?

John 20:22 NLT

Then he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:3-4 NLT

Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.

3. This second experience is Baptism with the Holy Spirit

\*Not the same as salvation of the soul

Baptism is to be completely immersed in water, and in the Holy Spirit: *I am flooded in Him, and then I overflow.*

Baptism isn't a rain from heaven, but an overflow from within - is a flood, from the inside out, out of your INNER man.

The Holy Spirit is received at Salvation, and released upon Baptism

Baptism of the Holy Spirit: *Immersed, filled with, overcome by and completely overtaken by the Holy Spirit.*

# The Language of the Spirit

## Speaking in Tongues

When you talk about Baptism with the Holy Spirit, you have to talk about speaking tongues.

Why? Because when the Holy Spirit is released; when He flows within us, it manifests physically (manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit), in various ways i.e. power to heal, speaking in Tongues

Therefore, speaking in tongues is *an expression of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit*.

### Acts 2:1-4 NLT

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. 2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 **And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.**

### Acts 10:44-46 NLT

44 Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. 45 The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed **that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out on the Gentiles**, too. 46 For they **heard them speaking in other tongues** and praising God.

It is important to note that speaking in tongues does not make you 'more spiritual' and the lack of this gift does not make you less of a believer.

As we have seen, when you are immersed in and overwhelmed by the Holy Spirit, you overflow with His presence, and speaking in tongues is a manifestation of that overflow; not a measure or a yard stick for how spiritual you are.

# Three Expressions of the Gift of Tongues

*The Scripture, though it does not use the terms I use, clearly shows three different functions for the gift of tongues.*

## I. Actual Languages

### Acts 2:1-6 NLT

On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place.

2 Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. 3 Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. 4 **And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.**

5 At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem. 6 When they heard the loud noise, everyone came running, and they were bewildered to hear their own languages being spoken by the believers.

All the believers had gathered together to pray, and when the Holy Spirit came upon them,

they began to speak in other languages.

What was it?

~They spoke in actual languages

- vs 6

~Or, they were heard speaking in an unknown language.

One of the expressions of the gift is the supernatural ability to speak in actual languages, or to be heard speaking in an unknown language, and it is a sign to unbelievers.

### 1 Corinthians 14:22a NLT

So you see that speaking in tongues is a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers.

## 2. For the Edification of the Church

'The Prophetic Tongue'

### 1 Corinthians 14:26 - 28 KJV

'How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine,

hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. If any man speak in an unknown tongue, let it be by two, or at the most by three, and that by course; and let one interpret. But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.'

This is the tongue spoken in a public church assembly, and meant to be prophetically interpreted (vs 27-29), and its purpose is to edify the body of Christ.

~*"Let all things be done unto edifying"*— but it is to be done in an orderly manner.

In some instances, the speaker and interpreter are the same person, and if there is no interpreter, it's not always the speaker who is to blame for the "disorder."

### 3. For the Edification of Self

#### 'Personal Tongue'

##### 1 Corinthians 14:1-4 NLT

Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy. 2 For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. 3 But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. 4 *A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally*, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.



This is the tongue that we receive from the Holy Spirit for the edification of self, and it is the only spiritual gift for self-edification.

It is the Holy Spirit praying for you - 1 Corinthians 14:14: *'For if I pray in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying.'*

It is the Holy Spirit praying THROUGH you.

**REMEMBER:** That we are one with the Spirit, so, when we are praying in tongues, we are praying the Spirit's prayers over ourselves—He's praying for us, through us and we're praying FROM the Spirit!

## Misconceptions about speaking in Tongues

One of the reasons why speaking in tongues is a controversial topic within the church is because of the many misconceptions that there concerning speaking in Tongues, and this is as a result of misinterpretation of scripture, mainly the writings of Paul.

1. The Gift of Speaking in Tongues is not for every believer

1 Corinthians 12:19-20 NLT

Are we all apostles? Are we all prophets? Are we all teachers? Do we all have the power to do miracles? Do we all have the gift of healing? Do we all have the ability to speak in unknown languages? Do we all have the ability to interpret unknown languages? Of course not!

It is key to note that 1 Corinthians 12 is talking about the gifts in the context of the body of Christ, meaning that every gift listed is a gift that is to be used in the Christian community (these gifts affect others).

The gift of Tongues Paul is referring to here is the gift for the edification of others, specifically the body of Christ, and it is different from the one used for self-edification mentioned in 1 Corinthians 14:1-4.

The gift of tongues for self-edification is FOR YOU and is for every believer as well.

## 2. Paul discouraged people from praying in Tongues

### 1 Corinthians 14:1-4 NLT

Let love be your highest goal! **But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy.** For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church.

In this scripture, Paul wasn't trying to discourage believers from speaking in tongues - he was simply comparing the gifts, not condemning the gift of speaking in tongues as many may think.

Furthermore, the gift of speaking in tongues that is for self-edification is there to edify you - to encourage you, to strengthen you and build you up in your most holy faith, noting that it is the Holy Spirit himself who prays through you when you speak these tongues.

*What a privilege it is to have the Holy Spirit pray through us!* We, therefore, ought to pray in tongues as often as we can!



### 3. Aren't we supposed to pray in tongues privately?

#### 1 Corinthians 14:27-28 NLT

27 No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say. 28 But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.

We have seen that the tongues Paul refers to in 1 Corinthians 14:26-29 are the public expression of the gift - tongues to be spoken for the edification of the church/body of Christ.

If someone rises to speak to edify the church, then it is reasonable that an interpreter should interpret the message so that the church can receive the word.

This verse has been often used to tell believers not to pray in the spirit in public, yet what Paul was simply doing was regulating the “prophetic” expression of the gift of tongues.

We see various instances in scripture where believers prayed together, each of them in the spirit, and there is no mention of the need for interpretation.

#### Acts 2:4 NLT

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them

#### Acts 19:6 NLT

When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

# Obstacles to Receiving the Gift of Speaking in Tongues

## 1. Pride

- 'What if I look weird?'
- 'What will people say about me when they see me pray like that?'
- 'I will look foolish.'

## 2. Over-analysis

This involves assessing and analyzing the moment, leading one to become distracted with many questions and objections, therefore limiting the Holy Spirit.

## 3. Fear

- 'What if it's just me?'
- 'What if it's demonic?'

Answer to the question of whether it is demonic:

Matthew 7:9-11 NLT

9 "You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? 10 Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! 11 So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts

to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him.

Friend, speaking in tongues is not rocket science, neither is it complicated as many of us think it is.

All you need is the knowledge - which you have received today - and an open heart to surrender to the Holy Spirit, and allow Him to overflow through you today.



# Summary

## Baptism with The Holy Spirit

Main points of summary from Chapter 4:

- The Holy Spirit is first received at salvation.  
Because Salvation is a work of the Spirit, He must be received at Salvation.  
~Romans 8:9; 14-16
- The Second Experience  
The Second experience of the Holy Spirit is Baptism with the Holy Spirit.  
~John 20:22, Acts 2:4
- Speaking in Tongues is a manifestation of baptism with the Holy Spirit  
When the Holy Spirit is released; when He flows within us, it manifests physically (manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit), in various ways i.e. power to heal, speaking in Tongues

### TO REMEMBER:

---

*Speaking in tongues is a manifestation of the overflow with the presence of the Holy Spirit, not a measure for how spiritual you are or not.*



# Reflection time!

## PART FOUR

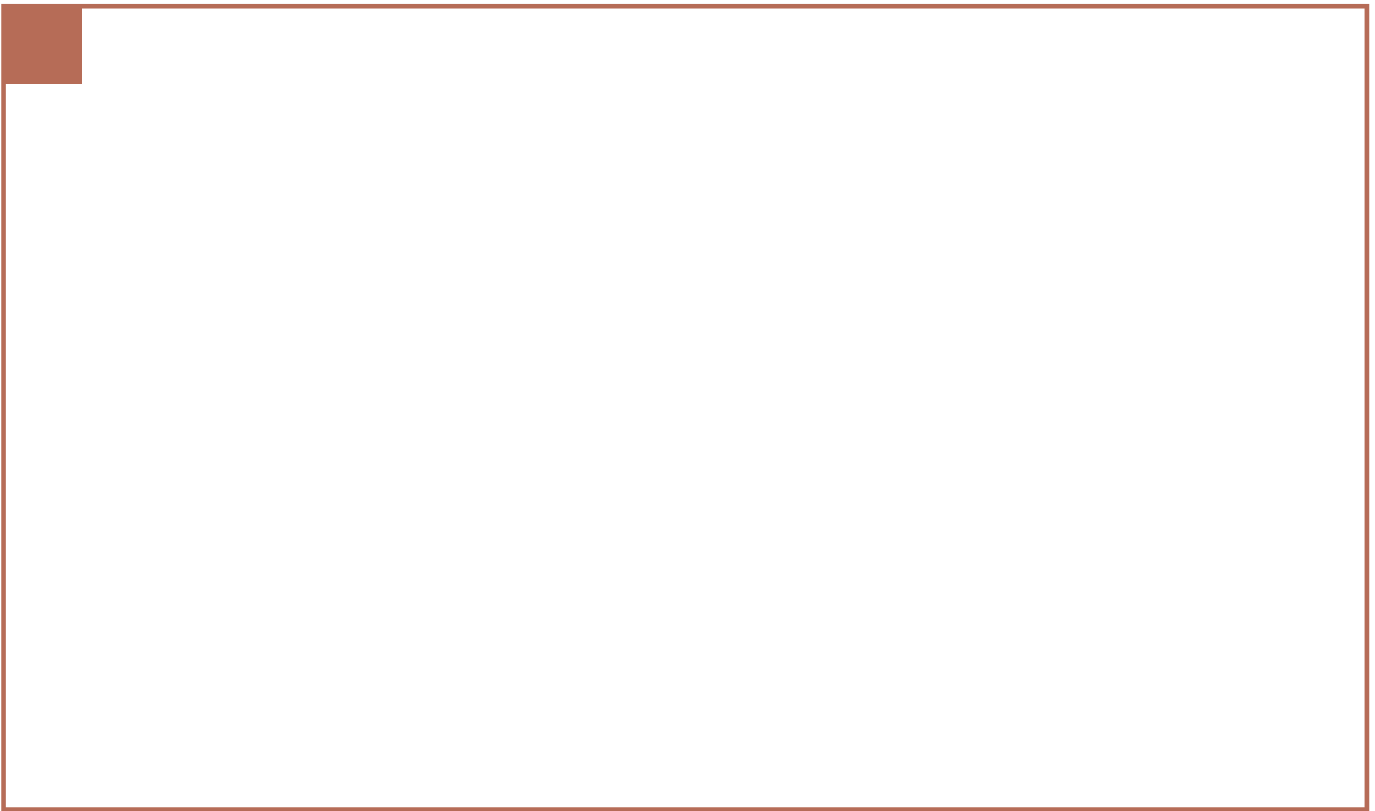
*Baptism with The Holy Spirit*



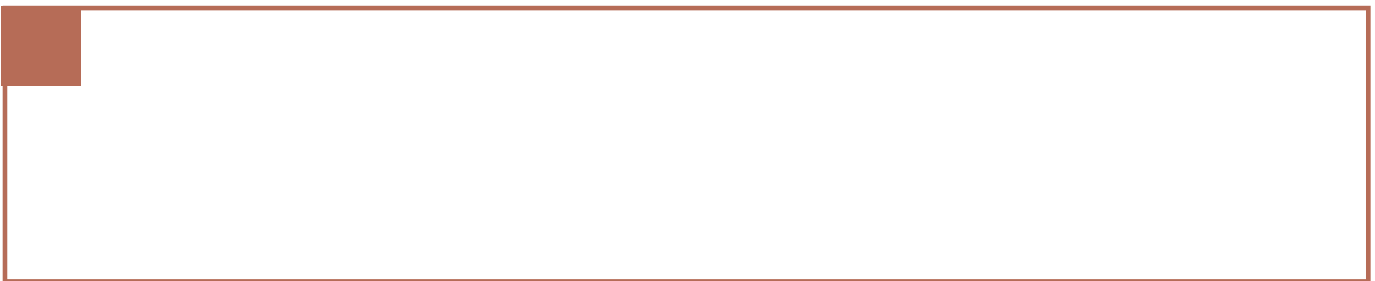
# Reflection Worksheet

Reflect upon what you've read and learnt this week using the prompts below.  
Take your time, meditate and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and convict you.

Write down what has stood out to you the most from this chapter.



What misconceptions about Baptism with the Holy Spirit did you have that have been set aside?



# Reflection Worksheet

Reflect upon what you've read and learnt this week using the prompts below.  
Take your time, meditate and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you and convict you.



How has your perspective with regards to speaking in tongues changed??







# Note from the Author:

---

You did it!

You completed the November Bible Reading Plan and have learnt all about the Holy Spirit.

But this isn't the end: it is the beginning.

You have embarked on a journey to grow closer to the Holy Spirit and I encourage you to keep pursuing Him each and every single day, and you will never be the same again!

## NEXT STEPS:

We have the fast coming up, starting on 2nd Dec and 4th Dec, so:

- Prepare yourself physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually.
- Download the Fasting Booklet which you were sent for on week 3.
- Download the UnScripted Fasting Guide if you have any questions to do with fasting.

*See you Then!*

# Want to Learn more about UnScripted?

UnScripted is a blog, online community and shop founded in 2019 with the aim of teaching and empowering women to be who God created them to be.

We do this through free and paid resources, blog posts and exclusive community reserved content.

Interested?

Head over to our website to learn more and subscribe!

---

**[CLICK HERE NOW!](#)**

