

# INTIMACY WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

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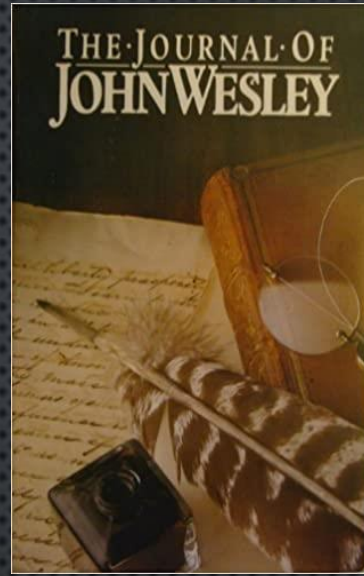
# CO-LABOR WITH THE SPIRIT

- We carry God's presence – The Holy Spirit within us (I Cor 6:20)
- Old Testament - the clean needed to be protected, purification rituals, Levitical laws
- New Testament - light invades the darkness (Luke 4, 8)
- Authority flows from relationship, not method (Matt 28:17-20)
- Practice - To recognize the work of the Father (John 5:19)
- Intimacy with the Holy Spirit creates space for the Spirit to act in and through our lives



# John Wesley

## Affirmed the *outer works* of the Holy Spirit



- *In teaching and preaching*
- *In experience – over 100 instances*
  - *Cast out demons*
  - *Healed the sick*
  - *Heard the Holy Spirit*



# PREPARE MY HEART

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# FRAME WORK FOR INTIMACY

- Responses to sin
  - Shame (Gen 2:25, 3:6,7)
  - Fear (Gen 3:10)
  - Guilt (Gen 3:6, broke the command)
- Worldview frameworks – how cultures maintain order (group)
- Psychological (personal, Enneagram, emotion wheel)
  - Shame
  - Fear
  - Anger



# SELF-DOUBT

- Matt 28:17
- “I am a nobody”
- We feel inadequate
- We don’t deserve to have God work through us
- We don’t feel God working or moving
- We think others “do it”, “flow” better, have more faith, more of the Spirit, or more power

# SHAME (WHO I AM IS NOT ENOUGH)

- Feel like a fake
- Ashamed someone will find out your past
- Ashamed of some failure or fault or compromise
- Ashamed of past abuse



## FEAR (LOSS OR LACK POWER)

- Fear of failure
- Fear for a family member, challenging situation or finances
- Fear of rejection
- Fear of being inadequate



# ANGER (A WRONG HAS NOT BEEN JUSTIFIED)

- A family member or friend who offended you
- An unresolved issue
- Being overlooked, passed over, or ignored



# GOD PROVIDES HONOR, POWER AND RIGHTNESS

- **Do not worry (Matt 6:25-34)** “You do not need to worry - not today, tomorrow or about whatever may come. God has His eye on you. He is watching, caring and orchestrating things in your favor – you can definitely count on Him”
- **Exchange it (Matt 11:28-30)** “Come, you who are tired, worn out, spent, anxious and depressed. I have what you need – I will breath life into you, refresh you, and show you the silver lining in the dark clouds. The laughter you miss, I will help you find it again”
- **God is Greater (Col 2:15)** “Jesus disarmed and humility every power, every authority, and exposed that they have no influence except what we yield to them. He dealt them a crushing defeat through the power of the cross and resurrection”



# PRAYER - God provides honor, power and rightness

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- **Exchange it (Matt 11:28-30)** “I am tired, worn out, spent, anxious and depressed because of \_\_\_\_\_. Lord, you have what I need – Jesus, breath life into me, refresh me, and show me the silver lining in the dark clouds. Jesus, help me find my laughter again”
- **God is Greater (Col 2:15)** “Lord Jesus, you disarmed and humbled every power, every authority, including \_\_\_\_\_ and exposed that they/it have no influence in my life. Lord, you dealt a crushing defeat through the power of the cross and resurrection”



# PRAYER EXERCISE

SMALL GROUP PRAYER