

Sunday, June 27, 2021

Title: Vulnerability to the Holy Spirit

Series: Vulnerability ... 3

Text: Philippians 3:1 -21

1 Timothy 4:13, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching."

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to continuously invite the Holy Spirit to fill them giving victory of the flesh.

Introduction:

Review of June 20 devotional: Learning From Fathers

1. A Lesson Learned from Paul, 1 Corinthians 4:16
2. A Lesson Learned from Abraham, Genesis 15:6
3. A Lesson Learned from King David, Psalm 37:7
4. A Lesson Learned from Barnabas, Acts 4:32 - 37

~ **Confidence**, meaning from Merriam-Webster Dictionary: 1a: a feeling or consciousness of one's powers or of reliance on one's circumstances // had perfect confidence in her ability to succeed //met the risk with brash confidence; 1b: faith or belief that one will act in a right, proper, or effective way // have confidence in a leader

~ Vulnerable, from www.talkspace; *"But you're not alone; many people grapple with vulnerability. If you tend to keep things bottled up or ignore problems, it's important to learn how to be vulnerable. Not only is it key to emotional change, but vulnerability can also help make friends, learn new perspectives, and succeed in therapy."*

~ Read Philippians 3:1 - 21

1. Rejecting Confidence in the Flesh:

~ Philippians 3:3 & 4, *"For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh- (4) though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:"*

~ Philippians 3:7, *"But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ."*

~ Philippians 3:21, *"who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself."*

~ Philippians 1:6, *"And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."*

2. Realizing the Weakness of the Flesh:

~ Propensity meaning: an inclination or natural tendency to behave in a particular way.

~ Romans 7:21 – 25, *"So I find it to be that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. (22) For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, (23) but I see in my members another law waging war against my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. (24) Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? (25) Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin."*

~ Matthew 26:41, *"Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."*

3. Repenting for Walking in the Flesh:

~ Romans 8:3 -4, *"For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, (4) in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."*

~ Romans 8:6, *"For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."*

~ Romans 6:6, *"We know that our old self was crucified with in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin."*

~ Romans 6:12 & 14, *"Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. (14) For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace."*

4. Receiving the Holy Spirit:

~ Romans 8:8 -11, *"Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. (9) You however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. (10) But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. (11) 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 dwells in you."*

Every believer receives the Holy Spirit at salvation!

~ Ephesians 5:18, *"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,"* This is a daily responsibility for the believer...frequently throughout the day!

~ Luke 11:13, *"If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

Conclusion:

Come Holy Spirit, I need you

Come sweet Spirit, I pray

Come in your strength and your power

Come in your own gentle way!