

Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

Title: Friendship with the Holy Spirit
Series: Fellowship with the Holy Spirit ... 1
Text: Luke 11:1 - 13

Purpose: I want to MOTIVATE my congregation to go the Holy Spirit, as their friend, to receive aid daily to meet the needs of others.

Introduction:

~ John 15:13 – 16, “*Greater love has no one than this, that someone 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 servants, for the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. (16) You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you.*”

~ Matthew 3:11 – 12, “*I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. (12) His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.*” Cf. Mark 1:7 - 8

~ John 14:16 – 17, “*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, (17) even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.*” Cf. Acts 1:8

~ Merriam-webster definition of ‘complacent:’ as in nonchalant; having or showing a lack of interest or concern

1. Complacent About Myself:

~ Luke 11:1 – 13 READ

~ Luke 11:5b – 6, “*“Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him”*”

~ Jesus said in John 5:30, “*I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.*”

~ This being true of Christ Jesus (“I can do nothing on my own.”); how much more is that true of me? I can do nothing on my own to help another individual; how much more do I need bread from a ‘friend’ to give to those who come to me for aid?

~ James 3:15 – 18, “*This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. (16) For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. (17) But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. (18) And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.*”

~ Ephesians 3:20 – 21, “*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, (21) to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

KJV, “*Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,*”

2. Complacent About My Friends:

~ Luke 11:6, “*for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him.*”

~ 1 John 3:17, “*But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?*”

KJV, “*But whoso hath this world’s good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?*”

~ Question: John, are you content in your current situation and unmoved by the needs of others? Are you in need of a movement?

~ Proverbs 12:10, “*Whoever is righteous has regard for the life of his beast, but the mercy of the wicked is cruel.*”

~ Luke 10:25 – 37 Read

~ Acts 20:35, “*In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’*”

3. Calling on the Holy Spirit:

~ 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!*”

~ John, remember, this receiving of the Holy Spirit is NOT to benefit you in any way; it is to benefit some weary, thirst, hungry, confused soul on their journey. Never to make a name for you, but to elevate the name Jesus (Philippians 2:1 – 11)

~ Romans 8:12 – 17 Read

~ Romans 1:16, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*”

Conclusion: Hymn: - by Thoro Harris